

Report to: Justin Bloomfield - Head of Parking

Date: 4th February 2022

Report of: Andrew Sturgeon – Senior Traffic Engineer

**THE BOROUGH OF WATFORD (VARIOUS ROADS, WATFORD)
(PROVISION OF WAITING RESTRICTIONS) ORDER 2022 &
THE BOROUGH OF WATFORD (WATFORD) (CONTROLLED PARKING ZONES)
(CONSOLIDATION) ORDER 2018 (AMENDMENT) (NO. 9) ORDER 2022**

1.0 SUMMARY

1.1 The purpose of this report is:

1.1.1 To inform the Head of Parking of the need to implement the proposal, which forms the subject of the above Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO).

1.1.2 To seek authorisation to publish “Notice of Proposals” and:

a) where no objections are received or where objections are subsequently withdrawn “Make” the TROs and implement the proposal and:

b)where objections are received and not subsequently withdrawn, report the details of the objections together with Officer’s recommendations so that further instructions can be obtained.

1.1.3 To seek authorisation to consult residents in the immediate vicinity of the proposal by means of a letter and plan drawing their attention to the published “Notice of Proposals” and explaining how they can obtain more details of the proposals and make representations should they wish. In addition to consult with statutory consultees, erect on street notices and advertise a Notice of Proposal in the Watford Observer.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 That the Head of Parking authorises all as described in paragraphs 1.1.2 and 1.1.3 above.

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3.0 DETAILED PROPOSALS

- 3.1 Requests for minor amendments to waiting restrictions received from residents and elected members across the borough have been collated into a “minor waiting restriction programme” for the year 2021/2022. Requests have been reviewed between officers and ward councillors during Autumn 2021 and those which were considered appropriate were taken forward to the informal consultation stage with residents. A total of 22 schemes were proposed across 7 different wards.
- 3.2 The informal consultation stage involved sending letters to residents and businesses which set out the justification of the restrictions along with a plan showing the proposals. The informal consultation took place between 29th November and 20th December 2021.
- 3.3 All comments received from residents and businesses, following the informal consultations were subsequently shared with ward councillors, along with officer recommendations and comments.
- 3.4 Ward councillors have agreed not to proceed to statutory consultation on four of the proposals as there was no majority support from residents in these areas for proposed changes. Of the remaining eighteen schemes, ward councillors requested minor modifications on 2 of the proposals, and were content to proceed to statutory consultation, as per the proposals shared during the informal consultation for the remaining sixteen. Table 1 sets out proposals which were informally consulted on and recommendations following receipt of comments.

Table 1: List of Proposals and Recommendations of actions.

<u>Road (Ward)</u> <u>Proposed Restrictions</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>
<u>Estcourt Road (Central)</u> Replace No Waiting At Any Time with extension of permit bay for 10metres and No Waiting & No Loading At Any Time	Proceed to statutory consultation
<u>Loates Lane (Central)</u> Introduce No Loading At Any Time on existing No Waiting At Any Time	Proceed to statutory consultation
<u>Queens Road (Central)</u> Introduce No Loading At Any Time on existing No Waiting At Any Time opposite junction	Proceed to statutory consultation
<u>Orphanage Road (Central)</u> Introduce No Loading At Any Time on existing No Waiting At Any Time on north side of road	Proceed to statutory consultation
<u>Cross Street (Central)</u> Convert 10 metres of No Waiting At Any Time to No Waiting Mon-Sat 8am-6.30pm	Proceed to statutory consultation
<u>St Marys Rd junction with Merton Rd (Central)</u> Convert No Waiting Mon-Sat 8am-6.30pm around junction to No Waiting At Any Time	To remove from programme and not to proceed any further with proposal.

