

Divisions affected: *Grove and Wantage*

## **CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAYS MANAGEMENT – 24 MARCH 2022**

### **WANTAGE: A338 MANOR ROAD – PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS**

Report by Corporate Director, Environment and Place

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

1. The Cabinet Member for the Highway Management is **RECOMMENDED** to approve the proposed additional waiting restrictions at A338 Manor Road at Wantage.

#### **Executive summary**

2. This report presents responses received to a statutory consultation on a proposal to introduce no waiting at any time restrictions on the A338 Manor Road at Wantage as shown in **Annex 1**, as a result of the construction of a new access for residential development.

#### **Financial Implications**

3. Funding for consultation on the proposals has been provided by the developer of adjacent land, who 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.

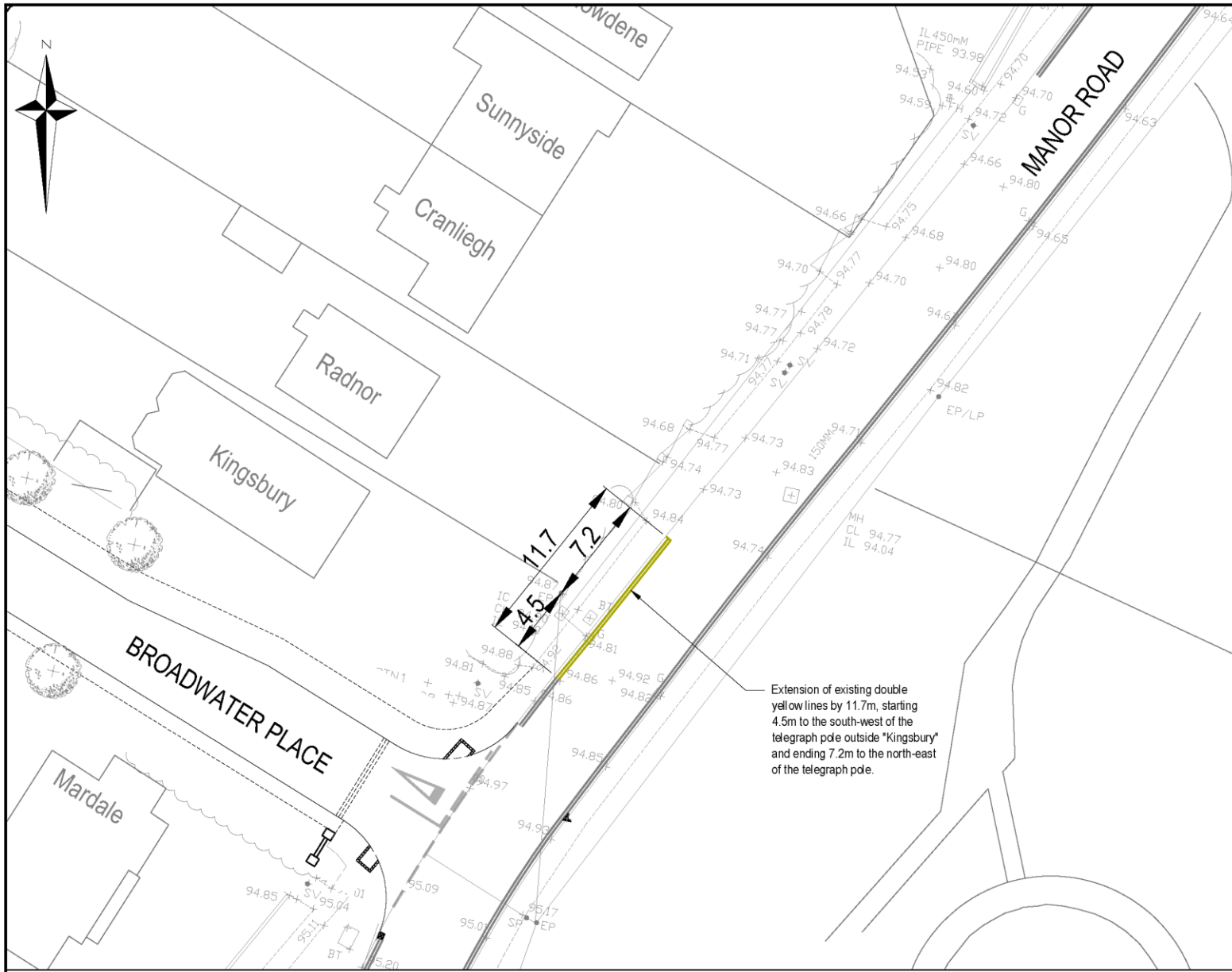
#### **Sustainability Implications**

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, Wantage Town Council, the Vale of the White Horse District Council, and the local County Councillors. Letters were





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**KEY**

- Existing Double Yellow Lines
- Proposed Double Yellow Lines

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RESPONDENT	COMMENTS
(1) Traffic Management Officer, (Thames Valley Police)	<b>No objection</b>
(2) Oxford Bus Company	<b>Support</b> – no concern here (and on route to Hungerford, south of Wantage so no direct impact). We therefore SUPPORT this element.
(3) As an individual, (Wantage, Manor Road)	<p><b>Object</b> – 1. SAFETY. The parked cars in this location act as a traffic calming measure, effectively slowing vehicles travelling from the south as they approach the pedestrian entrance to the park and the primary school. There have been numerous serious traffic accidents in this location and removal of these parking spaces moves this risk closer to vulnerable pedestrians (children) and would directly increase the risk of a fatality in this area. Any removal of parking should also include additional traffic calming measures e.g a raised curb section indicating the requirement to give way to oncoming traffic</p> <p>On 30 June 2019 a driver managed to enter the single carriageway section on manor road too fast from the south and met an oncoming car travelling in the opposite direction. To avoid a head on collision they mounted and crossed the pavement and hit the hedge knocking over a telegraph pole. If this had happened 12 m further north the driver could easily have hit the park entrance with potentially fatal consequences.</p> <p>In addition the barrier outside the park entrance has also been hit by a vehicle in the past by a vehicle travelling from the south.</p> <p>2. LOCAL PARKING. Parking in the area is limited and loss of public spaces will detrimentally impact home owners, particularly on Newbury street. Any loss of parking in this location should also include the addition of an equivalent number of publicly accessible spaces in Broadwater place.</p>
(4) As an individual, (Wantage, Broadwater Place)	<b>Object</b> – I am writing to you to raise my concerns regarding the proposed parking restrictions on the A338 Manor Road Wantage as per your notification 10th January 2022.

