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**Communities  
County Hall  
New Road  
Oxford  
OX1 1ND**

**Bill Cotton  
Director for Environment and  
Place**

**11th March 2022**

Dear Sir/Madam

**Re: FORMAL CONSULTATION – Central Woodstock: proposed changes to on-street parking and introduction of permit parking areas**

In November 2019, West Oxfordshire District Council in co-ordination with Woodstock Town Council carried out a consultation with residents and businesses regarding parking usage and demands within the centre of Woodstock.

Following on from this consultation, the County Council has worked with the town council and local councillors to develop proposals, which aim to better manage the demand for retail and residential parking in the centre of Woodstock, whilst also generating revenue to fund the scheme and provide effective enforcement.

The proposals are summarised within the enclosed document and include:

- Introduction of Pay and Display Bays in the central area with exemptions for permit holders - 1<sup>st</sup> 30 mins in any 24-hour period would be free.
- Introduction of some ultra-short stay parking areas - for short visits.
- New permit holder only parking areas – to manage displacement.
- Additional 2-hour parking bays on some roads.
- New cycle parking areas in the centre of Woodstock

**Where to view the proposals and find out more information:**

To allow residents and businesses the opportunity to view the proposals in detail and ask questions, we will be running exhibitions on the following dates where officers and councillors will be in attendance:

**Saturday 19th March**

**9.30am – 12noon**

**Woodstock Community Centre, New Road, Woodstock**

**Monday 21st March**

**6.30pm – 8.00pm**

**Woodstock Town Hall, Market Place, Woodstock**

Please note: parking around these venues is limited (especially New Road) so we would encourage visitors attending to come on foot where possible, or use nearby car parks.

Additionally, plans and documents will be available to view in person at: **Woodstock Library**, The Oxfordshire Museum, Fletcher's House, Park Street, Woodstock, OX20 1SN from 10am-1pm & 2pm-5pm Tuesday to Friday, 10am-12.30pm & 1pm-4.30pm Saturday, and 2pm to 5pm on Sunday, and also at **County Hall**, New Street, Oxford, OX1 1ND from 9am-4pm Monday to Friday.

### How to respond to this formal consultation:

The public consultation will formally open on the 17th March 2022, when plans of the proposals will be made available online, and the public will be able to respond via the following page:

[https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/woodstock\\_parking2022](https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/woodstock_parking2022)

If you have any comments concerning the proposals, please contact me directly by email using the email address below, by completing the questionnaire available at the link above, or. Please note that the closing date for comments is **Friday 15th April 2022**.

*Even if you responded to the informal consultation in 2019, it would be very helpful to receive your views on the specific proposals as detailed in the enclosed document.*

### What happens next?

The County Council will review the responses and prepare a report to be presented to the Cabinet Member for Highways Management at a meeting scheduled for 26th May 2022. This is a public meeting at which members of the public may apply to speak. The agenda and reports for this meeting will be available on the Oxfordshire County Council web site about a week before the meeting - see: [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/public-site/meetings-and-decisions](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/public-site/meetings-and-decisions) (please note that occasionally it is necessary to defer reports to a later meeting, and it is therefore advisable to check the agenda ahead of attending a meeting).

Yours faithfully,



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# OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

1. OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (WOODSTOCK - VARIOUS ROADS)  
(MAP BASED) (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING AND  
PERMITTED PARKING) ORDER 2022
2. OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS - WEST OXFORDSHIRE)  
(PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING AND PERMITTED PARKING)  
(VARIATION NO.\*\*\*) ORDER 2022

## STATEMENT OF REASONS

The Council continues to consider the provision of suitable and adequate parking and to <sup>1</sup> facilitating the expeditious, convenient, and safe movement of vehicles and other traffic; and in particular <sup>2</sup> to manage the demand between retail and residential parking in Woodstock.

The existing parking provision includes a mixture of 1 hour, 3 hour and 23-hour parking bays, with areas for disabled parking. Issues have been raised that this is not properly enforced and does not cater for residents parking in the centre.

