

STATEMENT OF REASONS

Proposed Waiting Restrictions – Chesterton Area of Cirencester.

Proposals

To make alterations to the existing parking arrangements on several roads in the Chesterton Area of Cirencester, as detailed in the schedule below:

No Waiting at Any Time (Double Yellow Lines)

Road Name & Number	Extent
Chesterton Park (47174)	Along sections on both sides of the carriageway, from its junction with Chesterton Lane (C325), continuing through the central section of the carriageway and around both its eastern and western loops.
Chesterton Lane (C325)	Along sections on both sides of its carriageway between its junction with Chesterton Park (47174) and the traffic calming build out east of its junction with Cranhams Lane (47088)
Smith's Field (47334)	Along a section on both sides of its carriageway south/west of its internal junction with the Smith's Field cul-de-sac
Cranhams Lane (47088)	Along sections on both sides of its carriageway between its junctions with Chesterton Lane (C325) & Kemble Drive (47312)
Shalford Close (47289)	Along a section on both sides of its carriageway at its junction with Cranhams Lane (47088)
Woodhouse Close (47306)	Along a section on both sides of its carriageway at its junction with Cranhams Lane (47088)
Rendcomb Drive (47308)	Along a section on both sides of its carriageway at its junction with Cranhams Lane (47088)

No Waiting Monday-Friday 8am-4pm (Single Yellow Line)

Road Name & Number	Extent
Chesterton Park (47174)	Along sections on both sides of the carriageway, from its junction with Chesterton Lane (C325), continuing through the central section of the carriageway and around both its eastern and western loops.
Smith's Field (47334)	Along a section on both sides of its carriageway and around the turning head at its western extent
Cranhams Lane (47088)	Along sections on both sides of its carriageway between its junctions with Chesterton Lane (C325) & Rendcomb Drive (47308)
Shalford Close (47289)	Along a section on both sides of its carriageway south-west of its junction with Cranhams Lane (47088)

Reasons

This scheme has come about as a result of concerns raised by local representatives regarding student parking in the area. These measures are designed to discourage inconsiderate and inappropriate parking, including double parking and parking close to junctions (supplementing Rule 243 of the Highway Code) and to improve visibility for both pedestrians and drivers. The

proposals also aim to prevent parking that obstructs vehicles, particularly emergency service vehicles and cyclists, thereby enhancing road safety and navigability.

In addition, the proposal seeks to strike a balance between the parking needs of local residents and the persistent issue of student parking. The timed restrictions coincide with college hours, meaning students would be in contravention of the restrictions if they attempted to leave their vehicles parked for the entire college day. This targeted approach helps deter long-term student parking while balancing residential parking needs. To support this, GCC have left sections of the carriageway unrestricted to ensure that residents who rely on on-street parking will continue to have parking provision during the restricted hours.

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. A majority support for the proposals was garnered and the proposal was modified, where deemed appropriate, in response to the feedback received.

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 were raised.