<u>The Roundway (Holywell)</u> Remove 25 metre section of No Waiting Sat-Sun 10am to 5pm.	Proceed to statutory consultation
<u>Beechwood Rise/Middle Way (Leggatts)</u> Extend No Waiting At Any Time around junction	Extend the proposals shared during informal consultation to include an additional 10 metres of no waiting at any time on Beechwood Rise either side of the junction with Middle Way and to proceed to statutory consultation on that basis.
<u>Maple Grove (Nascot)</u> Introduction of No Waiting Monday to Friday 10am-Noon	To remove from programme and not to proceed any further with proposal.
<u>Baytree Walk & Nascot Wood Rd (Nascot)</u> Extend No Waiting At Any Time on south east side of Baytree Walk and convert No Waiting Mon-Fri 8.30-10am and 2.30-4pm on Nascot Wood Road to No Waiting At Any Time	Proceed to statutory consultation
<u>Tunnel Wood Road (Nascot)</u> Extend No Waiting At Any Time on south east side of Tunnel Wood Road	Proceed to statutory consultation
<u>Bromet Close (Nascot)</u> Introduce No Waiting At Any Time around junction with Hempstead Road	Proceed to statutory consultation
<u>Gullett Wood Road (Stanborough)</u> Introduce No Waiting At Any Time on North Side in the interests of road safety.	Proceed to statutory consultation
<u>Spring Gardens junction With St Albans Road (Stanborough)</u> Introduce No Waiting At Any Time around junction.	Proceed to statutory consultation
<u>Holland Gardens junction With St Albans Road (Stanborough)</u> Introduce No Waiting At Any Time around junction.	To reduce No Waiting At Any Time on west side of St Albans Rd north of Holland Gardens by 5 metres and to proceed to statutory consultation on that basis.
<u>Farraline Road (Vicarage)</u> Amend Single Yellow Line to Double Yellow Line in Layby Indent to enable access for business premises and loading/unloading.	Proceed to statutory consultation
<u>Newlands Walk (Woodside)</u> Introduce 5 metres of No Waiting At Any Time	Proceed to statutory consultation
<u>Farmers Close (Woodside)</u> Introduce No Waiting At Any Time within turning head	To remove from programme and not proceed.
<u>Ganders Ash/High Road (Woodside)</u> Extend No Waiting At Any Time at Junction	Proceed to statutory consultation
<u>Forest Road/Haines Way (Woodside)</u>	Proceed to statutory consultation

Extend No Waiting At Any Time at Junction <u>High Road/Trident Road (Woodside)</u>	Proceed to statutory consultation
Extend No Waiting At Any Time at Junction <u>Foxlands Close (Woodside)</u>	
Introduce No Waiting At Any Time on North Side	To remove from programme and not to proceed any further with proposal.

3.5 As can be seen from Table 1 the majority of the schemes are based around implementation and amendment of No Waiting at Any Time proposals, and these would be covered in a “Various Roads Order 2022” Traffic Regulation Order. Six of the proposals (Five in Central and 1 in Vicarage) are within Controlled Parking Zone Areas, and therefore would be covered in a CPZ Amendment Order. A copy of the Draft TROs is shown in **Annex A**.

4.0 **IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 **Financial**

4.1.1 The cost of the schemes is estimated at £2,500 for the legal advertising. Should there be no objections and the schemes implemented a cost of £4,500 is allocated for Signing & Lining Works.

4.1.2 It has been confirmed there is a sufficient budget in BEA004 B0908

4.2 **Legal Issues** (Monitoring Officer)

4.2.1 Watford Borough Council has been given delegated authority to make traffic regulation orders and implement proposals to manage parking on public highways and other roads, pursuant to arrangements made under Section 19 of the Local Government Act 2000 and the Local Government (Arrangement for discharge of Functions) (England) Regulations 2012 with Hertfordshire County Council, and is exercising the powers conferred on it under Section 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (which said Act of 1984 is hereinafter referred to as “the 1984 Act”) and of all other enabling powers.

4.3 **Equalities**

4.3.1 This scheme aims to improve road safety and amenity for vehicles and pedestrians, thus paying regard to the council’s duty according to the Equality Act 2010 as set out below.

Under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010, the ‘general duty’ on public authorities is set out as follows:

A public authority must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to -

- eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act;

- advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;
- foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it

4.3.2 A Draft Equalities Impact Assessment is attached in **Annex B**, this concluded that any impact as a result of the proposals being implemented would adversely or positively affect certain groups.

4.3.4 No issues have been raised during the informal consultation process. Should the council be made aware through the statutory consultation process of any impact on specific groups, a review of the Equalities Impact Assessment will take place.

5.0 Potential Risks

5.1	Potential Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Overall score
	Some members of the public/businesses will perceive on-street parking controls as an unnecessary imposition by the Council.	2	1	3
	Failure to implement new parking controls will lead to continued complaints from the public and residents in regard to road safety. issues leading to reputational damage to the council	1	2	3

Background Papers

Annex A: Draft Traffic Regulation Orders

Annex B: Draft Equality Impact Assessment

NOTIFICATION OF OFFICER DECISION

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Name of Officer exercising delegated authority:

Justin Bloomfield, Head of Parking



Signature:

Date: ...03/02/2022.....