

Divisions affected: *Kennington and Radley*

CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAYS MANAGEMENT – 24 MARCH 2022

KENNINGTON: POPLAR GROVE – PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF WAITING RESTRICTIONS

Report by Corporate Director, Environment and Place

RECOMMENDATION

1. The Cabinet Member for the Highway Management is **RECOMMENDED** to approve the proposed amended waiting restrictions at Poplar Grove Kennington on the south side of the road only, but with no changes to be made to the existing restrictions on the north side of the road so as to ensure the passage of buses using the road.

Executive summary

2. This report presents responses received to a statutory consultation on a proposal to amend the extent of no waiting at any time restrictions at Poplar Grove Kennington as shown in **Annex 1**, as a result of the local representations.

Financial Implications

3. Funding for consultation on the proposals has been provided by the Oxfordshire County Council revenue budget which will also fund their implementation should they be approved.

Equality and Inclusion Implications

4. No implications in respect of equalities or inclusion have been identified in respect of the proposals.

Sustainability Implications

5. The proposals would help facilitate the safe movement of traffic.

Consultation

6. The Formal consultation was carried out between 6 January and 4 February 2022 and a notice was published in the Oxford Times newspaper, and an email sent to statutory consultees, including Thames Valley Police, the Fire & Rescue Service, Ambulance service, Kennington Parish Council, the Vale of



Restrictions to be removed
 Restrictions to be retained

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RESPONDENT	COMMENTS
(1) Traffic Management Officer, (Thames Valley Police)	No objection
(2) Local County Cllr, (Kennington & Radley division)	Support – Very happy to support the proposals.
(3) Oxford Bus Company	Object – This is a concern: Our 35A school bus has to use Poplar Grove (morning and afternoon) in order to cover the Kennington route and turn from Manor Grove to come back through the village on The Avenue. This is some distance from the school and I'm not sure whether parking for the school is really relevant (if it was just that it would be less of a problem for us as we use the road at approx. 08:00 and 15:45 - a little outside the busy times for primary schools). There has however been recent development in the area and there is likely to be pressure to find places to park, for residents etc. Removing the double yellow restriction 'on both sides' is likely to cause issues for our 35A service (maybe worse in the morning) and I think this needs to be re-considered. We only use Poplar Grove in one direction - southbound/clockwise and I would recommend that, if parking restrictions here have to be changed, that the yellow lines are removed on one side only (removed on the south side only so that our carriageway is kept clear). If parking on both sides is allowed on a fairly narrow road it may be difficult for the bus to get through - and the 35A has no alternative route available. We therefore OBJECT to this proposal as it currently stands.
(4) Oxford Bus Company, (Service Delivery Department)	Concerns – We currently operate the 35A school services in the morning and afternoon which turn from The Avenue into Poplar Grove. My concern is that by removing the double yellow lines, it will make it difficult for large double decker vehicles to make the turn.
(5) As an individual, (Kennington, The Avenue)	Support – I am in favour of more parking near the school and Poplar Grove. Especially for residents.
(6) As an individual, (Oxford, Rymers Lane)	Support – This appears to be sensible and justified in the proposal.

