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Exeter Highways and Traffic Orders Committee 9 April 2019

Residents Parking Extensions - Duryard & Pennsylvania

Report of the Chief Officer for Highways, Infrastructure Development and Waste

Please note that the following recommendations are subject to consideration and determination by the Committee before taking effect.

Recommendation: It is recommended that:

- (a) the results of the consultations be noted; and
- (b) the committee approve the implementation of restrictions as detailed in section 4 of the report.

1. Summary

This report is to consider the results of the statutory consultation on the proposal to extend residents parking zones in Duryard and Pennsylvania to include Elmdon Close, Horseguards, Pennsylvania Close and Wrefords Lane.

2. Background

Following the planning consent for a number of developments on the University of Exeter campus, money was secured to extend residents parking to a number of roads in the area that have been omitted from existing schemes as shown on the plans in Appendix I.

Approval to advertise the proposals was obtained through delegated powers in consultation with the local county councillor and chair of the Exeter Highways and Traffic Orders Committee (HATOC).

3. Consultations

The statutory consultation for the proposals was advertised between 7 February and 4 March 2019 by notices on affected streets and in the Express and Echo. Letters were also sent to residents in the streets affected to encourage them to respond to indicate their views on the proposal.

In total, 45 responses were received as a result of the consultation.

A summary of the comments received and the councils response can be found in Appendix II.

4. Discussion

Elmdon Close

The proposal for Elmdon Close is to revoke the existing Prohibition of Motor Vehicles except for access and extend the adjacent S4 zonal residents parking restriction to include the road.

Only 1 response has been received in opposition to this proposal stating that the existing arrangements work well.

Enforcement of the access only restriction rests solely with the police which means there is likely to be little enforcement due to police priorities and resources. However, if the residents are content with the current situation it is recommended that the proposals for Elmdon Close are not progressed.

Horseguards

The proposal is to extend the Howell Road Residents Parking Zone (Zone H) to include the Horseguards estate to remove commuter parking that is currently taking place. The proposed restrictions would apply Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm.

17 responses have been received on these proposals, including a petition with 48 signatures. Many residents are concerned that by including the roads within the H Zone that local residents not living in Horseguards estate will start parking in the road.

However, there are approximately 20 daytime on-street parking spaces in the Horseguards estate and 120 properties. Whilst many properties have access to some off-street parking, it is reasonable to expect that purchase of residents permits and visitor permits will exceed the number of spaces available and therefore it is prudent to ensure that additional parking options are available within the rest of the H Zone.

Therefore, it is recommended that the restrictions in Horseguards are implemented as advertised.

Pennsylvania Close

The proposal for Pennsylvania Close is to revoke the existing Prohibition of Motor Vehicles except for access and extend the adjacent S4 zonal residents parking scheme to include the road with a zonal restriction to apply Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm.

23 responses have been received, 20 of which are from 11 addresses in Pennsylvania Close and 2 from 1 address in Pennsylvania Road. The respondents state that they reject the proposed waiting restrictions as it does not provide a unique zone that applies at all times on the road as the proposals would allow non-residents vehicles to park in the road and residents are concerned that this will cause access problems.

It is not appropriate for the council to introduce a unique residents parking scheme on this small cul-de-sac for 15 properties with off-street parking. It is therefore recommended that the proposals are dropped and the existing prohibition of motor vehicles is retained.

Wrefords Lane

The proposal is to extend the West Garth Road residents parking scheme (Zone S5) to include Wrefords Lane.

4 responses were received from residents of Wrefords Lane. 1 respondent supports the introduction of residents parking. 1 respondent objects to the introduction of proposals as they do not believe that parking in the lane is a problem. The remaining two respondents request changes to the proposed No Waiting restriction to allow an additional limited waiting space. However, there is insufficient space to allow a parking bay, suitable for all cars, at this location.

All residents were written to and encouraged to respond to the consultation to indicate their views. Of the 57 addresses that received letters, only 1 indicated they supported the proposals and 1 opposed.

Councillor Prowse has previously contacted residents in Wrefords Lane about residents parking. 20 residents indicated the support for restrictions and 5 did not.

Considering Councillor Prowse's consultation and the low level of objections it is recommended that the restrictions in West Garth Road are implemented as advertised.

5. Financial Considerations

A budget of £20,000 is available as part of a section 106 agreement for the adjacent university developments for these proposals and the Rosebarn Lane area.

