

## **WHEELERS DRIVE, WALLINGTON CLOSE, LEAHOLME WAY, RUISLIP – PETITION OBJECTING TO PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS**

<b>Cabinet Member</b>	Cllr Keith Burrows
<b>Cabinet Portfolio</b>	Planning and Transportation
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<b>Papers with report</b>	Appendix A

### **HEADLINE INFORMATION**

<b>Purpose of report</b>	To inform the Cabinet Member that a petition has been received objecting to the Council's proposal for "at any time" waiting restrictions at the junction of Wheelers Drive, Wallington Close and Leaholme Way, West Ruislip. This is reported to the Cabinet Member for consideration.
<b>Contribution to our plans and strategies</b>	The requests for waiting restrictions in Wheelers Drive, Wallington Close and Leaholme Way have been considered in relation to the Council's strategy for road safety to make it a safer borough
<b>Financial Cost</b>	There are none associated with the recommendations to this report
<b>Relevant Policy Overview Committee</b>	Residents' and Environmental Services.
<b>Ward(s) affected</b>	West Ruislip

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

**That the Cabinet Member;**

- 1. Meets and discusses with the petitioners their concerns.**
- 2. Asks officers to include the petition request and the outcome of discussions above in the forthcoming report incorporating all representations received from statutory consultation on the proposed "At any time" waiting restrictions.**

## **INFORMATION**

### **Reason for recommendation**

Following statutory consultation on parking proposals, all comments received must be considered by the Council before a final decision. A report will subsequently be drafted detailing these comments which can include this petition together with the outcome of discussions with the Cabinet Member at the petition evening.

### **Alternative options considered**

None as the petitioners have made a specific request.

### **Comments of Policy Overview Committee(s)**

None at this stage

### **Supporting Information**

1. In October 2008, the Council received a letter from a resident of Wheelers Drive requesting the installation of 'At Any Time' waiting restrictions in Wheelers Drive at its junction with Leaholme Way and Wallington Close. Wheelers Drive is a residential cul-de sac with 15 households. The resident complained that large vehicles were experiencing difficulties accessing Wheelers Drive due to vehicles parking close to this junction. At the time of a site visit undertaken by Council officers no vehicles were observed to be parking at the junction. Officers also contacted the Council's refuse service asking if they experienced difficulties accessing Wheelers Drive. They had no reported problems with this location.
2. The resident was informed of these findings and asked if the problem occurred at any particular time of the day and if possible they had any evidence of obstructive parking so that officers could investigate the issue further. Photographs were provided clearly showing vehicles parking at this junction. As a result it was recommended to formally consult residents on 'At Any Time' waiting restrictions (see Appendix A) for 10 metres on the junction of Wheelers Drive, Wallington Close and Leaholme Way.
3. Formal notice was given of the Council's intentions for public consultation and notice of intent was advertised on 12th May 2010 for 21 days.
4. On 26th May 2010 the Council received a petition with 68 signatures and an additional letter objecting to the proposed 'At Any Time' waiting restrictions. The title of the petition states *'We the undersigned agree to the enclosed letter, fully objecting to the proposed restrictions, prohibiting parking in Leaholme Way, Wallington Close and Wheelers Drive'*. Of the 68 signatures, 32 signatures were from residents of Wallington Close, 14 were from residents of Leaholme Way and 5 were from residents of Wheelers Drive. The remaining signatures were from nearby roads.

5. The lead petitioner stated the following reasons for the objection to the proposal, as extracted from a covering letter: *“A lot of residents have more than one vehicle and currently we struggle to find parking spaces for everyone. There isn’t enough parking provision for residents and their visitors in the roads mentioned above and taking away usable parking space will only serve to compound the problem. In quieter periods such as during the day, cars speed down the road without a thought for pets or children. During busier periods, the volume of cars actually act as a traffic calming measure. The measures proposed are only going to raise tension in the area, as people will not be able to park their cars. As residents we fully oppose the waiting restrictions that you are proposing. If the Council is so concerned about the road safety reasons stated then we would welcome a full consultation and review of the situation, looking at workable alternatives rather than just painting yellow lines to solve one problem with the effect of compounding another”.*
6. It seems clear that residents are concerned that if the waiting restrictions are implemented it will reduce the limited available parking. The petitioner admits that although the parking situation is not ideal it is manageable as a result of local residents understanding and communicating with one another. The Council has also received a number of phone calls from residents of Wallington Close who have expressed their opposition to the proposal.
7. It is therefore recommended that the Cabinet Member of Planning and Transportation discusses in detail petitioners concerns and asks officers to include them and all other comments received to the statutory consultation on “At any time” waiting restrictions in Wheelers Drive, Wallington Close and Leaholme Way in a report for his consideration,

## **Financial Implications**

There are none associated with this report.

## **EFFECT ON RESIDENTS, SERVICE USERS & COMMUNITIES**

### **What will be the effect of the recommendation?**

To allow the petitioners request to be considered along side other representations received from the council’s consultation.

