

# Report to Deputy Leader & Cabinet Member for Transportation

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**Decision to be taken on or after 19 February 2019**

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

**Cabinet Member Report No. T04.19**

<b>Title:</b>	<b>High Wycombe Phase 3 Waiting Restrictions</b>
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## **Summary**

- 1. Transport for Buckinghamshire was commissioned to undertake a waiting restriction review at sites put forward by the High Wycombe Local Area Forum (LAF). The project has been limited to those measures that will encourage drivers to comply with the Highway Code requirement not to park within 10 metres of a junction.*
- 2. This Key Decision Report relates to the subsequent review and the Statutory Consultation and makes Recommendations to the Deputy Leader & Cabinet Member for Transportation.*

## Recommendation

It is recommended that:

- a. The Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Transportation authorises the Director of Growth, Strategy and Highways to make the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for the scheme outlined in this report; noting that it is slightly different to the one that was advertised during the Statutory Consultation process because it takes into account the responses received during the consultation period.
- b. That the TRO be made as advertised at Statutory Consultation but with the following amendments:
  - Removal of proposed 'no waiting at any time' restrictions on Bassetsbury Lane (map ref Area Code: AE 71)
  - Removal of proposed 'no waiting at any time' restrictions on Ford Street / Beech Road / Kings Square (map ref Area Code: AG 73)
- c. That responders to the Statutory Consultation be informed of the Deputy Leader & Cabinet Member for Transportation Decision

### A. Narrative setting out the reasons for the decision

- 1.1 Buckinghamshire County Council is responsible for the highway network within its boundary; this includes the provision, management and enforcement of waiting restrictions.
- 1.2 This proposal has arisen following requests to the High Wycombe Local Area Forum for waiting restrictions to address parking safety issues at junctions and along certain lengths of roads at various locations across the town.
- 1.3 Therefore 'no waiting at any time' (double yellow line) parking restriction measures were proposed to encourage compliance with Highway Code, Rule 243 which includes "**DO NOT** stop or park *'anywhere you would prevent access for Emergency Services'*; *'opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space'*; or *'on a bend'* ..... **except** when forced to do so by stationary traffic.'
- 1.4 These proposed parking restriction measures were advertised and promoted locally through a statutory consultation process carried out between 5<sup>th</sup> October 2018 and 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2018 in accordance with the requirements of the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996. The Police, Fire & Rescue and the Ambulance Services were included in the consultation.
- 1.5 Copies of the statutory consultation documentation can be found here: <https://democracy.buckscc.gov.uk/mgConsultationDisplay.aspx?ID=7412>
- 1.6 Thame Valley Police confirmed that it had no objection to the proposals going ahead.

## **B. Other options available, and their pros and cons**

### 1.7 Option 1

Not to proceed with the waiting restrictions TRO, this would not address the issues raised by the High Wycombe Local Area Forum and the local County Councillors for the area.

### 1.8 Option 2

To partially implement the waiting restrictions TRO, this would only partly address the issues raised by the High Wycombe Local Area Forum and the local County Councillors for the area.

## **C. Resource implications**

1.9 The cost associated with this scheme has been allocated within the LAF budget and sufficient budget remains to make the Traffic Regulation Order and implement the measures on the ground.

1.10 Any further reviews or waiting restrictions TRO would require a Project Initiation Document and further agreed funding streams.

## **D. Value for Money (VfM) Self Assessment**

1.11 Any income from the existing Penalty Charge Notices (PCN) will be retained by Buckinghamshire County Council and may be used, to fund and address future waiting restriction schemes for example and maintain existing signs and lines.

## **E. Legal implications**

1.12 Section 122 of The Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 places a duty on Buckinghamshire County Council to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians) and the provision of suitable and adequate parking facilities on and off the highway.

Regulation 14 of the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 provides that an order making authority may modify an order, whether in consequence of any objection or otherwise, before it is made. However, before proceeding to make the modified order it must inform persons likely to be affected by the modifications, given those persons an opportunity to make representations and ensuring that such representations are duly considered. In these instances, the respective county councillors for the areas have been advised of the representations received and asked for feedback on the proposed recommended way forward in each case.

When the decision is taken and recommendations agreed, the TRO will be made, signed and brought into operation. The respondees to the consultation and persons likely to be affected will be informed of the decision made; and the representations considered.

## **F. Property implications**

1.13 None identified.

## **G. Other implications/issues**

1.14 Equality and Diversity Issues – Equality Act 2010. This proposal will not have any disproportionate effect upon people with protected characteristics. This scheme will introduce “No waiting at any time” double yellow line restrictions which will allow enforcement across the whole width of the designated public highway when applied on both sides of the carriageway. This will discourage pavement parking as the waiting restrictions apply from highway boundary to highway boundary; and will facilitate ease of pedestrian access along the footways.

1.15 No other issues.

## **H. Feedback from consultation, Local Area Forums and Local Member views**

1.16 The Statutory Consultation was undertaken between Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October and Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2018. A summary of the feedback is shown in Appendix A.

1.17 The full written responses to the statutory consultation are contained in Appendix B. These have been reviewed and considered against the Statement of Reasons.

