

# **Officer Decision Report**

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**Reference number:** 

Title: 'No Verge or Footway' parking restriction, Claremont Gardens and Lock Road, Marlow – Proceed to Statutory Consultation **Cabinet Member(s):** Councillors Alex Collingwood, Carol Heap and Neil Marshall **Contact officer:** John Pateman, Design Service Team Leader, Design Services Ward(s) affected: Marlow Decision: Approval to re-advertise previously approved 'No Verge or Footway' parking restrictions on Claremont Gardens and Lock Road, Marlow. **Reason for decision:** Due to an administrative error, approved 'No Verge of Footway' parking restrictions for Claremont Gardens and Lock Road were omitted from the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) that was made to introduce wider parking restrictions on various roads in Marlow. These 'No Verge of Footway' parking restrictions, therefore, need to be re-advertised so that a supporting TRO can be made to introduce them.

# 1. Background

1.1 In 2018, Transport for Buckinghamshire (TfB) was commissioned to address a number of safety and parking concerns along various roads in Marlow. Proposals, including 'No Waiting At Any Time' extensions on West Street / Henley Road; 'No Verge or Footway' parking on Claremont Gardens and Lock Road; and additional parking bays including a disabled bay on West Street, were developed in liaison with key stakeholders and publicly advertised between 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019 and 12<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

- 1.2 The outcome of this Statutory Consultation was reported to the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Transportation who, on 22nd July 2019, made the decision that the proposals be made as advertised but with some amendments to the proposed parking bays on West Street.
- 1.3 However, due to an administrative error, the 'as advertised' agreed 'No Verge of Footway' parking restrictions for Claremont Gardens and Lock Road were omitted from the TRO when it was made. As a result, TfB has been unable to install the signs and posts procured for the 'No Verge of Footway' parking restriction as they will not be supported by a TRO.

# 2. Authority to take this decision

2.1 The council scheme of delegation is contained within the Council's constitution.

#### 3. Other options considered

3.1 None

#### 4. Local councillors & community boards consultation & views

- 4.1 Key stakeholders, including Marlow Town Council, all local councillors and the affected residents, have been made aware of this issue and have been advised that TfB is working to correct the problem as soon as possible.
- 4.2 As with the original TRO, all ward Members support the proposals.

#### 5. Feedback from Consultation

5.1 A previous consultation on the proposed 'No Verge or Footway' parking restrictions for Claremont Gardens and Lock Road took place between 22nd March 2019 and 12th April 2019 as part of the Marlow Parking Review 2019. On 22nd July 2019, the Cabinet Member for Transportation considered the outcome of the statutory consultation and agreed that the proposed 'No Verge or Footway' parking restrictions on Claremont Gardens and Lock Road be implemented as advertised. 5.2 Unfortunately, due to the administrative error, it has not been possible to implement these restrictions as advertised.

# 6. Financial Implications

6.1 Funding is being made privately and fully by Marlow Town Council for full implementation of the scheme. The administrative error is being corrected at no cost to the Town Council. There are no financial implications for Buckinghamshire Council.

# 7. Other

#### 7.1 Statement of reason

Proposed 'No Verge or Footway' parking restrictions are to be introduced on Claremont Road and Lock Road for the following reasons: -

- a) For avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road or any other road or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising.
- b) For facilitating the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians).
- c) For preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the road runs.

# 8. Your questions and review

8.1 If you have any questions about the matters contained in this paper please get in touch with the Contact Officer whose email address is given at the head of the paper.

# 9. Background papers

- 9.1 Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Transportation Decision Reference No. T18.19
- 9.2 Mapping Tiles IA56, IA57, IB57, HY,56 and HZ56 showing the extent of the proposed 'No Verge or Footway' parking restrictions on Claremont Gardens and Lock Road, Marlow

9.3 Letter to Marlow Town Council and affected residents advising that the 'No Verge or Footway' parking restrictions for Claremont Gardens and Lock Road, Marlow, cannot be implemented

Approval Signature

#### **Dave Roberts**

Head of Highways

Date 11 August 2022