	<p>We disagree with the proposed “no waiting at any time” as this will dramatically increase the number of non-resident cars parking along Broadwater Place at the junction to the A338 making it considerably more dangerous to exit the development. On many occasions when trying to enter or exit, we have been confronted with oncoming non-resident cars which forces one party to have to reverse either back onto the A338 or back down Broadwater Place.</p> <p>As you can see from the attached photos, cars are already parking irresponsibly and dangerously close to or on the junction. We have all been subjected to a number of near misses on Broadwater Place near the junction with the A338, both leaving and entering due having only single lane access.</p> <p>Irresponsible parking is particularly at its worst first thing in the morning, during school drop off and collection times, late at night and at weekends when football matches are taking place at the Wantage Football Club.</p> <p>Our suggestion would be to extend the double yellow lines continue around the corner of Broadwater Place to the first lamppost where the road narrows, thus allowing 2 lanes of traffic to safely enter and exit the development. As mentioned, there have already been a number of near misses and it’s only a matter of time before an accident takes place due to the above mentioned situation.</p> <p>I would be more than pleased to discuss this matter further.</p>
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<p>(6) As an individual, (Wantage, Manor Road)</p>	<p><b>Object</b> – I wish to object to the proposal on the grounds of safety, particularly relating to pedestrians outside the Wantage CE Primary School.</p> <p>We commissioned a traffic survey in 2010 to assess the speed of northbound and southbound traffic on this stretch of road. When measured outside the Memorial Park and Wantage Town Football Club, the northbound traffic was considerably faster on average, typically exceeding the 30 mph speed limit, as it carried momentum down the hill from The Ridgeway and the higher speed restrictions.</p> <p>As traffic approached the right-hand bend before Broadwater Place, the parked cars became visible (where the double yellow lines are proposed) and drivers braked so they could negotiate the narrower road and the possibility of oncoming traffic.</p> <p>The parked cars became a coincidental 'traffic calming' measure. They are a strong indicator to drivers that they are entering the built-up town, following miles of open roads and countryside, and cause them to drive more cautiously.</p> <p>You may be aware that over recent years that there have been a number of accidents at this spot. Drivers carrying excessive speed have been unable to slow down adequately and have lost control of their cars, hitting a telegraph pole, a gate post and parked cars on different occasions.</p> <p>Just 100m on from Broadwater Place is Wantage CE Primary School. If the double yellow lines are extended, and without the 'traffic-calming' parked cars, then there will be no visual distinction between this section of road and the previous stretch where traffic was recorded at average speeds exceeding the 30mph limit. It is therefore very likely that traffic approaching the school and town will continue on at higher speeds, putting pedestrians and school children at increased risk.</p> <p>Please can the council consider this issue, check accident records and conduct research of traffic speeds (on the stretch without parked cars) before proceeding with this proposal?</p>

<p>(7) As an individual, (Wantage, Broadwater Place)</p>	<p><b>Concerns</b> – Having lived at Kingsbury for the last 40+ years I witnessed at least 5 accidents where vehicles travelling too fast northbound on the A338 crashed into parked cars in the very location where new double lines are proposed because they were unsighted to vehicles passing south along the line of parked cars. The parked cars do act as a deterrent to speeding vehicles and my concern is that if no vehicle is parked in the space proposed then cars may continue to travel at excessive speed in the mistaken belief that the road is clear. I now live in Broadwater Place and I have not experienced any problem emerging except when children are being delivered/collected by car from school as cars are always parked in Broadwater Place and quite often at the junction and across the driveway to my former property. There is no reason why parents could not park in the Memorial Park car park and walk to school from there, so the main problem I think is in educating parents so as to avoid the congestion they cause at the Broadwater Place/Manor Road junction. I know that many residents of Newbury Street park in the section of Manor Road including the space in question and the section to the north. This has never been a problem although several of their cars have been damaged by the accidents referred to above. I do think that is a price worth paying in order to ensure that traffic is forced to slow down as it approaches the entrances to the school and the Park and the junction with Willow Lane.</p>
<p>(8) As an individual, (Wantage, Broadwater Place)</p>	<p><b>Concerns</b> – The concern is that the restriction will force cars to park junction area of Broadwater place which would cause the same visibility issue. Recommend that the double yellow lines are extended round the corner of Broadwater place to prevent parking on the junction.</p>
<p>(9) As an individual, (Uffington, High Street)</p>	<p><b>Concerns</b> – Best that more local residents comment, but is it necessary to narrow the road with these additional lines? Why?</p>
<p>(10) As an individual, (Wantage, Broadwater Place)</p>	<p><b>Support</b> – When turning out of Broadwater Place, you sometimes have to nudge over the centre line to get out, with poor visibility of what is coming. However we also need to ensure that during school pick-up hours, cars do not replace this space by parking right at the end of Broadwater Place instead, making cars exit on the wrong side of the road...which would be a worse hazard.</p>