



Report to Leader (Logistics portfolio)

Decision Date: 20 July 2020

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Title: Parkway, Marlow – Waiting Restrictions and marked parking bays

Relevant councillor(s): Councillors: Suzanne Brown, David Johncock, John Savage, Richard Scott, David Watson

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Ward(s) affected: Flackwell Heath, Little Marlow & Marlow South East

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- a. The Cabinet Member authorises the making of the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) as set out in this report.
- b. Responders to the Statutory Consultation are informed of the Decision
- c. The waiting restrictions and the parking bays are implemented as advertised at statutory consultation between 20th September – 11th October 2019.

Reason for decision: To facilitate formalised parking along Parkway, this will deter illegally parked vehicles causing safety critical concerns.

Executive summary

- 1.1 A scheme to introduce formal parking areas and waiting restrictions on Parkway, Marlow has been proposed by Globe Business Park (GBP), who are also a business Improvement District (BID). GBP is underwriting the entire scheme from initiation to implementation.
- 1.2 The scheme involves the creation of a number of marked bays for parking together with no waiting at any time restrictions to enforce areas where parking is discouraged.

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- 1.3 This proposal has arisen as a consequence of the reported parking and access/egress issues hampering the current status of the business park and its potential growth.
- 1.4 Buckinghamshire Council is responsible for the highway network within its boundary; this includes the provision, management and enforcement of waiting restrictions.
- 1.5 The current vacancy rate on GBP accounts for some 35% of available stock on the business park with reports of prospective occupiers declining interest due to parking and congestion issues.
- 1.6 The success of GBP is absolutely critical to the economic prosperity of Marlow and the Thames Valley.
- 1.7 Compounding these issues are significant amounts of irresponsibly and illegally parked vehicles causing safety critical concerns. Some of the concerns raised are related to the reduced carriageway width available for use by emergency services and HGV's accessing the industrial areas.
- 1.8 Thames Valley Police has not responded to the proposals as advertised.

Other options considered

- 1.9 Not to proceed with the waiting restrictions TRO, this would not address the issues raised by Groundworks South for the area.
- 1.10 To partially implement the proposed restrictions along Parkway. This would not achieve the desired aim of controlling parking along Parkway and allowing traffic to pass and repass without the current difficulties.

It is therefore recommended to implement the waiting restrictions and parking bays as advertised.



Legal and financial implications

- 1.11 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) and the provision of suitable and adequate parking facilities on and off the highway.

Regulation 14 of the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 provides that an order making authority may modify an order, whether in consequence of any objection or otherwise, before it is made. However, before proceeding to make the modified order it must inform persons likely to be affected by the modifications, giving those persons an opportunity to make representations and ensuring that such representations are duly considered. In these instances, the respective councillors for the areas have been advised of the representations received and asked for feedback on the proposed recommended way forward in each case.

When the decision is taken and recommendations agreed, the TRO will be made, signed and brought into operation. The respondees to the consultation and persons likely to be affected will be informed of the decision made; and the representations considered.

- 1.12 The total scheme cost from design and consultation through to implementation is being funded by Globe Business Park and is intended to enhance the current appearance, attract more business opportunities and reduce their current vacancy rate.
- 1.13 Sufficient budget exists to implement the Traffic Regulation Order.

Corporate implications

- 1.14 No property implications have been identified.

Equality and Diversity Issues – Equality Act 2010. This proposal will not have any disproportionate effect upon people with protected characteristics. This scheme will introduce “No waiting at any time” except in signed bays restrictions which will allow enforcement across the whole width of the designated public highway when applied on both sides of the carriageway. This will discourage pavement parking as the waiting restrictions apply from highway boundary to highway boundary; and will facilitate ease of pedestrian access along the footways.

Any income from the existing Penalty Charge Notices (PCN) will be retained by Buckinghamshire Council and may be used, to fund and address future waiting restriction schemes and maintain existing signs and lines.

The cost associated with this scheme has been allocated within the agreed budget and sufficient remains to make the Traffic Regulation Order and implement the measures on the ground.

Any further reviews or waiting restrictions TRO would require a Project Initiation Document and further agree funding streams.

