

OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (ELMBRIDGE)

WALTON PROPOSED CONTROLLED PARKING SCHEME: CONSIDERATION OF FORMAL OBJECTIONS ANNEX A – OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

7 DECEMBER 2009

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This Annex should be read in conjunction with the main report.
- 1.2 This Annex contains a summary of the comments made in each objection. For each comment the Officers response has been detailed alongside.

2 ANALYSIS

- 2.1 There are 35 objections to the scheme.
- 2.2 These have been listed in the Annex by road. A summary response has been included with each objection and a recommendation on how to proceed, taking the objection and response into consideration.

3 OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 That the proposals are implemented as advertised subject to the amendments recommended in this Annex.

Objection no.	Location	Objection	Response	Recommendation
1	High Street	There are a number of retail and food outlets which will require deliveries and it is unclear how these premises are to be adequately serviced under the proposals.	There are 2 dedicated goods vehicle only loading bays, one on the High Street itself and one just off it, at the end of Churchfield Road, which are designed to primarily serve the loading/unloading needs of the northern end of the High Street, where planned environmental works will reduce the capacity for any other loading space to be available.	Implement as advertised.
2	Bowes Road	only has the yellow lines around junctions now not by the humps as originally	compromised by not having the double yellow lines by the traffic calming humps and bollards.	Only implement double yellow lines at junctions with other roads, to improve sight lines, visibility and safety at junctions, but do not install them elsewhere.
3	Bowes Road	for over twenty years and do not want to	compromised by not having the double yellow lines by the traffic calming humps and bollards.	Only implement double yellow lines at junctions with other roads, to improve sight lines, visibility and safety at junctions, but do not install them elsewhere.

		neither shoppers nor commuters parking in our road.		
4	Bowes Road	this period of time I have noticed an	compromised by not having the double yellow lines by the traffic calming humps and bollards.	Only implement double yellow lines at junctions with other roads, to improve sight lines, visibility and safety at junctions, but do not install them elsewhere.
5	Bowes Road	terms to the unwanted and absolutely un- required parking restrictions that are proposed for Bowes Rd in Walton-on- Thames. Further to the objections placed	compromised by not having the double yellow	Only implement double yellow lines at junctions with other roads, to improve sight lines, visibility and safety at junctions, but do not install them elsewhere.

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		do not currently have a parking problem. With the addition of these lines the quality and character and ease of use of our road will be severely disrupted for a poorer quality of living and enjoyment of the character of our town. We do not require or want yellow lines in Bowes rd. Yellow lines in Bowes road is a waste of resources.		
6	Bowes Road	yellow line outside my house. As it is I have bollard and I do not want them. I need to park outside my house and this	It appears that road safety would not be unduly compromised by not having the double yellow lines by the traffic calming humps and bollards. Closing the road or restricting its use is not a matter for consideration at this time.	Only implement double yellow lines at junctions with other roads, to improve sight lines, visibility and safety at junctions, but do not install them elsewhere.
7	Bowes Road	to the zones neighbouring the existing	It appears that road safety would not be unduly compromised by not having the double yellow lines by the traffic calming humps and bollards.	Only implement double yellow lines at junctions with other roads, to improve sight lines, visibility and safety at junctions, but do not install them elsewhere.

		current proposed scheme and take into consideration our alternative suggestion.		
8	Bowes Road	terms to the unwanted and absolutely unrequired parking restrictions that are proposed for Bowes Rd. I understand that we are to have numerous	compromised by not having the double yellow lines by the traffic calming humps and bollards.	Only implement double yellow lines at junctions with other roads, to improve sight lines, visibility and safety at junctions, but do not install them elsewhere.

9	Bowes Road	We are writting this note in response to the proposed changes regarding the double yellow restrictions along Bowes Rd at Walton On Thames. We are basically against this proposal for the following reasons: 1. The monetary value of the houses along Bowes Rd will be significantly dropped. 2. We also believe that the sense of the current community's lifestyle will disappear if this proposal goes ahead. Again, we would like to keep Bowes Rd as is, i.e. a community road with unrestricted parking	compromised by not having the double yellow lines by the traffic calming humps and bollards.	Only implement double yellow lines at junctions with other roads, to improve sight lines, visibility and safety at junctions, but do not install them elsewhere.
10	Bowes Road	As residents of Bowes Rd we object strongly to the proposal to restrict parking	compromised by not having the double yellow lines by the traffic calming humps and bollards. Reduced width yellow lines are only considered for use in conservation areas.	Only implement double yellow lines at junctions with other roads, to improve sight lines, visibility and safety at junctions, but do not install them elsewhere.

