

Agenda Item and Resolution for Full Council 13th May 2024

Parking Restrictions

A consultation on a number of proposed changes and additions to parking restrictions in Goring was run by Oxfordshire County Council as the Highway Authority and has recently closed. Responses to the consultation are being considered and officers of the Council will be making recommendations to the County Council's Cabinet Member for Highway Management later this month.

A meeting was held on 1st May between the Traffic Management, Parking and Pedestrian Safety Committee and the senior officer responsible for the consultation and for drafting the necessary Traffic Regulation Orders. Councillors had previously received e-mails and a petition voicing strong objections to the proposed changes to Glebe Ride, affecting the residents of The Birches.

Currently there are stretches of double yellow lines at either end of Glebe Ride and a middle section where there are no restrictions allowing unrestricted parking. The proposal was to replace the double yellow lines between the junctions at either end of the road with white parking spaces limiting waiting to 2 hours between 8am and 6pm Monday to Friday, there would be a new stretch of double yellow lines to prevent parking opposite the entrance to The Birches.

While the intention behind the change was to limit parking by commuters and to provide space for residents and people using local businesses, the responses to the consultation show that parking on Glebe Ride is extensively used for all day parking by residents of The Birches. Many residents have more than one car and, while there are garages on the estate, they are too small for modern cars.

The Committee accepted the concerns of the residents of The Birches and at the meeting asked the County Council officer that he should recommend to the responsible Cabinet member that, apart from double yellow lines at the junctions of Glebe Ride with Thames Road and Cleeve Road for safety reasons, and the introduction of double yellow lines immediately opposite the entrance to The Birches, there should be no restrictions on Glebe Ride. Residents would then continue to have access to unrestricted parking spaces and the overall effect of the change would be to increase the number of unrestricted spaces by ten, compared to what is now available.

At this stage it is for the County Council officer to decide on his recommendations and the decision rests ultimately with the County Council's Cabinet Member for Highway Management.

Resolution:

That the Council endorses the Transport Management, Parking and Pedestrian Safety Committee's amendments to the proposals for changes to parking restrictions in Glebe Ride to the effect that, apart from double yellow lines at the junctions of Glebe Ride with Thames Road and Cleeve Road for safety reasons, and the introduction of double yellow lines immediately opposite the entrance to The Birches, there should be no parking restrictions on Glebe Ride.