

TO: EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION

13th SEPTEMBER 2021

**WOODCOTE GREEN & OLD WOKINGHAM ROAD, CROWTHORNE – INTRODCUTION
OF PARKING RESTRICTIONS**

Executive Director: Places, Planning & Regeneration

1 PURPOSE OF DECISION

- 1.1 To consider the introduction of parking restrictions on Woodcote Green & Old Wokingham Road, Crowthorne

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 **That the formal objections received during the statutory consultation process and the corresponding Officer comments are noted;**
- 2.2 **That the position regarding local ward Members comments received during the informal consultation process is noted;**
- 2.2 **That the Borough Solicitor be authorised to bring the Woodcote Green & Old Wokingham Road, Crowthorne – Prohibition of Waiting Order into effect.**

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 To continue the Council's policy of introducing parking restrictions in locations where parked vehicles are causing safety and/or obstruction issues on the public highway.

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 Not to install the proposed parking restrictions - this would result in a continuation of safety and obstruction issues outlined in this report.

5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Background

- 5.1 During the first COVID lockdown period (March/April 2020) the Council received several complaints regarding overspill parking from Bucklers Forest car park. These complaints originated from the residents of the Woodcote Green and were all based around visitors to the SANG parking in the road and causing obstruction & safety issues. As the road had not been adopted the issues were taken up with the developers. The developers held a number of meetings with the residents and in conjunction with the Council parking restriction proposals were developed for Woodcote Green.
- 5.2 In addition to concerns raised by the residents of Woodcote Green, concerns had been raised by residents of Old Wokingham Road and Wokingham Borough Council regarding additional parking that was being observed on Old Wokingham Road in the

area adjacent to the junction with Woodcote Green. Further restrictions on Old Wokingham Road were added to the proposals and agreed with Wokingham Borough Council.

- 5.3 The waiting restriction proposals are shown on the attached plan in Annex A. Comments and/or objections received during the TRO consultation process, and the resultant Officer recommendations are detailed in Annex B.

Informal consultation

- 5.4 In accordance with the standard consultation process for transport schemes, informal comments are sought from local Ward Members at the early stage of scheme promotion. In this case, the speed limit proposals involved consultation with the Crowthorne ward members (Cllr T McKenzie-Boyle & Cllr B Wade) who both expressed support for the proposals.

Statutory consultation

- 5.6 The Statutory consultation process for Traffic Regulation Orders requires public advertisement through the placing of public notices within the local press and on-street. It is a requirement for the Council to consider any formal objections received within the statutory advertisement period of 21 days. Formal notification of the public advertisement is given to key stakeholders including local Ward Members, Town and Parish Councils, Thames Valley Police, and other affected parties.
- 5.7 Eleven responses to the proposals were received and are summarised on the attached 'Objections to Traffic Regulation Orders' table with corresponding Officer comments (Annex B).

6 ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS

Borough Solicitor

- 6.1 There are no specific legal implications arising from this report. The statutory consultation requirement has been complied with.

Borough Treasurer

- 6.2 The costs associated with the introduction of the parking restrictions will be met from the 2021/2022 Traffic Management revenue budget.

Equalities Impact Assessment

- 6.3 It is anticipated that the work resulting from this Order will have a positive road safety impact on the residents of both roads.

Strategic Risk Management Issues

- 6.4 None

7 CONSULTATION

- 7.1 The waiting restriction proposals has been subject to an informal and statutory consultation process in accordance with the agreed process for transport schemes.

Background Papers

None

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