



Report to Cabinet Member for Transportation

Decision to be taken on or after **20 September 2005**

Decision can normally be implemented at least 3 working days after decision has been signed.

Cabinet Member Report No. T04.05

Title: Review of Waiting Restrictions, High Wycombe

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Electoral Divisions Affected: High Wycombe (part)

Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Community and Environment of Buckinghamshire

Summary

Opportunity has been taken to combine the review of the High Wycombe Special Parking Area (SPA) with the review of the High Wycombe peripheral parking area. The previous review of waiting restrictions in the peripheral area was carried out in 1997 whilst the last full review of the SPA was completed in 1998. Since then, requests for further modifications to the restrictions have been made, and the County Council is now in a position to promote alterations and additions to the current restrictions, which take account of these requests.

The many requests have resulted in a very complicated Traffic Regulation Order for the SPA and therefore a lengthy report. Comments received on the consultation exercise in Appendix A should be noted along with the BCC comments.

The proposals consist of many varied restrictions including the introduction and alteration of yellow line restrictions for reasons of safety and the alleviation of congestion; lengths of two, one-hour 'commuter' restrictions, designated footway parking and loading restrictions to prevent obstruction; the extension of school permit parking and all day restrictions on school entrance markings to aid safety.

In April 2005 both a formal and public consultation process was undertaken based on the proposals contained within the draft schedule and plans. The recommendations in this report take into account both positive and negative representations made to the County Council.

Recommendation

1. **AGREE that the proposed waiting restrictions be implemented as advertised with the exception of the amendments in paragraph 2 below:**

2. AGREE that the amended proposals for waiting restrictions be implemented in the following roads;

- **Spearing Road – withdraw proposals for the section of road between Rutland Avenue and Grenfell Avenue.**
- **Desborough Park Road – withdraw proposal on the eastern side of road for the area outside the off-road parking accesses.**
- **Alexandra Road – approve the removal of the double yellow line on the west side of the road but amend proposal for removal of the lines on the eastern side of road to just north of the vehicular access to number 2.**
- **Bassetsbury Lane and Chestnut Avenue - withdraw pay and display and residents parking proposals for both roads.**
- **Tennyson Road, Wordsworth Road and Shelley Road - withdraw proposals for all three roads.**
- **Lady Verney Close – withdraw proposal for single yellow line but approve proposal for no waiting at any time.**
- **Cedar Terrace – proceed with residents bay but withdraw proposal for it to be a shared pay and display bay.**
- **West End Road – withdraw proposals for the alteration to residents bays and yellow lines.**
- **Fair Ridge, Foxleigh and The Spinney – approve the two one hour commuter restriction but from Monday to Friday only and withdraw proposals for double yellow lines.**
- **Wynbury Drive - reduce proposal for double yellow lines to a distance of 10 metres from the junction with Totteridge Avenue.**

3. AGREE that consultees be advised accordingly.

A. Narrative setting out the reasons for the decision

1. The purpose of this review is to address the many problems and concerns raised by local residents and others in respect of the level of parking in many roads resulting in safety issues and congestion. All the existing lines and bays were also checked on the ground against the existing Traffic Regulation Orders and where any discrepancies existed they have been corrected in this review.
2. The review introduces and alters lengths of yellow line and bay restrictions to deal with the issues raised. The proposals are;
 - a. 'commuter' parking of two one hour restrictions in various roads to reduce congestion and obstructive parking.
 - b. loading restrictions to prevent obstruction and hold ups to major through traffic routes
 - c. the introduction, removal or alteration of some restrictions to allow for pay and display; residents parking bays; designated footway parking; a designated buses parking bay and an increase in the times the bays operate.
 - d. alteration of existing restrictions to allow the extension of hours for school permit parking and the extension of this provision into new roads
 - e. all day restrictions on school entrance markings on school days to aid safety.
 - f. removal of a disabled drivers bay and replace it with a single yellow line restriction to alleviate obstruction.

- g. the reduction of a 'commuter' restriction from PM and on Saturdays to allow residents greater freedom to park.
 - h. replacing a small section of a residents parking and pay and display bay with a double yellow line to alleviate obstruction caused to a resident.
 - i. adding residents parking to a bay currently restricted to 20 minutes to assist residents in an area of very restricted parking.
 - j. the introduction and alteration of lengths of waiting at any time and day time restrictions for reasons of safety and the alleviation of congestion
 - k. restricting the validity of 'operational' permits to ensure usage only when providing professional care to residents.
 - l. prohibit the transfer of a pay and display tickets from one vehicle to another and invalidating tickets when a vehicle moves from one bay to another.
 - m. the prevention of meter feeding – adding tickets after the initial one.
3. The formal and public consultations on the proposals were undertaken during the period between 25 March and 29 April 2005. The comments received from the public consultation exercise are contained in the Appendix A. The only response received from any of the formal consultees was from Councillor Julia Wassell and her comments are also contained in Appendix A.
4. The proposals are contained in the background papers in the form of the High Wycombe SPA Parking Review Issues and drawings books and the High Wycombe Peripheral Parking Review Issues and drawings books. The responses received in respect of each road are contained in Appendix B.

B. Resource implications

The estimated cost of processing the Traffic Regulation Order is approximately £8,000. The cost of providing the signing and lining necessary to give lawful effect to these restrictions will be in the region of £25,000. These costs will be met from the SPA parking account and the general signs and lines budget.

C. Legal implications

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services will be required to arrange for the Traffic Regulation Order to be sealed and brought in to operation.

D. Property implications

None

E. Other implications/issues

None

F. Feedback from consultation and Local Member views

The Comments received from consultation are detailed in the attached appendices.

G. Communication issues

All consultees will be informed of an approved decision by letter.

Background Papers

- Consultee list.
 - Consultee letters (3).
 - Responses from consultees.
 - Public Notice.
 - High Wycombe SPA Parking Review Issues list and drawings
 - High Wycombe Peripheral Parking Review Issues list and drawings
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Your questions and views

If you have any questions about the matters contained in this paper please get in touch with the Contact Officer whose telephone number is given at the head of the paper.

If you have any views on this paper that you would like the Cabinet Member to consider, or if you wish to object to the proposed decision, please inform the Democratic Services Team by 5.00pm on Monday 19 September 2005. This can be done by telephone (to 01296 383610), Fax (to 01296 382538), or e-mail to cabinet@buckscc.gov.uk

DECISION TAKEN:

I have taken into account any representations received concerning the contents of this report.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

DECISION NOT TAKEN:

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Reason: _____

For Reference

Professional advice supporting the decision was provided by the following Officers

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