	Midway, but please would you reduce the width of the stripes to half the norm? - in keeping with the neighbourhood.		
	reasons: For many years Bowes Road	compromised by not having the double yellow lines by the traffic calming humps and bollards.	Only implement double yellow lines at junctions with other roads, to improve sight lines, visibility and safety at junctions, but do not install them elsewhere.

		account the above, the strongly and sincerely held concerns of a mother, and revises these proposals.		
12	Bowes Road	I understand that it is proposed to put parking restrictions down Bowes Road. We already have the misfortune of having a speed hump outside our house. This causes noise and inconvenience to any visitors who wish to park near our house. The idea of also having yellow lines is ridiculous and I wish to register our opposition. Please make sure this is recorded and communicated to those who make the final decision	compromised by not having the double yellow lines by the traffic calming humps and bollards.	Only implement double yellow lines at junctions with other roads, to improve sight lines, visibility and safety at junctions, but do not install them elsewhere.
13	Bowes Road	double yellow lines near to the bollards in	compromised by not having the double yellow lines by the traffic calming humps and bollards.	Only implement double yellow lines at junctions with other roads, to improve sight lines, visibility and safety at junctions, but do not install them elsewhere.

14	Bowes Road	proposed for Bowes Road. I request	It appears that road safety would not be unduly compromised by not having the double yellow lines by the traffic calming humps and bollards.	Only implement double yellow lines at junctions with other roads, to improve sight lines, visibility and safety at junctions, but do not install them elsewhere.
15	Bowes Road	marking of yellow lines in Bowes Road. It	It appears that road safety would not be unduly compromised by not having the double yellow lines by the traffic calming humps and bollards.	Only implement double yellow lines at junctions with other roads, to improve sight lines, visibility and safety at junctions, but do not install them elsewhere.

		There are many people in Walton in the same situation. If we need the yellow lines because of the futile bollards, then they should go. I am not averse to yellow lines at the junctions, each end, as this would improve safety		
16	Bowes Road	I have been informed by a neighbour that there are plans to put double yellow lines down Bowes Road, which I would find very inconvenient because I do not have off street parking. Please can I register my objection to any parking restrictions being applied on either Bowes Road or Crutchfield Lane?	It appears that road safety would not be unduly compromised by not having the double yellow lines by the traffic calming humps and bollards.	Only implement double yellow lines at junctions with other roads, to improve sight lines, visibility and safety at junctions, but do not install them elsewhere.

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17	Manor Road	I am a resident of Manor Road and head		Remove double yellow lines
		up the interests of the Residents	for safety reasons, however there is scope to	from opposite Sullivan's Reach
		Association. I note that the proposed	take some more small sections out, without	spur and from opposite
		amount of additional yellow lines in Manor	unduly compromising road safety.	Bishop's Hill, except outside no.
		Road is on a very large scale, much		69. Remove double yellow lines
		larger than we had anticipated. We feel		from south side of Manor Road
		that this amount of additional lining and		between its junctions with
		restrictions will be disruptive because of		Berkeley Gardens and with
		the amount of long term parking that will		Thames Street.
		be taken away from the residents. Whilst		
		none of us would object to anything which		
		promotes road safety (and this is a		
		dangerous road) we feel that the		
		additional lines are way over the top		
		especially at the junctions of Stonebanks,		
		Sullivans Reach, near the Swan and the		
		junctions at Thames Street and Bridge		
		Street and in Bridge Street itself. There		
		are 47 properties in Manor Road with no		
		off street parking facilities whatsoever,		
		and if this increase of restrictive lines is		
		put into place there will be insufficient		
		parking places for the Residents. This will		
		obviously cause friction with the residents		
		to say nothing of what it will do to the Pub		
		and Leisure Trade. I wish therefore to		
		register my strong objection with you to		
		the revised plans as they currently stand.		

