



Report to Leader (Transport portfolio)

Decision Date:	8 October 2021
Reference number:	TR20.21
Title:	Saunderton Vale Waiting Restrictions
Relevant Cabinet Member(s):	Councillor Steve Broadbent
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Ward(s) affected:	Ridgeway West;
Recommendations:	Recommendation to implement the waiting restrictions as they were advertised and proposed in the Statutory Consultation.
Reason for decision:	<p>The restrictions for Saunderton Vale are to be implemented as per Highway Code Rule 243 on safety grounds. This includes, DO NOT stop or park <i>'anywhere you would prevent access for Emergency Services'</i> & <i>'opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space'</i>, <i>'on a bend'</i> <i>'except when forced to do so by stationary traffic.'</i></p> <p>The restricted waiting restrictions for Deanfield Close are to be implemented due to the majority of responses during this Statutory Consultation being in favour of their introduction.</p>

1. Content of report

Transport for Buckinghamshire have been asked to review the current parking restrictions around the vicinity of Saunderton Train Station. It has been suggested that parking in and around the junctions as well as the bend and chicanes of Saunderton Vale have been causing access and egress issues for residents and other vehicular services. An Informal Consultation was held and the results from that formed the proposals to be put forward during the Statutory Consultation for Saunderton Vale.

As part of this consultation, proposals to add a restricted zone in Deanfield Close were consulted on. The proposal was to have no on-street parking between 10am to 11am and 2pm to 3pm. This was proposed to stop any potential parking migration to Deanfield Close if restrictions are implemented in Saunderton Vale.

Other options considered

- 1.1 Other options were considered prior to putting the proposals to Statutory Consultation. It was deemed that any restrictions beyond what was proposed in Saunderton Vale and Deanfield Close would then become a bit too restrictive for residents.

2. Legal and financial implications

- 2.1 Section 122 of The Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 places a duty on Buckinghamshire 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.
- 2.2 However, before proceeding to make the modified order it must inform persons likely to be affected by the modifications, giving those persons an opportunity to make representations and ensuring that such representations are duly considered. In these instances, the respective 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

3. Local councillors & community boards consultation & views

3.1 Both the Informal Consultation and the Statutory Consultation were formulated and undertaken with assistance and advice from the relevant local members and Parish Council. Upon conclusion of the Statutory Consultation the data was shared with members and the recommendation was made based on the responses from the consultation and members. Communication, engagement & further consultation.

4. Communication, engagement & further consultation.

4.1 The Informal Consultation with regards to waiting restrictions in the Lacey Green area was held 18th October 2019 to 20th November 2019. The responses from this consultation were collated and analysed, the proposals were then scaled back to reflect the responses received during the Informal Consultation. The amended proposals were then put to Statutory Consultation held between 18th June and 16th July 2021.

4.2 Responses to the consultation were received in written format via letter, email and online survey responses.

4.3 In total **20** responses were received from the Statutory Consultation via the methods listed above.

4.4 Of the responses received, 9 were in favour of the proposals put forward for **Saunderton Vale** during the Statutory Consultation. In summary the comments in favour of the proposals cited the access problems and described the proposals to stop parking on the bend, junctions and chicanes as 'common sense'. Some comments have stated that there is already an increase in commuter parking in the area due to the lifting of Covid-19 restrictions. A response was also received from a Fire and Rescue worker who advised that they have had reports of difficulties for service vehicles obtaining access to Saunderton Vale due to the parking there.

4.5 Of the 20 responses received, 9 responses were against the waiting restrictions proposed for Saunderton Vale during the Statutory Consultation. The reasons cited were that there was a belief that there was no parking problem on Saunderton Vale and the proposals were too restrictive for residents. There were also comments that stated that the amount of commuters have decreased since Covid-19 restrictions were implemented.

4.6 2 responses were non-committal in their response to proposed waiting restrictions for Saunderton Vale.

- 4.7 Of the 18 responses received for **Deanfield Close**, 8 were in favour of the proposals put forward during the Statutory Consultation. No comments were made from those who were in favour of the proposals.
- 4.8 4 of the 18 responses were not in favour of the proposals for Deanfield Close. The one comment received stated their belief that the proposed restrictions would move any parking problem to Saunderton Vale.
- 4.9 6 responses were non-committal with regards to the proposed restrictions for Deanfield Close.

5. Next steps and review

- 5.1 All consultees and responders to the statutory consultation will be contacted by either email 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 Council's web page.
- 5.2 The decision will be implemented through the making and bringing into effect of a Traffic Regulation Order. Enforcement of the restrictions would provide ongoing monitoring of the scheme.

6. Background papers

- 6.1 The Statutory Consultation details with the statutory documentation can be found online using this link:

<https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com/roads-parking/saundertonvale-statutory>

- 6.2 Appendix A – Mapping Tile

Appendix B – Emailed and written responses

Appendix C – Online Responses

Appendix D – Consultation Letter

Appendix E – Amendment Order

Appendix F – Statement of Reasons

7. Your questions and views (for key decisions)

If you have any questions about the matters contained in this report please get in touch with the author of this report. If you have any views that you would like the cabinet

member to consider please inform the democratic services team. This can be done by telephone 01296 382343 or email democracy@buckinghamshire.gov.uk.

