



Report to Leader (Transport portfolio)

Decision Date: 18 May 2022

Reference number: TR18.22

Title: Bourne End Waiting Restrictions

Cabinet members: Councillor Steve Broadbent

Relevant councillor(s): Councillors: Penny Drayton, Sophie Kayani, Stuart Wilson

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Ward(s) affected: The Wooburns, Bourne End and Hedsor

Summary

A scheme was proposed by Wooburn Green and Bourne End Parish Council to introduce no waiting at any time restrictions on various roads throughout Wooburn Green and Bourne End; and waiting restrictions outside Bourne End Academy. The proposed measures have been put forward to encourage compliance with highway Code Rule 243 which states no vehicles shall park opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction or near a school entrance except in an authorised parking space.

Recommendations: It is recommended that the Leader:

- a) **Consider the feedback received at Statutory Consultation**
- b) **Approves the making of the Traffic Regulation Order as set out in this report, for the installation of no waiting at any time restrictions throughout Wooburn Green and Bourne End; and waiting restrictions outside Bourne End Academy.**
- c) **Agrees that respondees to the Statutory Consultation be informed of the decision as well as implement the Traffic Regulation Order and related works.**

Reason for decision: Transport for Buckinghamshire (TfB) have been commissioned by Wooburn Green and Bourne End Parish Council to introduce no waiting at any time restrictions and waiting restrictions to encourage compliance with Highway Code Rule 243.

Executive summary

- 1.1 This Key Decision Report relates to the results of a statutory consultation to introduce no waiting at any time restrictions on various roads throughout Wooburn Green and Bourne End; and waiting restrictions outside Bourne End Academy.

Content of report

- 1.2 The scheme went out to consultation between 8th October – 12th November 2021. The consultation was originally planned to finish on 29th October, however following several properties not receiving a notice to frontage letter, the consultation was extended by 2 weeks to 12th November.
- 1.3 The proposals were put forward by Wooburn Green and Bourne End Parish Council to address safety concerns surrounding vehicles parking on junctions affecting visibility for vehicles accessing/egressing the junction; and to address congestion issues outside Bourne End Academy.
- 1.4 Wooburn and Bourne End Parish Council as well as the Local Members for the Wooburns, Bourne End and Hedsor ward provided their comments, these have been included in the consultation and communication section in this report below.
- 1.5 During the consultation a number of views were expressed opposing the extents of the double yellow lines on Meare Estate. A suggestion was offered to shorten one of the junction protection proposals so that they stop before the dropped kerb outside 20 Meare Estate. This would mean that the double yellow lines would not extend 10 metres from the junction.
- 1.6 Tfb liaised with the Parking Team regarding this matter and they stated the following: *“If the Councillor is insistent on a mismatch in lengths or matching both sides to the residential side leaving the other side less than 10 metres, you need to get the agreed ward councillors instructions in writing (must be at least 2 of the 3 ward councillors) which must then be detailed in the key decision report as this is a controversial decision”*.
- 1.7 Councillors Stuart Wilson, Penny Drayton and Sophie Kayani confirmed that they wish for the double yellow lines to stop before the dropped kerb outside 20 Meare Estate. As such the map tile (HN67) has been amended which can be seen in Appendix D.

Other options considered

- 1.8 No other options were considered as part of the proposed Highway Code junction protection measures

Legal and financial implications

- 1.9 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), on its highways.
- 1.10 Regulation 14 of the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 state that an order making authority may modify an order – whether in receipt of any objections or otherwise – before it is then made.
- 1.11 When the decision is taken and recommendations agreed, the Traffic Regulation Order will be made. The responders to the consultation and persons likely to be affected will be informed of the decision made.
- 1.12 In accordance with the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996, the TRO will then be made and publicised by Buckinghamshire Council.
- 1.13 If approved, this key decision will be the authority for Legal Services to 'make' the TRO and advertise the Notice of Making in the local press in accordance with the Procedure Regulations.

Corporate implications

- 1.14 This section will need to include the relevant corporate plan priority relating to this report and make reference to any other implication that need to be taken into account such as:-
- Property – None identified
 - HR – None identified
 - Climate change – None identified
 - Sustainability – None identified
 - Equality – Equality Act 2010. This proposal will not have any disproportionate effect upon people with protected characteristics. This scheme will introduce waiting restrictions on multiple junctions throughout Wooburn Green and Bourne End. These measures will not only encourage compliance with Highway Code Rule 243, but will also improve visibility for road users accessing and egressing from junctions.

- Data protection – A privacy statement was included on the online Citizen space consultation page which stated the following: *“We will use the information you provide only for the purpose of this consultation. We will store the information securely, in line with data protection laws. The law states that we must make responses available for public inspection, but we will not share or publish any personal details”.*
- Value for money - The cost associated with this scheme has been allocated within the agreed budget and sufficient remains to implement the waiting restriction measures on the ground.

Consultation and communication

- 1.15 In compliance with the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996, a statutory consultation was undertaken between 8th October – 12th November. A summary of the feedback is shown in Appendix A.
- 1.16 The full written responses to the statutory consultation are contained in Appendix B. These have been reviewed and considered against the proposals as advertised.
- 1.17 The proposed waiting restrictions are situated in the Wooburns, Bourne End and Hedsor electoral ward which is covered by the following councillors:
- Councillor Stuart Wilson
 - Councillor Penny Drayton
 - Councillor Sophie Kayani

TfB invited all Local Members to provide a comment on the waiting restrictions proposals advertised at statutory consultation. We have received the following comments below:

- 1.18 Councillor Stuart Wilson stated the following: *“I am supportive of all the decisions. Based on a meeting with a resident in Boundary Road/Meare Estate, could you please look at shortening the DYLS so it covers the minimum requirement on the junction alongside their corner property and driveway entrance”.* Councillor Penny Drayton writes *“I support Cllr Wilson on this”* and Councillor Sophie Kayani writes *“Yes I also support this.”*
- 1.19 As outlined in sections 1.6 and 1.7 above, all three ward Members agreed with this amendment and this has been reflected in the recommendations.
- 1.20 Thames Valley Police have responded stating that they have no objection to the proposals.

Next steps and review

All consultees and responders to the 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. The report will be published on the Council's webpage.

Background papers

Appendix A: Summary of Objections & Feedback

Appendix B: Responses to Statutory Consultation

Appendix C: Consultation Plans

Appendix D: Consultation plan amendments

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