



Report to Leader (Transport portfolio)

Decision Date: 3 August 2022

Reference number: TR22.22

Title: Putlowes Waiting Restrictions

Cabinet members: Councillor Steve Broadbent

Relevant councillor(s): Councillors: Mick Caffrey, Paul Irwin, Ashley Waite

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Ward(s) affected: Stone & Waddesdon

Summary

A scheme was proposed to introduce parking restrictions via signage from the A41/Putlowes Road junction to the Waddesdon Greenway access along Putlowes Road.

The proposed measures have been put forward to encourage compliance with Highway Code Rule 242 ... to not leave vehicle or trailer in a dangerous position or where it causes any unnecessary obstruction of the road; and Highway Code Rule 243 which prohibits parking anywhere you would prevent access for Emergency Services; and in front of an entrance to a property.

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 a 'No waiting at any time' restriction along Putlowes Road from the A41/Putlowes Road junction to the Waddesdon Greenway access.**

Reason for decision: Implementation of the 'No waiting at any time' restriction scheme will encourage compliance with Highway Code Rules 242 & 243.

Executive summary

- 1.1 Signs are proposed to be strategically placed within the extents of the 'No Waiting at Any Time' zone. It is recommended by the Traffic team and Parking Team officers that the spacing between repeater signs should be no more than about 30 metres for the 'No waiting at any time' restriction to be enforceable.
- 1.2 This Key Decision Report relates to the results of a statutory consultation to introduce the 'No waiting at any time' restriction on Putlowes Road.

Content of report

- 1.3 The scheme went out to consultation between 19th April – 18th May 2022.
- 1.4 The proposals were developed by Buckinghamshire Council's Transport Strategy team following an informal consultation with affected residents. Their aim was to address safety concerns surrounding Putlowes Road, where motorists have been parking to gain access to the Waddesdon Greenway, instead of utilising the paid parking facilities available at either end of the Waddesdon Greenway. This has caused problems for local residents, with driveways being blocked/damaged and access for large farm vehicles at Putlowes Farm being blocked.
- 1.5 Extent covered by the introduction of restriction can be viewed as map tiles in Appendix C1.
- 1.6 Only seven responses were generated from the statutory consultation. Three supported the proposals; three objected - all sharing the same view that the implementation of the scheme will remove the opportunity for free parking, which is preferable to the paid parking facilities situated at both end of the Waddesdon Greenway; and one provided a non-committal response.

Other options considered

- 1.7 No other options were considered as part of the proposed Highway Code protection measures.
- 1.8 This scheme is developed as a further integration to work that TfB had already undertaken to improve highways signage on the Putlowes Road / A41 junction by the provision of a new 'No Through Road' sign.

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 (TRO) 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 only introduce waiting restrictions on Putlowes Road. These measures will not only encourage compliance with Highway Code Rules 242 and 243 but will also improve visibility for road users from the junction and ensure free passage for emergency services.
 - 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 Prior to commissioning of this scheme, an informal consultation was held with local residents. Nine letters were issued to residents. Four responses were received in support of the scheme. Nil responses were received objecting to the scheme.

The Parish Council and Local Members were informed of the scheme at initiation stage and have not raised any objection.

1.16 In compliance with the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996, a statutory consultation was undertaken between 19th April – 18th May 2022. 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 proposals as advertised.

1.18 The proposed waiting restrictions are situated in the Stone and Waddesdon electoral ward which is covered by the following councillors:

- Councillor Mick Caffrey
- Councillor Paul Irwin
- Councillor Ashley Waite

TfB invited all Local Members to provide comment on the waiting restrictions proposals advertised at statutory consultation. No response was provided.

After consultation has ended, it was also communicated that the lack of response or objection will be perceived as support. No reply/objections were shared.

1.19 No response from stakeholders were generated from the statutory consultation, thus they were notified again after the end of the consultation and were provided with further opportunities to share their view, it was communicated that the lack of reply to share objection will be considered as support for the scheme.

No reply/objections were shared.

1.20 Thames Valley Police had enquired about the scheme and stated:

“ Information regarding ant-social behaviour such as the smoking of weed takes place periodically. It would also appear that some commuters also park at this location in order to park for free instead of the paid parking at the station. The issue of blue light services getting to these residences would be compromised during the busy periods as was pointed out by these residents.

My concern about this proposal is where any of these vehicles on busier days will park, they could be displaced into inappropriate locations near to the entrance or on the grass verges on the A41 with children and dogs being guided into this road.

I would suggest that wayfinding signs are placed in appropriate places indicating where parking is available so that this may mitigate any inconsiderate parking. In conclusion Thames Valley Police (TVP) do not object to these proposals but ask that the comments made are taken into consideration. The enforcement of waiting restrictions lie with the local highway authority or its nominated contractor.”

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 Feedback

Appendix B: Responses to Statutory Consultation

Appendix C1: Consultation Plans – Putlowes Road

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