18	Manor Road	I am writing to strongly object to the	The yellow lines were proposed in Manor Road	Remove double yellow lines
		introduction of yellow lines in Manor	for safety reasons, however there is scope to	from opposite Sullivan's Reach
		Road. Manor Road has never had a	take some more small sections out, without	spur and from opposite
		problem with parking and the yellow lines	unduly compromising road safety.	Bishop's Hill, except outside no.
		will only make the problem worse.		69. Remove double yellow lines
		Although the yellow lines on both sides of		from south side of Manor Road
		the road at various junctions could provide		between its junctions with
		better visibility, it will also make the road		Berkeley Gardens and with
		more dangerous. Manor Road is used as		Thames Street.
		a 'rat run' during rush hour but most cars		
		are forced to drive carefully because of		
		cars parked on one or both sides of the		
		road. Introducing yellow lines will make		
		driving easier and therefore faster, which		
		will increase the danger, especially to		
		pedestrians. Furthermore there are 3		
		pubs in Manor Road and even when the		
		pubs are busy, the road can cope with the		
		volume of traffic and still allow parking for		
		residents. The yellow lines will cut the		
		number of spaces available. I have never		
		had parking issues in Manor Road and wish the road to remain free of		
		restrictions.		
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19	Manor Road	Road. Manor Road has never had a	for safety reasons, however there is scope to take some more small sections out, without unduly compromising road safety.	Remove double yellow lines from opposite Sullivan's Reach spur and from opposite Bishop's Hill, except outside no. 69. Remove double yellow lines from south side of Manor Road between its junctions with Berkeley Gardens and with Thames Street.
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20	Bridge Street	A number of areas where parking is	The introduction of limited waiting parking bays	Do not implement the limited
		currently uncontrolled are being turned	was designed to a turnover of vehicles parking	waiting bay on the southern
		into short term controlled parking, which	and using the local shops.	side of Bridge Steret between
		reduces the spaces versatility, as it can		its junction with Hepworth Way
		no longer be used by residents or shop		and Manor Road or the limited
		workers to park all day, but only by		waiting bays outside Orchard
		shoppers for a short while. This will		Court but leave those stretches
		remove about 85 long term spaces and		of road unrestricted.
		replace them with short term ones. This		
		will increase the difficulties faced by shop		
		workers looking for somewhere affordable		
		to park and reduce the stock of spaces		
		available to residents. This element of the		
		scheme should be dropped. When the		
		scheme was considered by the Local		
		Committee in September, it was resolved		
		that "parking controls are progressed as		
		consulted only in those roads where		
		reposnses indicate that a majority of		
		residents are in favour". The results for		
		Stompond Lane, Bridge Street and Ashley	,	
		Road showed more "other" responses		
		than "support scheme" responses. In		
		addition a petition was opresented to the		
		committee in September with 16		
		signatories from 11 dwellings in Bridge		
		Street, and it is clear that all these people		
		were opposed to changes to parking		
		retrictions in Bridge Street. Taking all this		
		into account, I cannot see how the		
		changes for any of hte above threee		
		roads can be legitimately progressed.		

21	Bridge Street	its junction with Hepworth Way and	The introduction of limited waiting parking bays was designed to a turnover of vehicles parking and using the local shops.	Do not implement the limited waiting bay on the southern side of Bridge Steret between its junction with Hepworth Way and Manor Road or the limited waiting bays outside Orchard Court but leave those stretches of road unrestricted.
22	Bridge Street		The introduction of limited waiting parking bays was designed to a turnover of vehicles parking and using the local shops.	Do not implement the limited waiting bay on the southern side of Bridge Steret between its junction with Hepworth Way and Manor Road or the limited waiting bays outside Orchard Court but leave those stretches of road unrestricted.

		on Saturday and Sunday will be a nightmare and completely unworkable. The introduction of residents permits in Bridge Street, combined with the short stay parking would work. The council has to be realistic about the number of cars on street and the number of residents per dwelling. Orchard Court has no designated parking for its flats. I object to this scheme as it stands because it gives no solution to the residents who are car owners but will not be able to park for more than one hour in the street where they live, and have no where else to park.		
23	Bridge Street		was designed to a turnover of vehicles parking and using the local shops.	Do not implement the limited waiting bay on the southern side of Bridge Steret between its junction with Hepworth Way and Manor Road or the limited waiting bays outside Orchard Court but leave those stretches of road unrestricted.
24	Esher Avenue	Avenue I cannot see the logic of putting no parking lines around this end of Esher	sac in order to assist one of the residents exiting his drive. However it is not necessary to have yellow lines in the whole of the cul-de-sac to serve this purpose.	Do not implement the double yellow lines except across the end of the cul-de-sac and for a length of 5 metres from the end wall in front of no. 28 in order to maintain a turning circle.

