



Report to Leader (Transport portfolio)

Decision Date: 29 November 2022

Reference number: TR29.22

Title: **CWPC (Flackwell Heath) Parking Scheme**

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Ward(s) affected: Flackwell Heath, Little Marlow and Marlow Southeast

Recommendations:

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

- Removal of the double yellow lines (no waiting anytime) proposed in front of 21 and 23 Swains Lane only.
- Remove the double yellow lines (no waiting anytime) in the hammerhead at the end of Highlands.

b. That responders to the Statutory Consultation be informed of the 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 The Beaconsfield and Chepping Wye Community Board along with Chepping Wye Parish Council (CWPC) commissioned Transport for Buckinghamshire (TfB) in November 2021 to conduct a parking review, as there are safety concerns around some the parking in Flackwell Heath.
- 1.2 As the proposals are solely to support the Highway Code no informal consultation has taken place, and the proposals were put forward for a Statutory Consultation.
- 1.3 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 three roads in Flackwell Heath were put to Statutory Consultation between 19 August and 16 September 2022.
- 2.3 Residents 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/wendover-flacckwellheath-marlow/>
- 2.5 A total of 27 responses to the Statutory Consultation were received via the online survey, email and letter.
- 2.6 Proposals for parking restrictions were made for Greenlands, Swains Lane (near Halls Corner) and Highlands, Flackwell Heath in the Statutory Consultation.
- 2.7 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 Members and residents.

4. Legal and financial implications

- 4.1 The project is fully funded by the Beaconsfield and Chepping Wye Community Board.

- 4.2 Originally this scheme was formed from two separate projects (Halls Corner and Highlands projects), with a total estimate of £38,074.
- 4.3 There are many fixed costs in undertaking a parking scheme and by combining the two projects into one scheme it is likely that circa. £10,000 savings are likely to be made.
- 4.4 The commission is under a cost-reimbursable basis which means that TfB will only invoice the Community Board for actual costs incurred. There are no further financial implications on Buckinghamshire Council.
- 4.5 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.
- 4.6 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.
- 4.7 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.
- 4.8 Any further reviews or any other waiting restrictions TRO would require a Project Initiation Document and further agreed funding streams.
- 4.9 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 6) has been undertaken and the decision is not expected to have any negative impacts on persons with protected characteristics.
- 5.2 As outlined in sections 4.1 to 4.4. the project is fully funded by the Beaconsfield and Chepping Wye Community Board. There are no further financial implications on Buckinghamshire Council.

6. Local councillors & community boards consultation & views

- 6.1 The Beaconsfield and Chepping Wye Community Board have prioritised this project for delivery in the 2022/2023 financial year and made the funding available in November 2021.
- 6.2 The Buckinghamshire Council Members have provided the following feedback in Table 6.2.

Buckinghamshire Council Member	Response to officer recommendations in Appendix 1
Councillor David Johncock	I fully agree with the recommendations for both FH locations.
Councillor Jocelyn Towns	I totally support these two projects.
Councillor David Watson	I normally defer to my colleague Cllr Dave Johncock on Flackwell Heath related matters and am happy to support the 2 proposals.

Table 6.2 – Feedback from Buckinghamshire Council Ward Members

7. Communication, engagement & further consultation

- 7.1 The parking proposals are for road safety and support the Highway Code (rules 242 and 243), therefore no informal consultation has been undertaken prior to the statutory consultation as it is not considered necessary.
- 7.2 It is usual practice to hand deliver letters to those residents that front any new parking proposals only (“letter to frontages”) to make them aware of the proposals.
- 7.3 Councillor Dave Johncock has enhanced the council’s standard minimum letter drop area and hand delivered letters to all the houses in Highlands and Greenlands (bar 4 properties nearest to Straight Bit).

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 It is planned to implement the new double yellow lines in the late winter/early spring 2023.

- 8.3 The parking enforcement team will routinely measure the success or otherwise of any new parking restrictions.

9. Background papers

Appendix 1 – Recommendation Report

Appendix 2 – Draft Legal Order

Appendix 3 – Map tiles

Appendix 3A – Map tile Legend

Appendix 4 – Redacted responses

Appendix 5 – Statement of Reasons

Appendix 6 – 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.