

TO: EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION

16th October 2023

**INTRODUCTION AND REMOVAL OF PARKING RESTRICTIONS – VARIOUS
ROADS IN BINFIELD NORTH & WARFIELD WEST, CROWTHORNE, EASTHAMPSTEAD
& WILDRIDINGS, GREAT HOLLANDS AND HANWORTH**

Executive Director of Place, Planning & Regeneration

1 PURPOSE OF DECISION

- 1.1 To consider the introduction and removal of parking restrictions in various residential roads in Binfield North & Warfield West, Crowthorne, Easthampstead & Willdrings, Great Hollands and Hanworth

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;
- 2.3 That the Borough Solicitor be authorised to make the Traffic Regulation Order in relation to the proposals detailed on the following plan numbers:
- a) 5343/001 – Bembridge Court-Ravenswood Avenue (Annex A)
 - b) 5343/002 – Juniper (Annex A)
 - c) 5343/003 – Ringwood-Ringmead (Annex A)
 - d) 5343/004 – Watersplash Lane (Annex A)
 - e) 5343/005 – Bagshot Road (Annex A)
 - f) 5343/006 – The Splash (Annex A)

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 The advertised Traffic Regulation Order contained 6 separate parking restriction schemes. The background of each is outlined below.

a) Bembridge Court/Ravenswood Road junction, Crowthorne

Following comments received from local residents and Engineer observations it is proposed to introduce 'No waiting at any time' restrictions at the junction of Bembridge Court and Ravenswood Avenue.

Concerns were raised regarding vehicles parking to the south of the junction reducing the visibility for cars exiting Bembridge Court.

The advertised proposals are shown on the attached plan numbered 5343/001 (Annex A). No comments and/or objections received during the TRO consultation process.

b) Juniper, Bracknell

Following comments received from local residents and Engineer observations it is proposed to introduce 'No waiting at any time' restrictions at the end of the cul-de-sac section of Juniper adjacent to no. 172.

We have received complaints regarding parked vehicles blocking garage accesses. Currently there are advisory KEEP CLEAR markings but these are being continually ignored. Therefore it is proposed to place parking restrictions in place of the KEEP CLEAR markings which will be able to be enforced by the Council's Civil Enforcement Officers.

The advertised proposals are shown on the attached plan numbered 5343/002 (Annex A). Comments and/or objections received during the TRO consultation process, and the resultant Officer comments and recommendation are detailed in Annex B.

c) Ringwood/Ringmead junction, Bracknell

The Council have received concerns regarding parked vehicles at the junction of Ringwood & Ringmead. Site visits carried out by Council Engineers have confirmed the presence of vehicles parked to the west of the junction and that these are reducing the visibility for vehicles exiting Ringwood to the extent to warrant the introduction of parking restrictions.

The advertised proposals are shown on the attached plan numbered 5343/003 (Annex A). No comments and/or objections received during the TRO consultation process.

d) Watersplash Lane, Warfield

Following comments received from local residents and Engineer observations it is proposed to introduce 'No waiting at any time' restrictions in the turning in Watersplash Lane, Warfield.

Concerns were raised regarding vehicles parking in the turning area to the south of Marne Close. The turning area had been included in the development of 10 new houses on Watersplash Lane specifically due to concerns raised regarding the ability of refuse and recycling to be able to turn around. It has been confirmed that issues with parked vehicles have been reported by waste and recycling vehicle drivers.

Therefore, it is proposed to introduce double yellow lines to remove the obstructive parking in this area.

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The advertised proposals are shown on the attached plan numbered 5343/004 (Annex A). No comments and/or objections received during the TRO consultation process.

e) A322 Bagshot Road service road, Bracknell

The Council has been working with other agencies to remove and stop cars being sold on Council land and the highway on Bagshot Road service road. As part of this work it is proposed to install 'No waiting at any time' restrictions on the northern end of service road.

The advertised proposals are shown on the attached plan numbered 5343/005 (Annex A). No comments and/or objections received during the TRO consultation process.

f) Watersplash Lane/The Splash, Warfield

Following comments received from local residents and Engineer observations it is proposed to introduce 'No waiting at any time' restrictions at the end of Watersplash Lane at its junction with The Splash.

Concerns were raised regarding vehicles parking at the end of Watersplash Lane adjacent to the junction with The Splash and affecting the access and egress for residents of The Splash. The parking is predominantly related to school dropping off and picking up although vehicles have been reported as having parked outside school times. Site visits carried out by Council Engineers have confirmed the presence of vehicles parked in this area and the negative effect they are having on nearby residents.

Therefore, it is proposed to introduce double yellow lines to remove the obstructive parking in this area.

The advertised proposals are shown on the attached plan numbered 5343/002 (Annex A). Comments and/or objections received during the TRO consultation process, and the resultant Officer comments and recommendation are detailed in Annex B.

Informal consultation

- 5.5 In accordance with the standard consultation process for transport schemes, informal comments are sought from local Members, on proposals within their wards, at the early stage of scheme promotion. In this case, the proposals involved consultation with four Council Wards – Binfield North & Warfield West, Crowthorne, Easthampstead & Wildridings, Great Hollands and Hanworth. Of the fifteen Members consulted, eight confirmed their support of the proposals (Cllr T McKenzie-Boyle, Cllr N Robertson, Cllr S Collings, Cllr N Ejaz, Cllr G Webb, Cllr M Temperton, Cllr J Penfold & Cllr P Bidwell) and no response/comment was received from seven.

Statutory consultation

- 5.3 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.

- 5.4 The formal objections to each of the individual elements of the TRO are summarised on the attached 'Objections to Traffic Regulation Orders' tables, with corresponding Officer comments and the details of any revised proposals (Annex B).

6 ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS

Borough Solicitor

- 6.1 The purposes for which a Traffic Regulation Order can be made include (inter alia) "for avoiding danger to person or other traffic using the road or any other road or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising" and " for facilitating the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians)". If objections are received there is a discretion but not an obligation to hold a public inquiry into the proposed order". In these instances, the objections and the officer response set out the issues clearly so it is not considered that a public inquiry would be appropriate. The regulations relating to the making of Traffic Regulation Orders do permit an Order to be modified from that advertised, though if the modification is substantial further notification to permit further representations is required

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- 6.2 The parking restrictions can be introduced within the 2023/2024 Highway Engineering revenue programme budget.

Equalities Impact Assessment

- 6.3 The EIA screening results are attached to the report - a full EIA is not required at this time.

Strategic Risk Management Issues

- 6.4 None

Climate Change Implications

- 6.5 The recommendations in Section 2 are expected to lead to minimal decrease on emissions of CO₂.

The reason the Council believes that this will lead to a minimal decrease in CO₂ emissions is that the removal of obstructive or unsafe parking will lead to increased free flowing traffic conditions and less vehicle waiting time leading to reduced vehicle emissions & improved fuel efficiency.

Health & Wellbeing Considerations

- 6.6 The installation of parking restrictions to remove obstructive and unsafe parking can increase road safety and reduce driver anxiety and stress.

7 CONSULTATION

- 7.1 The scheme contained within the TRO has been subject to an informal and statutory consultation process in accordance with the agreed process for transport schemes.

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Background Papers

None

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