

APPENDIX B

Responses to Statutory Consultation

Proposed Waiting restrictions in High Street, Pound Lane, Station Road and The Causeway in Marlow Town Centre

Do you support the advertised proposals ?	Does this relate to overall scheme or a specific location?	Comments
No	High Street	<p>I hold a Trading Licence for Marlow High Street to sell ice cream, as a service to the Public. I have held this licence for the last 30 years and I pay Hundreds of pounds every year to be allowed to Park on the first bay of The High Street, close to Higginson Park. In addition, I also have to pay the £15 dispensation charge to be able to park on the High Street. Whilst I understand the change to the road, to introduce the Island, I don't feel that for the traders, you have taken our needs into consideration. Previously, the council advised that I could park close to the gates, and reverse the van back once that 1st Bay became available - whilst this was still frustrating, as I would have thought, for my trading fee, you would allocate a space to me, it was something I could work with. Now, Since the changes, the first available bay is quite far back, and I'm not as visible to the public - and this is affecting my ability to earn. Also, I am having to hang around until a bay now becomes free in order for me to park, sometimes I could be as far back as Bay 36! and I need to be nearer to the entrance gates of the park, as that's where the passing trade is. This is now causing me some stress and frustration. As a solution, could you grant me permission for the fee that I pay to park on what has now become a suspended bay. I have been parking in the same space, for many years without an issue - so I would ask you to reconsider, not necessarily for the road layout BUT for where we are allowed to park and trade. Noting we do pay a lot of money for the privilege - I look forward to hearing your comments</p>
No	All	<p>I haven't seen any evidence of accidents being caused because of issues with sight. Also businesses in the area need there to be parking for deliveries and customers. Parking in Marlow is already scarce. Building proper facilities is a better option than deterring people from coming to town. You will encourage online shopping and make Marlow a ghost town like so many other towns. Be careful what you wish for</p>
No	All	<p>Reducing parking in Marlow is detrimental to local businesses. I frequently drive to Marlow to shop and currently enjoy parking on the high street and surrounding roads where designated. Pay & display car parks are quite a walk away and always very busy. I appreciate that a crossing point is needed, does this mean a zebra crossing or a traffic light crossing? Perhaps one at the bottom of the high street before the roundabouts would work better to allow access to the park and school children from SWBGS to cross when walking from and to the station.</p>
No	All	<p>I was born in Marlow and lived and worked in Marlow all my life. The</p>

		<p>town has grown considerably over the years. It has become a "go to destination" for visitors and for families to settle because of its charm, location to the river and countryside. There have been additional car parks or parking facilities (except for the small extension to the Court Gardens car park many many years ago. Removing valuable parking spaces will have a negative impact on the local shops. The new marked bays with a 1 hour limit are already causing problems in the high street. The spaces are small and realistically 1 hour is not long enough for those wanting to peruse our lovely town. There has already been an addition to make crossing into Higginson Park easier. It is not difficult or dangerous to cross to Higginson Park on Pound Lane or via using the new "island" across the end of the High Street opposite Burgers. Have there been any reported accidents in this area as to my local knowledge there have been none and in my years of bringing up children (and now as a Grandparent) I have never felt vulnerable. We are losing our small shops and the shops that give our High Street an identity don't put another nail in the coffin.</p>
No	All	<p>There is absolutely no reason given and you are removing valuable parking that Marlow can not afford. I suspect it is health and safety trying to justify their existence. The two two hour spaces is particularly ridiculous. The previous arrangement has been working fine for years, why change for the sake of change? I notice you have already gone to the expense of doing these changes before the consultation happens, so the consultation is clearly going to be meaningless!!</p>
No	All	<p>Dear Sir / Madam,</p> <p>I object to the proposed changes for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1). The residents and business owners were not consulted in advance of these costly and radical changes. Neither a sensible nor democratic way to proceed and probably at odds with your own procedure. 2). Increased yellow lines and the reduction of open parking spaces (7 spaces have disappeared) are already having a negative impact on the retail and restaurant businesses in Marlow High Street. At present there are 12 empty shops and many businesses have moved to other areas in order to survive. Parking is one of the key reasons for this. 3). Who is asking for these changes anyway? Have local residents or business owners asked for increased yellow lines, larger parking spaces at the expense of numbers of spots? Do they ask for the large increase in disabled spaces? 4). The flimsy yellow number signs are neither fit for purpose nor in keeping with the conservation status of these streets. 5). The huge increase in approval of residential townhouses and flats on previously green land is a much more effective place to look to ease parking issues. Underground parking should be considered or mandated for all new brown or green site developments. This would also present an opportunity to house electric vehicle charging points within underground garages. This is a routine solution in other European countries aimed at maintaining the health benefits of trees and green space while avoiding the need for large areas to be dedicated to street parking. It would be straightforward to order

		<p>developers to include this in their plans which would have the further benefit of saving council funds for more productive issues such as the care of the elderly.</p> <p>6). Is tarmac over previously paved streets now standard practice in Marlow as part of these proposed changes? As I was unable to find this consultation on your website, it was impossible for me to clarify what exactly is being proposed. This practice seems to have increased in whole stretches of footpaths as well as spots within well paved areas. Again, I object to this as it is at odds with Marlow's conservation status.</p> <p>Apologies if this note is wide-ranging but having tried many times, I was unable to access the appropriate information on your website which seems to be almost impossible to use and is incomplete. The link provided on your notice produced an error message and I was unable to find this consultation document via the search facility.</p> <p>I believe that Marlow's consultation process is broken and should urgently be simplified. It's complexity may be one of the reasons that the council employees are not following the appropriate procedure. As I said earlier in my note, you may not be trying to bulldoze through changes but that is exactly how it feels with this broken, undemocratic approach. You may wish to consider a town meeting or at the very least a written apology to the good people of Marlow.</p> <p>I would greatly appreciate if you would add this to the formal consultation information and ensure that it is considered along with other comments. I would also expect to receive emails from you explaining the next stage in the process.</p> <p>Thanking you in advance.</p>
Yes	All	Thames Valley Police - Thank you for the e-mail, I can confirm that Thames Valley Police have no objections to the Proposed Waiting Restrictions in High Street, Pound Lane, Station Road and The Causeway in Marlow Town Centre.
Yes	All	No further comments received
Yes	All	No further comments received