### **Proposed Paid Parking Bays with exemptions for permit holders.**

Under the proposals, the existing time limited bays will be replaced with paid parking bays where charges will apply between 8am to 6pm (7 days a week), Max Stay 3 hours (no return within 1 hour). The first 30 minutes will remain free and there will be exemptions for permit holders, who will be exempt from charges and time limits. These restrictions will apply in the following roads: Market Street; Market Place; Park; High Street Car Park; High Street; Rectory Lane and Oxford Road. The benefits to the residents, businesses and visitors include:

- More efficient and effective enforcement of the restrictions.
- Better turnover of parking spaces, creating more opportunities for users to park.
- Permit exemptions for residents to park all day in the central area.
- Introduction charges will encourage shorter trips into the centre to be made on foot.
- A reduction of vehicles circulating looking for parking spaces.

A parking ticket, available from nearby parking metres would be required to be displayed within the vehicle, unless a valid Woodstock parking permit, or blue badge are on display. The charges are proposed are:

<b>Time period</b>	<b>Charge</b>
30minutes	Free (in any 24-hour period)
1 hour	£1.00
2 hours	£2.00
3 hours	£5.00

### **Proposed Ultra-short stay parking areas**

To accommodate short stops where a parking ticket will not be required it is proposed to introduce some ultra-short stay bays – Max stay 20 minutes, 8am to 6pm no return within an hour (No requirement to display a parking ticket) at the following locations: High Street – outside the co-op and up to No'26; Park Street – outside the post office; Oxford Road – between No's 18-22; Oxford Road between No'25-31.

## **Proposed permit holder only parking areas**

The proposals to better manage how parking is used within the central area also include steps to mitigate potential displacement into adjoining roads and residential areas. Under these proposals the following roads would be reserved for residents only parking and their visitors during the hours of 8am – 6pm (7 days week): Bear Close, Union Street, Brook Hill – from the junction with Oxford Road to the junction with Union Street; Upper Brook Hill, Chaucer's Lane, Harrison's Lane, Brown's Lane, Oxford Road (service road) – spaces opposite No's 45 to 53 and New Road from its junction with recreation road southwards – with the exception of proposed time limited bays outside the community centre; Oxford Road – south side – in the layby adjacent to No's 85-87.

The general operating principles that apply for the permit scheme in Woodstock:

- Resident's permits are limited to 1 per resident with a maximum of 2 per property.
- Only eligible residents (specified in the traffic order) may apply and proof of residency and vehicle ownership will be required on application.
- The fee for a resident's permit is currently set at £65 per annum, per vehicle.
- Visitors are catered for by scratch-cards which last for 24 hours when used. 25 per annum are issued free and residents can purchase an additional 25 after a 6 month period for £25 (no charge for residents over 70) - maximum 50 per annum.
- Business permits will be available for businesses (where it is essential for business purposes) within the Woodstock (WS) permit holder bays/areas. Permits will be limited to a maximum of two permits per business and will be vehicle specific. The charge for each will be £150 per annum.
- Blue badge holders can park in permit parking areas/bays without the need to display a permit.
- A permit allows the holder to park in an area/bay designated for use with that permit. It does not allow the user to contravene other restrictions such as double yellow lines. It also does not guarantee a space directly outside a property and any marked spaces are not allocated or reserved to individual permit holders.
- Permits are available for contractors carrying out works on properties and for registered carers and healthcare workers.

## **Proposed new 2-hour parking bays**

To facilitate short visits in the New Road permit parking area, it is proposed to provide marked bays for 2-hour parking, between 8am – 6pm. These bays will be located directly outside the Community Centre.

## **New cycle parking areas in the Centre of Woodstock**

The proposals include the introduction of on-carriageway cycle parking stands which will encourage more users to visit the centre of Woodstock by cycle. These stands are proposed to be located at key locations outside the Co-op on High Street and Park Street outside the museum.

Dated: XXXXXXXXXX

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