

Aston Clinton

Waiting Restrictions

Results of the Statutory Consultation 6th September to 29th September 2023



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SUMMARY

A statutory consultation took place between 6th September and 29th September 2023 to introduce ‘No Waiting at Any Time’ parking controls on various roads in Aston Clinton. These parking controls were developed after concerns were raised relating to parked vehicles affecting visibility/vision splays in the vicinity of the Shell Garage on Aylesbury Road. The proposals have been amended based on the feedback received from residents and local people during the statutory consultation.

There were a total of 57 Responses received via Your Voice Bucks, email and letter.

The report is broken down into different stakeholders who left feedback in the statutory consultation, these are grouped as ‘residents’, ‘others’ and if applicable, ‘businesses/stakeholder groups’.

Residents – This refers to people who live on the affected road.

Others – This refers to people who do not live on the affected road, however they may use the road, have family who live on the road, or use a business on the road.

Businesses/stakeholder groups – This refers to businesses, groups or councillors/councils who have commented but they may not necessarily own a premises on the affected road. For example; they could be a Parish or Town Council, community group, school or other type of business/charity.

Any additional parking controls or proposals will be presented to the local councillors for future consideration.

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Total feedback	Objection	Full support	Part support	
57	33 (58%)	14 (25%)	10 (17%)	
Feedback received from residents	Objection	Full support	Part support	Summary of feedback
28	21	1	6	<p>Those who agreed or part agreed with the proposals also requested that the 'No Waiting at Any Time' parking controls be extended into Hyde Street as cars are blocking the entrance (resulting in motorists having to reverse onto Aylesbury Road into oncoming traffic); and that refuse vehicles are also experiencing access / egress issues. One resident suggested extending the proposals further westwards on Aylesbury Road. Those who part supported the proposals acknowledged that there is a visibility issue around Shell Garage, but did not agree with the extent of the proposals.</p> <p>There were a number of reasons why residents have objected to the proposals, the main issues which have been identified are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is already a lack of parking in the area for residents which has been made worse by recent housing development and local workers who park on the road – some residents would rather pay for parking permits or are in favour of removing the grass verges to create more parking. • Residents believe that parked cars act as natural traffic calming and reduce speeds along the road. Some residents suggested that speeding is a bigger issue than parking and suggested introducing traffic calming measures, additional speed cameras and a 20mph speed limit. • There is a concern that these proposals will result in parking displacement onto other roads which does not resolve the issue. • Some residents raised concerns about safety outside of the nearby school and would rather measures or controls be implemented there.

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Feedback from others	Objection	Full support	Part support	Summary of feedback
23	7	12	4	<p>Those who responded and support the restrictions have acknowledged that there is an issue with visibility around Shell Garage. One of the biggest concerns raised was regarding the enforcement of the restrictions. Comments have been noted that the current restrictions are not being enforced and that motorists are parking on the existing double yellow lines on junctions. There are concerns that even if the proposals are implemented, that they will not be enforced, and the problem will continue. Some of the comments received have suggested introducing 'No Waiting at Any Time' parking controls on Twitchell Lane and Green End Street (near Aston Clinton School) and also on The Spinney junction.</p> <p>Those who partly supported the proposals wanted a variety of different options including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extending the restrictions further up Brook Street due to cars parking on both sides of the road. • Reducing the double yellow lines so they cover the access of Shell Garage only but introduce restrictions on Twitchell Lane and Church Lane. • Concerns about people parking on the verges and would like that issue resolved. • A proposed reduction in the speed limit to 20mph <p>Although some recognised that there are visibility issues around Shell Garage, those that objected to the proposals, also advised that speeding is a bigger issue in the village and there are concerns about parking displacement and increased speeds if the natural traffic calming created by the parked cars was removed.</p>
Feedback from Businesses	Objection	Full support	Part support	Summary of feedback
6	5	1	0	<p>Concerns have been raised from various groups who use the Guide Hall regularly. The Guide Hall has been described as an important asset and there are concerns that by introducing these proposals, that the children who use the facility will not have an area where they can safely be picked up and dropped off. Concerns were also raised that if there is a lack of parking near to the facility, that volunteers and others using the Guide Hall will become reduced and the asset will no longer be used. Those who responded stated that the parking along the road currently reduces speeds and other proposals were put forward to introduce a 'pick up and drop off' area outside or near to the Guide Hall.</p> <p>Thames Valley Police stated that they do not have any objections to the proposals and there have been no recorded injury collisions for the five-year period 1/1/2018 – 31/12/2023.</p>

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Recommendation to parking group

All comments have been reviewed and considered and the recommendation is to proceed to implementation with amendments. The proposed restrictions are to be reduced to cover the Hyde Street, Parsley Close, London Road and Weston Road junctions; and the Shell Garage accesses on Aylesbury Road on safety grounds to protect resident and business' access and to support Highway Code rules. Overall, there is consensus that there are visibility issues exiting Shell Garage, however the amended proposals will not remove any safe parking, therefore ensuring parking is retained for residents, visitors and local amenities which was a large concern for many people who participated in the consultation.

There is already a scheme being consulted on which includes parking restrictions on Twitchell Lane and Church Lane, which is separate to this consultation and scheme, although it is likely that both schemes will be implemented together.

In regard to introducing more parking restrictions on Hyde Street, unfortunately due to the road being unadopted by Buckinghamshire Highways, we are unable to introduce parking restrictions on the road. The recommendation is to proceed with double yellow lines at Hyde Street junction on highway land only.

All comments regarding enforcement of existing double yellow lines have been passed to the Council's parking enforcement team. Please note that the existing restrictions are patrolled at different times on different days to ensure that no set pattern of enforcement can be established as these restrictions are in operation 365 days a year 24/7, it is not possible to provide an enforcement officer at all times, and officers will provide enforcement if vehicles are parked in contravention during the patrol of the location.

There were a number of requests for additional restrictions (including traffic calming measures, speed limit reduction, permit parking, extension of proposals and introduction of new parking controls) in this statutory consultation. However unfortunately, 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.