

STATEMENT OF REASONS

Proposed Waiting, Permit Holder/Limited Waiting, Loading Only & Disabled Badge Holder Restrictions – Various Roads, Town of Lechlade-on-Thames, Gloucestershire

Proposals

This is a proposal:

- To introduce additional No Waiting at Any Time (Double Yellow Line) restrictions.
- To formalise the existing advisory Disabled Badge Holder Only Bays in the Market Place.
- Realign the layout of the existing Limited Waiting 2 Hours No Return 2 Hours Bays in the on-street car park in the Market Place.
- To remove the keep clear markings on Burford Street & Oak Street and replace them with shared use Permit Holder/Limited Waiting Bays.
- To formalise the description and wording of existing shared use Permit Holder/Limited Waiting restrictions on Burford Street & Oak Street.

Reasons

The No Waiting at Any Time (Double Yellow Line) restrictions are proposed to prevent parking where it causes obstruction to access or the road in general. These restrictions would also supplement Rule 243 of the highway code (no parking within 10 metres of or opposite a junction).

On Burford Street and Oak Street, the restrictions are proposed to formalise the shared use limited waiting and permit holder bays, as well as to maximise the on-street space available for parking. The existing restrictions are proposed to be revoked and repropose with a new description in order to make the restriction clearer to all road users and will be aided by new signage at the works stage of the TRO process (if successful). There will be no material change to the shared use limited waiting and permit holder bays restrictions and the impact it has on road users.

The proposed restrictions on St John's Street aim to prevent inconsiderate and inappropriate parking, including double parking and parking close to the junction with the A417. These measures are intended to improve road safety and overall amenity. Additionally, the restrictions will prevent parking that obstructs large vehicles (including emergency service vehicles) and cyclists, as well as parking that affects sight lines.

At the Market Place, the restrictions are proposed to formalise the existing disabled badge holder bays and to provide a designated route for disabled badge holders to access the existing dropped kerb, in order to cross the road to utilise the town facilities.

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

The specific grounds with which the County Council are using for the implementation of the proposed scheme as above are encompassed in the following sections of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 for making a Traffic Regulation Order:

- Section 1 (a) For avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road or any other road or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising.
- Section 1 (c) For facilitating the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians).
- Section 1 (f) for preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the road runs.

Thorough consideration was given to the factors set out in Section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 in proposing this Traffic Regulation Order.

Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016 and Traffic Signs Manual

All of the associated signing and lining will be in accordance with the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016 and Traffic Signs Manual Chapters 3 and 5.

Equality Act 2010

Thorough consideration was given to the equalities duty of the County Council under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010.

Residents and Statutory Consultations

A resident/business consultation process has been carried out whereby a letter and plan were delivered to residents/businesses directly affected by the proposals. Comments received during the consultation were considered and, where deemed appropriate, the proposals were amended.

Consultation has also been carried out with Statutory Consultees, including The Police, Emergency Services, Freight Transport Association, Road Haulage Association and the local County Councillor. No objections have been raised.

Modification

In response to representations received during the Notice of Proposal (Public Consultation) period between 17th April 2025 and 9th May 2025, the extent of the proposed Permit Holders Zone 1 Lechlade/Limited Waiting 2 Hours No Return 2 Hours Mon-Sat 8am-6pm restrictions along Burford Street has been modified. Two sections of proposed parking bays have been removed and replaced with different restrictions.

The first is the section of carriageway outside of The Swan, which has been replaced by a parallel to the kerb Loading Only Bay. This is in response to comments received regarding loading and unloading practices along Burford Street and the potential for the Cellar Doors to The Swan's Cellar being obstructed by parked vehicles overhanging the kerb in the existing echelon bays. The parallel bay will provide dedicated loading space on Burford Street for all businesses to utilise, as well as prevent vehicles parking in such a way that they overhang the kerb and prevent the cellar doors being opened (particularly during an emergency).

The second is the section of carriageway outside of New Wave Brasserie where the existing Keep Clear marking is. This keep clear is now proposed to be replaced by No Waiting at Any Time (Double Yellow Line) restrictions, to formalise the parking restrictions in this area. It will also prevent obstructions for deliveries to businesses in this area, which will continue to be able to load and unload on these restrictions.

Additionally, the proposed No Waiting at Any Time (Double Yellow Line) restrictions on the south side of St John's Street have been extended. This extension is to address concerns raised about the potential for obstruction to the private driveway and is intended to ensure that access to and from the property remains unobstructed at all times. The extension will also contribute to improved visibility and safety for all road users in the area.