



Report to Leader (Transport portfolio)

Decision Date:	1 May 2024
Reference number:	TR06.24
Title:	Aylesbury Road, Aston Clinton Waiting Restrictions
Cabinet Member(s):	Councillor Steve Broadbent
Relevant councillor(s):	Councillor Bill Chapple, Councillor Michael Collins & Councillor Julie Ward
Contact officer:	Raja Khan – raja.khan@atkinsrealis.com
Ward(s) affected:	Aston Clinton & Berton;
Recommendations:	

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

That the following lengths of proposed double yellow lines be removed ...

- Aylesbury Road (north side) – from a point approximately 17 metres southeast of Hyde Street south-eastwards to the Aston Clinton Guide Hall (No. 104 Aylesbury Road) access;
- Aylesbury Road (south side) – from a point opposite the mutual boundary of Nos. 101 and 101A Aylesbury Road south-eastwards to the mutual boundary of No. 62 Aylesbury Road and the Shell petrol station;
- London Road (north side) – from a point east of the Aston Clinton Veterinary Centre (No. 107 Aylesbury Road) access eastwards to the existing double yellow lines west of Brook Street.

b) That respondents to the consultation are 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 Aston Clinton Parish Council (ACPC) commissioned Buckinghamshire Highways to identify proposals in order to address visibility constraints. The constraints to visibility are caused by parked vehicles in the vicinity of the Shell petrol station situated on the corner of Aylesbury Road and Weston Road.
- 1.2 The recommendation in this report follows the outcome 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, installation and enforcement of parking restrictions.

Double yellow line parking restriction were developed for the following roads to address the reported visibility / obstruction issues through site visits and liaison with ACPC:-

- Aylesbury Road
- Hyde Street
- Parsley Close
- London Road
- Weston Road

- 2.2 The proposed parking restrictions were advertised and promoted locally through a Statutory Consultation process carried out between 6th September 2023 and 29th September 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. In accordance with

the requirements of the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996; The Police, Fire & Rescue as well as Ambulance Services were included in this consultation. The consultation and survey were posted online and the details for this consultation can be found using the link below:

[Aston Clinton Waiting Restrictions - Statutory consultation - Your Voice Bucks - Citizen Space](#)

- 2.4 A total of 57 responses have been received via the online survey and emails.
- 2.5 A summary of the feedback, recommendations and reason for the recommendations is included in Appendix B.
- 2.6 There was a total of 38 objections to the proposals with concerns that the restrictions would be too onerous; that they would adversely affect local residents and patronage of the Guide Hall on Aylesbury Road; and that they would result in parking displacement onto other roads
- 2.7 The Highway Code rule 243 states “[do not] park within 10 metres of a junction”.
- 2.8 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.
- 2.9 It is recommended that the parking proposals on Aylesbury Road and London Road are therefore reduced in line with this thereby protecting business needs and residents’ requirements as much as possible without compromising road safety.

3. Other options considered

- 3.1 Alternative options had been considered during the informal consultation stage, these had been discounted as they would not resolve the problem with parking. The other options all involved a statutory consultation process, not representing any benefit in regard to what had been proposed by ACPC.

4. Legal and financial implications

- 4.1 ACPC have secured funding for statutory consultation and implementation, via the Wendover and Villages Community Board. Wendover Community Board has agreed £19,728 of funding to produce the design, undertake the Statutory Consultation, and implement all agreed proposals.



- 4.2 Implementation of parking restrictions require consultation and advertisement of proposals before a decision can be taken on their introduction.
- 4.3 Section 122 of The Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 places a duty on Buckinghamshire Council to secure the expeditious, convenient, and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians), on its highways.
- 4.4 Regulation 14 of the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 state that an order making authority may modify an order, whether in receipt of any objections or otherwise, before it is then made.
- 4.5 When the decision is taken and recommendations agreed, a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) will be made. Responders to the consultation and those who will likely be affected will be informed of the decision taken and recommendations considered.
- 4.6 If approved, this key decision will be the authority for Buckinghamshire Council to 'make' as well as publicise the TRO and advertise a Notice of Making in the local press in accordance with the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996.
- 4.7 Future maintenance of the double yellow lining will be through Buckinghamshire Highways general maintenance budget.

