



## Report to Leader (Transport portfolio)

<b>Decision Date:</b>	8 October 2021
<b>Reference number:</b>	TR19.21
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Lacey Green Waiting Restrictions</b>
<b>Relevant Cabinet Member(s):</b>	Councillor Steve Broadbent
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<b>Ward(s) affected:</b>	Ridgeway West;
<b>Recommendations:</b>	<b>Recommendation to implement the waiting restrictions as they were advertised and proposed in the Statutory Consultation.</b>
<b>Reason for decision:</b>	The restrictions are to be implemented as per Highway Code Rule 243 on safety grounds. This includes, DO NOT stop or park <i>'anywhere you would prevent access for Emergency Services' &amp; 'opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space', 'on a bend' 'except when forced to do so by stationary traffic.'</i>

### 1. Content of report

Transport for Buckinghamshire have been asked to review the current parking restrictions on Main Road, Lacey Green. It has been suggested that parking in and around the junctions off Main Road have been causing access and egress issues for residents and other vehicular services. An Informal Consultation was held and the results from that formed the proposals to be put forward during the Statutory Consultation for Lacey Green.

As part of this consultation, proposals to add double yellow lines at some of the problem junctions on Main Road were consulted on. Proposals to formalise the school keep clear markings and bus stop on Main Road were also consulted on during this Statutory Consultation.

## **2. Other options considered**

- 2.1 More extensive waiting restrictions were considered and proposed during the Informal Consultation stage. The responses received during the Informal Consultation supported less restrictions. This was reflected during the Statutory Consultation where the waiting restrictions proposed were scaled down from those proposed during the Informal Consultation.

## **3. Legal and financial implications**

- 3.1 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.
- 3.2 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

## **4. Local councillors & community boards consultation & views**

- 4.1 Both the Informal Consultation and the Statutory Consultation were formulated and undertaken with assistance and advice from the relevant local members and Parish Council. Upon conclusion of the Statutory Consultation the data was shared with members and the recommendation was made based on the responses from the consultation and members. The Local Planning Authority also responded to the Statutory Consultation and were in favour of the waiting restriction proposals put forward.

## **5. Communication, engagement & further consultation**

- 5.1 The Informal Consultation with regards to waiting restrictions in the Lacey Green area was held 15<sup>th</sup> February 2020 to 14<sup>th</sup> March 2020. The responses from this consultation were collated and analysed, the proposals were then scaled back to reflect the responses received during the Informal Consultation. The amended proposals were then put to Statutory Consultation held between 18<sup>th</sup> June and 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021.
- 5.2 Responses to the consultation were received in written format via letter, email and online survey responses.
- 5.3 In total **76** responses were received from the Statutory Consultation via the methods listed above.
- 5.4 Of the responses received, 32 were in favour of the proposals put forward during the Statutory Consultation. In summary the comments in favour of the proposals cited the parking issues currently experienced especially around the school drop off and pick up times. Some stated that this may be the only solution to remedy the parking issues on Main Road. There were comments in favour of the restrictions proposed but there were additional comments where they wanted to ensure that any restrictions implemented would be enforced.
- 5.5 38 responses were against the proposals put forward during the Statutory Consultation. In summary, many comments were stating that the proposals will not remedy the parking issue and will just 'move it down the road'. There were comments believing that additional double yellow lines would ruin the aesthetic of the village. There were also comments stating that the removal of parking on Main Road will increase the traffic speed as there would be less obstruction to do so.
- 5.6 6 responses were non-committal where they weren't sure whether they supported the waiting restriction proposals. These 6 responses did not have further comments providing an explanation for their non-committal response.

## **6. Next steps and review**

- 6.1 All consultees and responders to the statutory consultation will be contacted by either email 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.

6.2 ,A Traffic Regulation Order giving effect to the Decision will be made and brought into effect. TThe enforcement of the restrictions would provide ongoing monitoring of the scheme.

## **7. Background papers**

7.1 The Statutory Consultation details with the statutory documentation can be found online using this link:

<https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com/roads-parking/laceygreen2021>

7.2 Appendix A – Mapping Tiles

Appendix B – Emailed and written responses

Appendix C – Online Responses

Appendix D – Consultation Letter

Appendix E – Amendment Order

Appendix F – Statement of Reasons

## **8. Your questions and views (for key decisions)**

8.1 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 01296 382343 or email [democracy@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:democracy@buckinghamshire.gov.uk).