



## Report to Leader (Transport portfolio)

**Decision Date:** 21 November 2022

**Reference number:** TR28.22

**Title:** **Gerrards Cross Waiting Restrictions**

**Relevant councillor(s):** Councillor Steve Broadbent

**Author and/or contact officer:** John Pateman, Design Services Team Leader  
John.Pateman@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

**Ward(s) affected:** Gerrards Cross; Chalfont St Peter & Denham

### **Recommendations:**

**a. That the Traffic Regulation Order be made as advertised at Statutory Consultation but with the following amendments:**

- Remove the proposals for Fulmer Way, Layters Way, Orchehill Avenue, Orchehill Rise and Vicarage Way in their entirety.
- Marsham Way - remove the three proposed unrestricted parking bays outside no. 49 and 51 Marsham Way (map tile HS87).
- Mill Lane - replace the proposed double yellow lines on the westbound side of Mill Lane between Hill Way's junction and end of proposed restrictions (inlet opposite number 21) with single yellow lines restricting parking Monday to Friday 8am to 9.30am and 3pm to 4.30pm. Also, replace the proposed double yellow lines between numbers 2 and 8 Mill Lane on the westbound carriageway with single yellow lines restricting parking Monday to Friday 8am to 9.30am and 3pm to 4.30pm (map tile HT86 and HT87).
- Moreland Drive - retain the proposals for double yellow lines supported by highway code safety regulations (which includes the dead-end spur to the east of Moreland Drive due to carriageway width). Replace proposed double yellow line extension on the north east side carriageway with single yellow lines restricting parking Monday to Friday 8am to 9.30am and 3pm to 4.30pm (map tile HT87 and HU87).

- South Park Drive - remove the No Waiting Monday to Friday 2pm to 3pm element from the proposals (map tile HO86, HO87 and HP86).
- South Park View - remove the double yellow lines from the right larger hammerhead (southern one). Yellow lines to cease at dropped kerb to 16a South Park View and remain removed clockwise around hammerhead to the end of the dropped kerb adjacent to 3 to 5 Beaumont Place.

**b. That responders to the Statutory Consultation be informed of the Leader and Cabinet Member for Transportation Decision.**

**Reason for decision:**

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. For facilitating the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians). For preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the road runs.

## **1. Executive summary**

- 1.1 Gerrards Cross Town Council commissioned Transport for Buckinghamshire (TfB) in February 2020 to conduct a parking review, as there are safety concerns around some the parking in Gerrards Cross.
- 1.2 The Town Council also aimed to increase parking availability for shoppers and shop workers to retain and improve the economic prosperity of the town and introduce new blue badge parking.
- 1.3 Two informal consultations have since taken place and the responses and results of both consultations were then compiled to create proposals to put forward for a Statutory Consultation.
- 1.4 The recommendations in this report are following the results of the Statutory Consultation.

## **2. Content of report**

- 2.1 Buckinghamshire Council is responsible for the highway network within its boundary; this includes the provision, management and enforcement of waiting restrictions.
- 2.2 Proposed waiting restrictions for the Gerrards Cross area were put to Statutory Consultation between 5th November and 3rd December 2021.

- 2.3 Residents and businesses that would be affected by the proposed restrictions were notified of the consultation via letter. The Notice of Proposal was published in the local press and attached to selected lamp columns in the area.
- 2.4 The consultation and survey were posted online and the details for this consultation can be found using the link below:
- <https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com/roads-parking/gxwaiting2021/>
- 2.5 A total of 192 responses to the Statutory Consultation were received via the online survey, email and letter.
- 2.6 There were 26 roads where waiting restriction proposals were put to Statutory Consultation in Gerrards Cross as outlined in table 2.6.

Bulstrode Way	North Park
East Common	Oak End Way
Ethorpe Close	Orchehill Avenue
Ethorpe Crescent	Orchehill Rise
Fulmer Way	Oval Way
Gaviots Close	Packhorse Road
Gaviots Green	South Park
Layters Way	South Park Crescent
Lower Road	South Park Drive
Marsham Lane	South Park View
Marsham Way	Station Road
Mill Lane	Vicarage Way
Moreland Drive	West Common

**Table 2.6 – Roads included in the Gerrards Cross parking review**

- 2.7 The Town Council have taken careful consideration over every comment and response to the consultation.
- 2.8 This process has taken considerable time and there have been over 11 separate meetings and reports produced between officers in Buckinghamshire Council's parking team, staff in TfB and the Town Council.
- 2.9 As part of the process TfB staff contacted some respondents directly to clarify their feedback.

- 2.10 A summary of the feedback, recommendations and reason for the recommendations is included in Appendix 1.