5. Corporate implications

- 5.1 The following corporate implications have been considered.
 - a) An Equality Impact Assessment (Appendix D) has been undertaken and the decision is not expected to have any negative impacts on persons with protected characteristics Data protection – A privacy statement was included on Buckinghamshire Council's citizenspace consultation online page which stated the following: *"We will use the information you provide here only for this activity. We will store the information securely in line with data protection laws and will not share or publish any personal detail"*.
 - b) Value for money - The double yellow lining will be tendered and carried out by an approved sub-contractor on behalf of Buckinghamshire Highways. Costs associated with this scheme has been allocated within its agreed budget and sufficient remains to implement the proposed parking restriction measures on the ground.
 - c) The project is fully funded by the Wendover and Villages Community Board and therefore there are no further financial implications on Buckinghamshire Council

6. Local councillors & community boards consultation & views

- 6.1 Buckinghamshire Highways invited comments from ward members for the Aston Clinton and Bierton on the proposed works. Councillor Julie Ward, Councillor Bill Chapple and Councillor Mike Collins have been contacted to provide their thoughts on the recommended changes to the advertised proposals. All three ward members agree with the proposed parking restrictions.
- 6.2 ACPC have been contacted for their thoughts on the recommended changes to the advertised proposals. They are in support of the recommendations, stating *Aston Clinton Parish Council have considered the report following the consultation and are in support of the recommendations.*

7. Communication, engagement & further consultation

- 7.1 A period of statutory consultation was undertaken between 6 September 2023 to 29 September 2023.
- 7.2 Details of this project were placed on Buckinghamshire Council's website (describing the restriction and locations affected including how they could obtain more information or provide feedback). The draft notice was also advertised in Bucks Free Press local newspaper. Responses were made available via Your Voice Bucks, email and letter.
- 7.3 Neil Biggs, from **Thames Valley Police**, responded in the form of a detailed report supporting a reduction in the speed limit – stating: *the police have no objection to these proposals.*
- 7.4 The full written responses to the statutory consultation are contained in Appendix B.

There was a total of 57 responses to the Statutory Consultation from the general public made by Your Voice Bucks, email and letter:

- 14 respondents (25%) fully supported the introduction of parking/waiting restrictions.
- 10 respondents (17%) partially supported the proposed parking/waiting restrictions.
- 33 Respondents (58%) objected to the introduction of parking/waiting restrictions.

7.5 The following table represents the results from the online survey:

Proposals	Object	Partial Support	Full Support	Total
Do you support the proposed Restrictions?	33	14	10	57

7.6 Objections against the scheme included:

- a) The introduction of parking restrictions would prevent using this area as a possible parking location. Concerns were made regarding visitors and employees for the Guide Hall.
- b) The parked vehicles form a traffic calming measure, with parking restrictions in place, this traffic calming measure would be gone.
- c) Concerns the measures would result in parking displacement in other areas.
- d) Some residents raised concerns about safety outside a nearby school and would rather measures and controls be implemented there.

Buckinghamshire Highways Engineer Comments

This proposal has been promoted by the local parish council and supported by the Ward Members. With the objections provided in statutory consultation, the parking restrictions have been amended to address their concerns. This would allow for improved visibility while providing for some parking along Aylesbury Road.

7.7 Following the objections and concerns against the parking restriction amendments made at the initial proposal. Breaks within double yellow lining had been provided to allow for parking spaces adjacent to the Guide Hall. The parking restrictions still retain visibility benefits while addressing objections. The proposed parking restrictions can be seen in Appendix A.

7.8 Response from the statutory consultation process included a number of requests to including traffic calming measures, speed limit reduction, permit parking and introduction of new parking controls. However, legislation does not allow these to be added to the current advertised consultation and will need to be considered as a separate scheme. A list of these requests has been forwarded to local councillors for further consideration at a later date.

7.9 All responders to the consultation will be contacted by either e-mail or letter and will be informed of the decision including where they can find the details of the statutory consultation as well as the decision taken. This report will be published on the Buckinghamshire Council web page.

8. Next steps and review

- 8.1 If these recommendations are accepted, 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. A TRO will be made to introduce the agreed double yellow line parking restrictions.
- 8.2 Following a decision on this report, should the recommendations be approved the implementation of the scheme will be undertaken by the new council's highways contractor in the 2023/24 financial year.
- 8.3 The parking enforcement team will routinely measure the success or otherwise of any new parking restrictions.

9. Background papers

Appendix A – Consultation Plan of Proposed Waiting/Parking Restriction

Appendix B – Summary of Objections, Feedback & Responses to Statutory Consultation

Appendix C – Notices, Statement of Reasons & Draft Traffic Regulation Order

Appendix D – Equality Assessment Report

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 by 5pm on 29 April 2024.