Consultation and communication

- 1.15 The Statutory Consultation was undertaken between Friday 20th September and Friday 11th October 2019. A summary of the feedback is shown in Appendix A.
- 1.16 The full written responses to the statutory consultation are contained in Appendix B. These have been reviewed and considered against the Statement of Reasons.
- 1.17 These written responses raised a number of comments and issues. These have been summarised as follows:
- a) Some respondents felt that there are no existing risks to road users as it is.
 - b) The proposed restrictions will significantly limit the availability of parking for staff at the Cliveden Manor Care Home.
 - c) The proposals do not address the issue of where the cars will be able to park after the restrictions are in place.
- 1.18 Taking all the feedback received during the consultation process and the overall aims for the scheme as requested by GBP. It is recommended that the phased approach be followed. The first phase of the scheme will introduce the formal parking bays and the no waiting at any time restrictions. These are all contained in the TRO and shown on the following map tiles.
- Parkway, Marlow (Map ref Area Code AB 90, AB 91, AB 92, AB 93, AB 94 & AA 94)
- 1.19 The area where the proposed TRO is situated is within the Flackwell Heath, Little Marlow & Marlow South East electoral division which is covered by the following councillors:
- Councillor David Watson
 - Councillor David Johncock

- Councillor John Savage
- Councillor Richard Scott
- Councillor Suzanne Brown

TfB invited all of the local members to provide a comment on the TRO proposals advertised at statutory consultation. We have received the following comments below:

Councillor David Watson has stated the following. "I fully support the proposals that have been put forward for Parkway, Marlow as a result of inconsiderately parked vehicles encroaching on nearby junctions causing safety critical concerns. The proposals will prohibit vehicles from parking on both sides of the carriageway which is currently proving problematic for the Marlow Fire Station. Moreover I believe the proposals will facilitate formalised parking along Parkway, subsequently aiding the Globe Business Park in reaching its economic potential".

Councillor David Johncock has stated the following "I totally agree with Cllr Watson that this is critical to help ensure the long-term economic vitality and prosperity of the Globe Business Park and I therefore support the proposal in principle. I am aware that parking generally in the business park is often in very short supply and that temporary permission has recently been given by (what was) Wycombe District Council to allow business park users to park at the Rugby Club. I am also aware that permission has also been given for a temporary car park to be established on Green Belt land between the business park and the Crown Plaza hotel. These interim measures clearly show that further longer-term solutions are needed for the business park and I strongly recommend that more permanent measures be implemented within the business park itself through the construction of a new multi-storey car park. Until this is done, there will be continued parking pressure on all the immediate roads in the area and we will simply have moved the congestion problem from the Parkway to other local residential streets. However, for the time being, I must support this proposal".

Councillor Richard Scott has stated the following "I too note the comments from Cllrs Johncock and Watson. Having been the District Ward member for many years, I am familiar with the history of and the issues concerning parking on Parkway. There is no doubt that parking needs to be restricted as the current indiscriminate parking is a serious problem to traffic flow. Unfortunately, despite some recent car parking provision, it is still not sufficient for business users of Globe park - thus, there will be displaced parking on to nearby residential roads".

2.0 All consultees and responders to the consultation will be contacted by either e-mail 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.

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Next steps and review

If implemented, the enforcement of the restrictions would provide ongoing monitoring of the scheme.

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Background papers

None

Appendix A: Summary of objections & Feedback, Parkway Marlow Waiting Restrictions

Appendix B: Responses to be Statutory Consultation Parkway Marlow Waiting Restrictions

Appendix C: Plans of Parkway Marlow Waiting Restrictions (Parking Traffic Regulation Order Tiles

Appendix D: Parkway, Statement of Reasons, Notices & Traffic Regulation Order

Links to current documentation

1. Parking Delivery Plan: <https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/transport-and-roads/parking/parking-delivery-plan/>
2. Parking Guide for Local Area Forum: <https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/transport-and-roads/parking/parking-guide-for-lafs/>

Your questions and views (for key decisions)

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 to 01296 382343 or email democracy@buckinghamshire.gov.uk