### **3. Other options considered**

- 3.1 To not to proceed or partially implement with any of the proposed restrictions would not address the issues raised by the Town Council, Members and residents.
- 3.2 The Town Council has indicated that there are additional proposals that they wish to formally advertise as part of a separate consultation to facilitate some further long-term parking for shoppers and shop workers to improve the economic vitality of the town.

### **4. Legal and financial implications**

- 4.1 The Gerrards Cross Waiting Restrictions project is fully funded by Gerrards Cross Town Council. There are no financial implications on Buckinghamshire Council.
- 4.2 Section 122 of the Road Traffic 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.
- 4.3 Regulation 14 of the TRO Regulations state that an Order making authority may modify an Order. Whether in receipt of any objections or otherwise, before it is made.
- 4.4 When the decision is taken and recommendations agreed, the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) will be made and signed. The responders to the consultation and persons likely to be affected will be informed of the decisions made and representations considered. The Traffic Regulation Order will be signed and readvertised by Buckinghamshire Council.
- 4.5 Any further reviews or any other waiting restrictions TRO would require a Project Initiation Document and further agreed funding streams.
- 4.6 Any income from Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs) will be retained by Buckinghamshire Council and will contribute to the running cost of parking enforcement and activities across the county.

## 5. Corporate implications

- 5.1 An Equality Impact Assessment (Appendix 7) has been undertaken and the decision is not expected to have any negative impacts on persons with protected characteristics.
- 5.2 The implementation of formal blue badge parking is expected to have a positive impact on some disabled people.
- 5.3 The Gerrards Cross Waiting Restrictions project is fully funded by Gerrards Cross Town Council. There are no financial implications on Buckinghamshire Council.

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

- 6.1 Gerrards Cross Town Council has provided separate feedback outlined in Appendix 2 and agrees with the recommendations in this report except for the proposals in South Park View.
- 6.2 The Town Council would like a small stretch of double yellow lines to be located on the north side instead of the south side of South Park View as outlined in Figure 6.2 below.



The parking bay should be on the other side of the road (green arrow) i.e. on the right-hand side.

Figure 6.2 – Extract from Town Council feedback – explaining where the yellow lines should be amended.

- 6.3 The legal process for making a Traffic Regulation Order does not allow the council to increase the extent of the advertised proposals and it is therefore not possible to accommodate this request within this statutory consultation.
- 6.4 In order to accommodate the request it would be necessary to readvertise amended proposals, and the Town Council has indicated that they wish to do this in 2023.

6.5 The Buckinghamshire Council Members have provided the following feedback in Table 6.5.

Buckinghamshire Council Member	Response to officer recommendations in Appendix 1
Councillor Michael Bracken	I would like to confirm that I am in full agreement with the comments of the Gerrards Cross Town Council - copy attached, in which they accept all of the recommendations save for the proposal for South Park View.  <i>[For attachment see Appendix 2]</i>
Councillor Andrew Wood	Following our town council meeting on Monday night, I'd like to confirm my acceptance of the proposal taking into account the additional points made by Cllr Bracken.  I'd also like to put on record thanks to Cllr John O Keeffe for the work he has done getting us to where we are today.
Councillor Thomas Broom	I would thoroughly endorse the comments of Gerrards Cross Town Council, including their important note on the yellow lines on South Park View. I hope we can move this process on swiftly as the Town Council have put in a lot of work to make sure this represents the views of residents.
Councillor Paul Bass*	Fully supported. Many thanks. *
Councillor Guy Hollis*	I support*
Councillor Santokh Chhokar*	Noted and agreed*
* Councillors' Bass, Hollis and Chhokar are providing feedback for roads within their ward. South Park View is not located within their ward.	

Table 6.5 – Feedback from Buckinghamshire Council Ward Members

## **7. Communication, engagement & further consultation**

- 7.1 Prior to the statutory consultation, two informal consultations have taken place in the town, one of which was led by Gerrards Cross Town Council.

## **8. Next steps and review**

- 8.1 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.
- 8.2 The parking enforcement team will routinely measure the success or otherwise of any new parking restrictions.
- 8.3 Gerrards Cross Town Council has indicated an intention to undertake a further review in 2023 where required.

## **9. Background papers**

Appendix 1 – Summary of responses and recommendations

Appendix 2 – Feedback from Gerrards Cross Town Council

Appendix 3 – Draft Legal Order

Appendix 4 – Map tiles

Appendix 5 – Statement of Reasons

Appendix 6 – Redacted responses

Appendix 7 – Equality Impact Assessment

## **10. Your questions and views (for key decisions)**

- 10.1 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](mailto:democracy@buckinghamshire.gov.uk).