### **Consultation Carried Out or Required**

Statutory consultation was carried out from 12<sup>th</sup> May 2010 to 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2010 by the insertion of Public Notices in the local newspaper and street notices displayed on site.

## **CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS**

### **Legal**

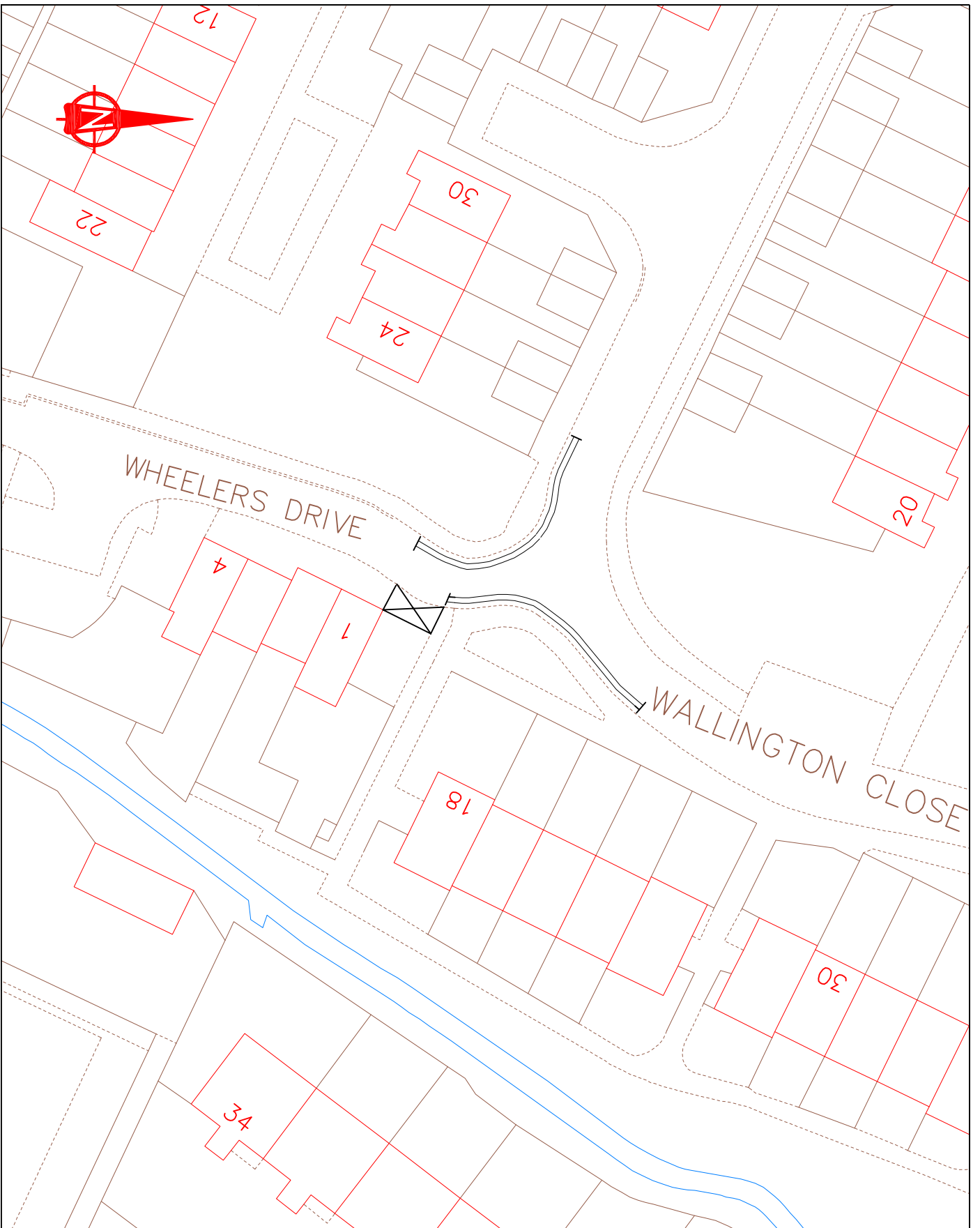
The Council’s power to make orders imposing waiting restrictions are set out in Part 1 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. The consultation and order making statutory procedures to be followed in this case are set out in The Local Authorities’ Traffic Orders (Procedures) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 (SI 1996/2489).

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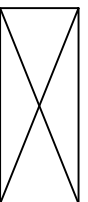
Officers have indicated in this report that the petition referred to was received during the statutory consultation period. Therefore the petition should be taken into account in the same way as other statutory consultation responses are taken into account. In considering the consultation responses, decision makers must ensure there is a full consideration of all representations arising including those which do not accord with the officer recommendation. The decision maker must be satisfied that responses from the public were conscientiously taken into account.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Petition and covering letter received 26<sup>th</sup> May 2010.



Notes:



dropped kerb

Proposed 'At Any Time'  
waiting restrictions for  
10 metres from each  
respective kerbline

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Project: Wheeler's Drive, Ruislip  
Proposed waiting restrictions

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