



Report to Leader (Transport portfolio)

Decision Date:	29 November 2022
Reference number:	TR30.22
Title:	Wendover Parking Review
Relevant councillor(s):	Councillor Steve Broadbent
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Ward(s) affected:	Wendover, Halton and Stoke Mandeville

Recommendations:

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

- Remove the proposals in their entirety in Bridleways, Dobbins Lane, South Street, Vicarage Close and Vinetrees
- Removal of the proposals in Chiltern Road except for the double yellow lines at the entrance to the service road alongside the British Legion Club.
- Remove the proposed unrestricted parking bay opposite odd numbers 11 to 15 Little Hampden Close
- To withdraw the no waiting Mon-Fri 10am-11am proposal in Perry Street
- Remove a section of proposed double yellow lines in Tring Road (from opposite 5 Rose Cottage to opposite 10 Cold Harbour)

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 Wendover Community Board along with Wendover Parish Council commissioned Transport for Buckinghamshire (TfB) in 2019 to undertake a feasibility project to look at traffic flow problems in Tring Road and parking problems in Little Hampden Close.
- 1.2 The scope of the project was later extended so that three informal consultations have taken place across the town (in 2020, 2021 and 2022) to refine the parking proposals.
- 1.3 A final Statutory Consultation took place between 19 August and 16 September 2022
- 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 The Wendover Community Board along with Wendover Parish Council commissioned Transport for Buckinghamshire (TfB) in September 2019 to undertake a feasibility project to look at traffic flow problems in Tring Road and parking problems in Little Hampden Close.
- 2.3 As a result of the feasibility study, a parking group was formed consisting of Buckinghamshire Council ward Members, some Parish Councillors and officers from the Buckinghamshire Council parking team.
- 2.4 The parking group decided to commence the parking review and initially invite anyone (via newsletters and a newspaper advert) in Wendover to nominate roads they would like to be considered. This first informal consultation took place between November and December 2020.
- 2.5 Two further informal consultation exercises took place to further refine the parking proposals between March and April 2021, and in July 2021.
- 2.6 The Statutory Consultation took place between 19 August and 16 September 2022.
- 2.7 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.
- 2.8 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/>

- 2.9 A total of 238 responses to the Statutory Consultation were received via the online survey, email and letter.
- 2.10 Proposals for parking restrictions were made for the roads outlined in Table 2.10 below.

Bryants Acre	Chiltern Road	Clay Lane
The Poplars	Grange Gardens	Little Hampden Close
Manor Road	Perry Street	South Street
Swan Mews	The Paddocks	Tring Road
Jusons Glebe	Honey Banks	Vicarage Close
Vinetrees	Wharf Road	Dobbins Lane
Bridleways	Lionel Avenue	Aylesbury Road

Table 2.10 – Roads in the Wendover Parking Review

- 2.11 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 current stage of the project is fully funded by Wendover Parish Council.
- 4.2 Funding for the implementation of the parking signs and lines has not yet been identified.
- 4.3 Discussions between Wendover Parish Council and the Wendover Community Board are ongoing to identify the required funding of circa. £15,000.
- 4.4 Under Section 16(2) of The Local Authorities’ Traffic Orders (Procedure)(England and Wales) Regulations 1996 the signs and lines must be implemented within two years of the date the notice of proposals was first published. This means the signs and lines must be implemented by 18 August 2024.
- 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 there are seven responses to the Statutory Consultation that refer to persons or groups with protected characteristics.
- 5.2 There are no direct negative equality impacts identified by this project; however, this project does not address some concerns relating to age and disability protected groups particularly regarding some pavement parking.
- 5.3 As outlined in sections 4.1 to 4.4. this stage of the project is fully funded by the Wendover Parish Council, however the funding of approximately £15,000 has not yet been identified for the implementation of the signs and lines.
- 5.4 If funding cannot not be identified to implement the signs and lines within this or the next financial years, the Legal Order will be effectively revoked on 19 August 2024.

6. Local councillors & community boards consultation & views

- 6.1 The Wendover Community Board and Wendover Parish Council have been fully engaged and funded the project since 2019.
- 6.2 The parking group, made up of Buckinghamshire Council ward Members, the Parish Council Chairperson, other Parish Councillors' and Buckinghamshire Council Parking Team Officers approved the recommendations in this report and Appendix 1 at their meeting on 21 October 2022.

6.3 The Buckinghamshire Council Members have provided the following feedback in Table 6.2.

Buckinghamshire Council Member	Response to officer recommendations in Appendix 1
Councillor Steve Bowles	Happy to support
Councillor Peter Strachan	I support the document and its' conclusions. <i>[Referred document - Appendix 1]</i>
Councillor Richard Newcombe	I support the proposals as set out in the schedule attached <i>[Referred schedule - Appendix 1]</i>

Table 6.2 – Feedback from Buckinghamshire Council Ward Members

7. Communication, engagement & further consultation

- 7.1 There has been considerable communication and engagement since 2019 on the Wendover Parking Review including an advertisement in local newsletters/newspapers inviting all residents and businesses to nominate problem roads in 2020.
- 7.2 Three informal consultations and a statutory consultation have taken place (see section 2.4 to 2.6)
- 7.3 Wendover Parish Council have answered many residents' questions throughout the life of the project and have recently had well attended meetings in relation to engagement with this project.

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 If funding can be identified for implementation within this financial year it is planned to implement the new parking signs and lines in the spring of 2023.
- 8.3 If funding cannot be identified within this financial year the parking signs and lines will be implemented when the funding is identified.
- 8.4 Once the new controls are implemented the parking enforcement team will routinely measure the success or otherwise of any new parking restrictions.

9. Background papers

Appendix 1 – Summary of responses and recommendations

Appendix 2 – Draft Legal Order

Appendix 3 – Map tiles

Appendix 3A – Map tile Legend

Appendix 4 – Statement of Reasons

Appendix 5 – Redacted responses

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.