



Report to Leader (Transport portfolio)

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| Decision Date: | 16 March 2023 |
| Reference number: | TR09.23 |
| Title: | Stoke Poges Parking Scheme |
| Cabinet Member(s): | Councillor Steve Broadbent |
| Contact officer: | John Pateman, Design Services Team Leader John.Pateman@buckinghamshire.gov.uk |
| Ward(s) affected: | Stoke Poges & Wexham; |

Recommendations:

- a) **That the Traffic Regulation Order be made as advertised at Statutory Consultation but with the following amendments:**
- The double yellow lines proposed in Broom Hill and Sefton Paddock are scaled back so that they extend 10 metres from the junction with Hollybush Hill
 - The double yellow lines proposed on Hollybush Hill are scaled back so that they extend 10 metres either side of the junction with Sefton Paddock and Broom Hill only (proposals opposite Sefton Paddock and Broom Hill removed)
- b) **That responders to the Statutory Consultation be informed of the Leader and Cabinet Member for Transportation decision.**

Reasons 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 Beeches Community Board commissioned Transport for Buckinghamshire (TfB) in October 2020 to conduct a parking review in Rogers Lane, Stoke Poges as there were safety concerns about parking near to the school.
- 1.2 Following two informal consultations and a request by residents, Stoke Poges Parish Council added Hollybush Hill into the parking review, and the amended proposals were taken 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 Stoke Poges were put to Statutory Consultation between 16 December 2022 and 20 January 2023.
- 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/formal-consultation-rogerslane/>
- 2.5 A total of 65 responses have been received via the online survey and emails.
- 2.6 A summary of the feedback, recommendations and reason for the recommendations is included in Appendix 1.
- 2.7 There were 54 objections to the proposals in Hollybush Hill to implement double yellow lines near to two junctions.
- 2.8 The Highway Code rule 243 states “[do not] park within 10 metres of a junction”.
- 2.9 Parking within 10 metres of a junction reduces the visibility between pedestrians, cyclists and motorists and can impede access for larger vehicles including emergency vehicles.
- 2.10 Residents originally approached Stoke Poges Parish Council about road safety concerns about vehicles parked close to the two junctions in Hollybush Hill.

- 2.11 Stoke Poges Parish Council then asked Transport for Buckinghamshire to include parking restriction proposals to support the Highway Code in Hollybush Hill.
- 2.12 It is clear from the responses to the consultation that there is a legitimate parking amenity need on Hollybush Hill for some residents and for patrons of the public house.
- 2.13 It is recommended that the parking proposals at the junctions in Hollybush Hill are reduced to the minimum permitted by the Highway Code (10 metres from the junctions), thereby protecting business needs and residents' requirements as much as possible without compromising road safety.

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 Parish Council, residents and others.

4. Legal and financial implications

- 4.1 The Stoke Poges Parking Scheme is funded by the Beeches Community Board and totals £12,048.19. There are no further 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 6) has been undertaken and the decision is not expected to have any negative impacts on persons with protected characteristics.
- 5.2 The project is fully funded by the Beeches Community Board and therefore there are no further financial implications on Buckinghamshire Council.

6. Local councillors & community boards consultation & views

- 6.1 Beeches Community Board agreed to support and fund the project in October 2020.
- 6.2 Stoke Poges Parish Council have contributed to and been involved in this project from the outset and have agreed with the recommendations laid out in Appendix 1.
- 6.3 The Buckinghamshire Council Members, Councillor Trevor Egleton and Councillor Thomas Hogg fully support the recommendations outlined in Appendix 1. There has been no response from Councillor Ralph Bagge.

7. Communication, engagement & further consultation

- 7.1 Prior to the statutory consultation, two informal consultations have taken place, one of which was led by Stoke Poges Parish 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.

9. Background papers

Officer Decision Report to go out to Statutory Consultation – available at:

<https://buckinghamshire.moderngov.co.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=914>

Attached to this report:

Appendix 1 – Summary of responses and recommendations

Appendix 2 – Draft Legal Order

Appendix 3 – Map tiles

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 email to democracy@buckinghamshire.gov.uk.