1.18 These written responses raised a number of comments and issues. These have been summarised as follows ....

- a) Requests for a more ‘holistic’ approach / suite of proposals, possibly including resident permit parking and timed yellow lines – instead of the proposed ‘no waiting at any time’ double yellow lines - have been requested to address ongoing parking issues.
- b) Conversely, requests to change timed single yellow lines in the area to more onerous ‘no waiting at any time’ double yellow lines have been requested.
- c) Uncontrolled commuter / visitor / local business employee parking was a concern and that the proposed restrictions would not address this issue.
- d) Some respondents felt that the proposals didn’t go far enough and that more extensive restrictions should be provided.
- e) Some respondents felt that the proposals were a ‘fait accompli’ as they, the residents, haven’t been engaged / involved in the process of developing the proposed parking restrictions.
- f) In areas where there are local businesses operating there was concern that the ‘no waiting at any time’ restrictions would impact upon their livelihood by preventing customer parking.
- g) There was concern that the imposition of proposed ‘no waiting at any time’ double yellow lines would remove valuable parking spaces for residents with no / limited off street parking provision; or that vehicles displaced by the proposals may detrimentally impact on where residents currently park.
- h) The restrictions will push vehicles off the road and onto footways / verges behind the proposed double yellow lines.
- i) There was concern that existing and new restrictions will not be enforced.

1.19 Taking all feedback received during the statutory consultation process, the restrictions proposed at the following locations received either support or no objections. As a result, it is recommended that they be introduced as advertised.

- Telford Way and Garratts Way junctions with Hughenden Avenue  
(map ref Area Code AB 65)
- Hobart Close junction with Kingston Road  
(map ref Area Code AE 64)
- Keep Hill Road  
(map ref Area Code AE 72)
- Denewood junction with Totteridge Road  
(map ref Area Code AF 66)
- The Roperies junction with Hatters Lane  
(map ref Area Codes AF 70 & AF 71)
- Herbert Road junctions with Micklefield Road  
(map ref Area Codes AH 67 & AH 69)
- West Wycombe Road  
(map ref Area Code X 63)
- Templeside Gardens junction with West Wycombe Road  
(map ref Area Codes Y 65 & Z 65)
- Deeds Grove  
(map ref Area Code Z 71)

1.20 As has already been stated, the proposed 'no waiting at any time' restrictions have been developed to encourage compliance with Highway Code, Rule 243. Unfortunately, the majority of the feedback points summarised in 1.18 above are highlighting issues, concerns or suggestions that are outside the scope of this remit.

1.21 Consequently, to enable a more holistic solution to be found in these particular instances would require further investigation and associated funding, possibly via a future LAF bid.

1.22 For these reasons and because of the nature of objections received, it is recommended that the proposed 'no waiting at any time' restrictions for Bassetsbury Lane (map ref Area Code: AE 71) and Beech Road / Ford Street / Kings Square (map ref Area Code: AG 73) be removed altogether from the scheme at this time. No support has been received for any of the proposed restrictions in these particular roads.

1.23 Although there have been calls to extend the restrictions for Coates Lane / Tancred Road (map ref Area Code: AB 63) and Princes Gate (map ref Area Code: AE 70), those restrictions that have been advertised have received support. It is therefore recommended that the proposed 'no waiting at any time' restrictions for these roads be implemented as advertised. Further restrictions could be investigated at a later date subject to future successful LAF bids.

- 1.24 Although objections were received on the proposed restrictions for Healey Avenue / St George's Close (map ref Area Code: AE 68) and Totteridge Drive (map ref Area Code: AF 64), these can be implemented without adversely affecting any future proposals that may be identified. It is therefore recommended that the proposed 'no waiting at any time' restrictions for these roads be implemented as advertised.
- 1.25 Although an objection has been received on the proposed restrictions for Hillary Road / Everest Road (map ref Area Code: AF 68), the resposdee states that parking should be stopped on the adjacent grass triangle. The proposed restrictions apply from highway boundary to highway boundary which will include this grassed area. For this reason, it is recommended that the proposed 'no waiting at any time' restrictions for these roads be implemented as advertised.
- 1.26 The local members affected by the proposed restrictions, and the district councillors who submitted specific requests through the LAF, were invited to comment upon the proposed recommendations.
- 1.27 The local member for West Wycombe, County Councillor Darren Hayday, has confirmed that he is happy for all of the schemes to go ahead, especially those in his ward; County Councillor David Shakespeare, local member for Tylers Green and Loudwater has confirmed that he has no objections to the proposals; County Councillor Lesley Clarke, local member for Abbey, has confirmed that she supports this report and has no further comments; County Councillor Julia Wassell, local member for Ryemead & Micklefield, East Wycombe and interim local member for Totteridge & Bowerdean, has confirmed that she is happy with everything proposed.

**I. Communication issues**

All consultees and responders to the consultation will be contacted by either e-mail or letter and will be informed of the decision and where they can find the details of the statutory consultation and the decision taken. This report will be published on the County Council's web page.

**J. Progress Monitoring**

If implemented, the enforcement of the restrictions would provide ongoing monitoring of the scheme.

**K. Review**

If implemented, the restrictions will be monitored via enforcement. There is currently an ongoing project in Deeds Grove to introduce further parking restrictions; and a potential High Wycombe Phase 4 parking restriction scheme subject to future LAF funding that may be able to address any issues arising from the implementation of these restrictions.

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## **Background Papers**

None

## **Appendices to the Report**

### **Appendix A:**

Summary of Objections, High Wycombe Phase 3 Waiting Restrictions

### **Appendix B:**

Responses to Statutory Consultation High Wycombe Phase 3 Waiting Restrictions

### **Appendix C:**

Plans of High Wycombe Phase 3 Proposed waiting restrictions (Parking Traffic Regulation Order Tiles)

### **Appendix D:**

High Wycombe Phase 3, Statement of Reasons, Notices & Traffic Regulation Order

Links to current documentation

1. Parking Delivery Plan: <https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/transport-and-roads/parking/parking-implementation-plan/>
2. Parking Guide for Local Area Forum: <https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/transport-and-roads/parking/parking-guide-for-lafs/>

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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 Member Services Team by 5.00pm on 18 February 2019. This can be done by telephone (to 01296 382343), or e-mail to [democracy@buckscc.gov.uk](mailto:democracy@buckscc.gov.uk)*