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25	waiting on the junctions in Esher Avenue,	Do not implement the double yellow lines except across the end of the cul-de-sac and for a length of 5 metres from the end wall in front of no. 28 in order to maintain a turning circle.
26	There are no parking issues in this bit of	Do not implement the double yellow lines except across the end of the cul-de-sac and for a length of 5 metres from the end wall in front of no. 28 in order to maintain a turning circle.

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27	the south side of Stompond Lane between its junctions with The Links and Ashley Road will only have a waiting restriction from Monday to Friday between 9am and 5pm. This stretch of road is not wide enough to allow waiting at any time and there can be no practical scope for easing the double yellow line restrictions currently in force on both sides of the road.	Lane. Although this did not have wide support it was felt that a part time waiting restriction (from 10am - 11am on Monday to Saturday) could be applied in part of the road to deter commuter parking and so make the road more accessible to residents. There is always the possibility of migration of parking if new restrictions are introduced, which is why parking controls and restrictions are kept	
28	arbitrary and does not take account of the wishes of residents, the natue of the road and the fact that the parking problems are	summer.	residents permit scheme in Red House Lane. Do not implement

	in a worse position than at present.		
29 Red Ho	I am writing out of concern that we will not be permitted to buy a resident's permit for our road. We regularly have groups of visitors and often put our car in the road so that they can park in the drive. If we cannot do this the 30 visitors permits available to us would soon be used up. Visitors will then have to park in Hersham or Ashley Road. I would rather it was a free for all as it is now, at least we would have the road for visitors at weekends. Could Sundays be unrestricted at least? feel that you are favouring the dentist and the shoppers at the expense of the residents. Perhaps the shared use bays could be for residents only at the weekends, so we have somewhere for our guests at weekends. We went to the trouble and expense of converting our garden into parking for family cars and are now being penalised for doing this because we have off street parking. Please think again about these restrictions. The main problem is pavement parking. If that can be stopped	standard county allocation. The restrictions on the numbers of residents permits and visitors permits was made clear at the time of the public exhibitions of the original proposals in the summer. In order to help deter parking on the pavement, the daytime restriction should be implemented.	residents permit scheme in Red House Lane. Do not implement

	it would be much better. I would rather opt out and go for a free for all.		
30	the road. Opposite there are often cars parked on or near the apex, reducing the road to a single carriageway, and seriously obscuring the view of the road ans cars coming the other way. This presents a safety hazard, particularly when turning in to my driveway, so the proposed restriction should be extended to 24 hours covering the bend in the road.	the numbers of residents permits and visitors permits was made clear at the time of the public exhibitions of the original proposals in the summer.	residents permit scheme in Red House Lane. Do not implement

		that we cannot have a permit because we have off street parking. Can this be resolved? I have discussed these points with my immediate neighbours. They agree and are joint signatories. [Letter signed by 3 residents]		
31			The yellow lines are a road safety feature to improve sightlines, and do not cover the whole part of this road.	Implement as advertised.
32	Bridge Street	With regard to the new parking spaces outside 45 Bridge Street, the house at this address is immediately adjacent to the side of the road and about a metre below street level. A car parking in the proposed new bay would be outside the living room window and so would block light and take away privacy. Also a car parking outside the front door would impede access to the house when people are getting in or out of the car. It is for these reasons that we object strongly to the proposed parking spaces.		Do not implement new bays but leave exisiting restriction.

33		proposed scheme will create great parking difficulties in Winchester Road. If it were to be implemented I would undoubtedly find it difficult to park reasonably near my house because of vehicles unable to find space in alternative areas of controlled parking. Please do not go ahead with the scheme.	The proposed scheme has been significantly reduced from the original proposal, and so the impacts on unrestricted roads should be reduced. There is however the possibility of migration of parking if new restrictions are introduced, which is why parking controls and restrictions are kept under review.	Implement scheme as recommended in this report.
34	Manor Road	move. I was furious at the proposal to	A considerable amount of the proposals for Manor Road have been discarded. It may be possible to investigate converting the bay in Bishop's Hill to public parking, but it will depend on the status of the land.	Implement scheme as recommended in this report.

35	Betley Court	The slip road in front of Betley Court is		If the slip road is on private
		private land.	,	land, leave it out of the
				proposed scheme. If it is part of
				the highway, implement as
				advertised.