6. Environmental Impact Considerations

Where restrictions are introduced, they would remove commuter parking in residential areas. This will encourage sustainable travel and reduce traffic looking for a parking space and improve air quality.

7. Equality Considerations

No new policies are being recommended in this report but an Equality Impact and Needs Assessment has been completed for new residents parking schemes.

8. Legal Considerations

When making a Traffic Regulation Order it is the County Council responsibility to ensure that all relevant legislation is complied with. This includes Section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 that states that it is the duty of a local authority, so far as practicable, secures the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of traffic and provision of parking facilities.

9. Risk Management Considerations

No risks have been identified.

10. Public Health Impact

The scheme will have a positive public health impact by encouraging sustainable travel for commuters. Including walking and cycling, with associated health benefits. Supporting active travel, such as walking and cycling, is a key component of the Devon 'Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

11. Options/Alternatives

An option of not doing anything has been considered and dismissed as this would not resolve the parking issues being experienced by residents of Exeter.

12. Reason for Recommendations

The recommendations are made following consideration of the responses received to the statutory consultation as detailed in section 4 of this report.

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Local Government Act 1972: List of Background Papers

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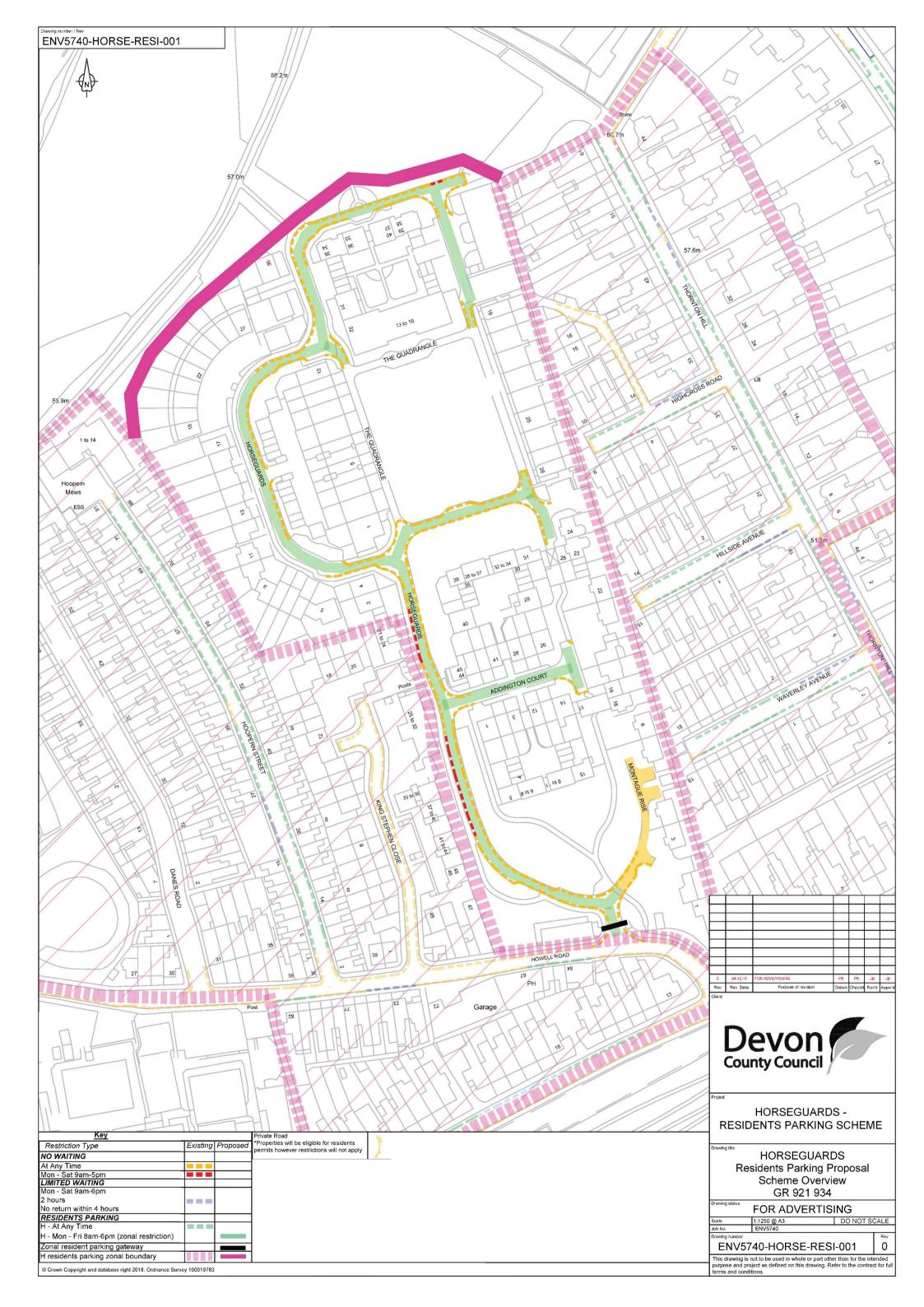
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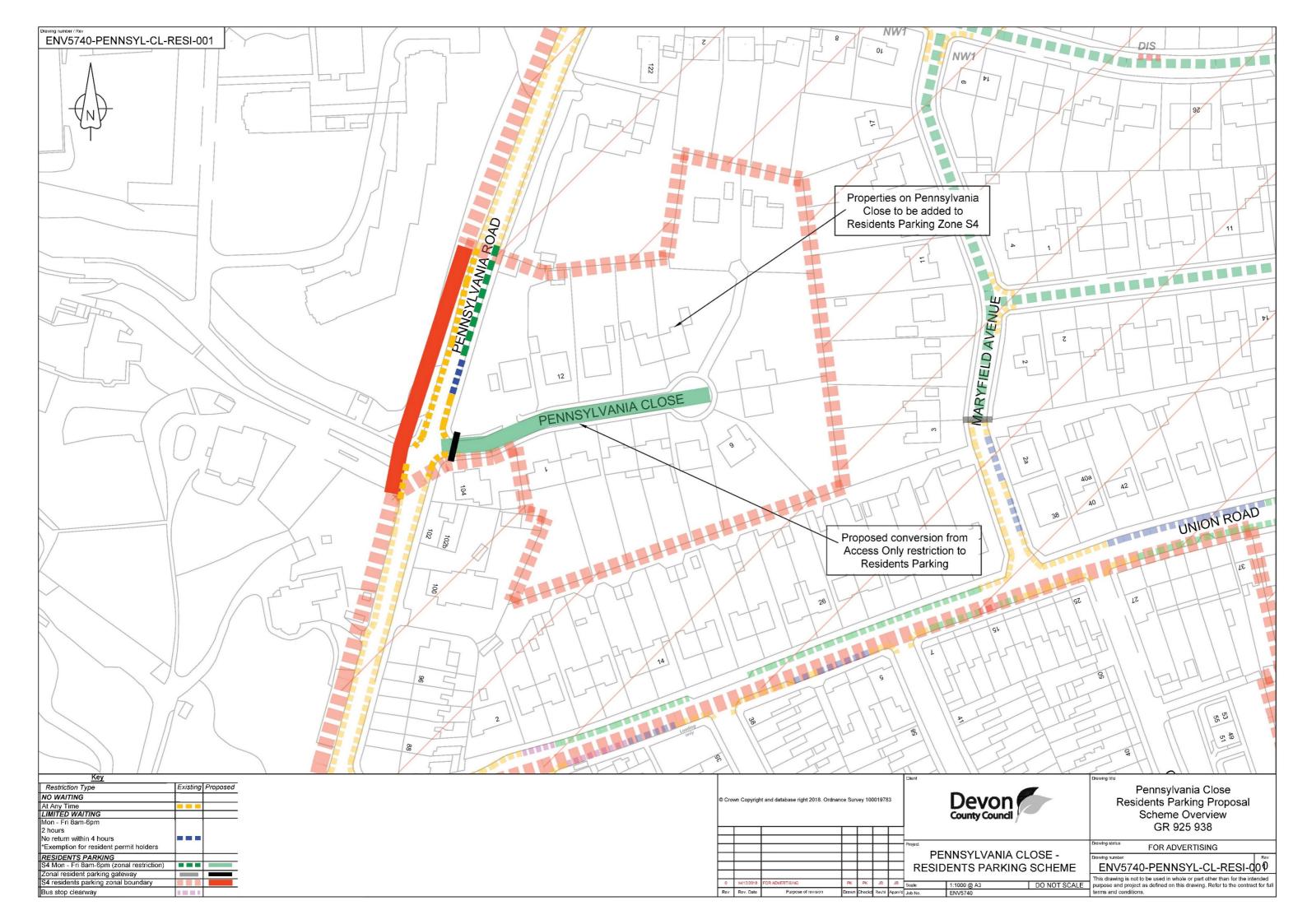
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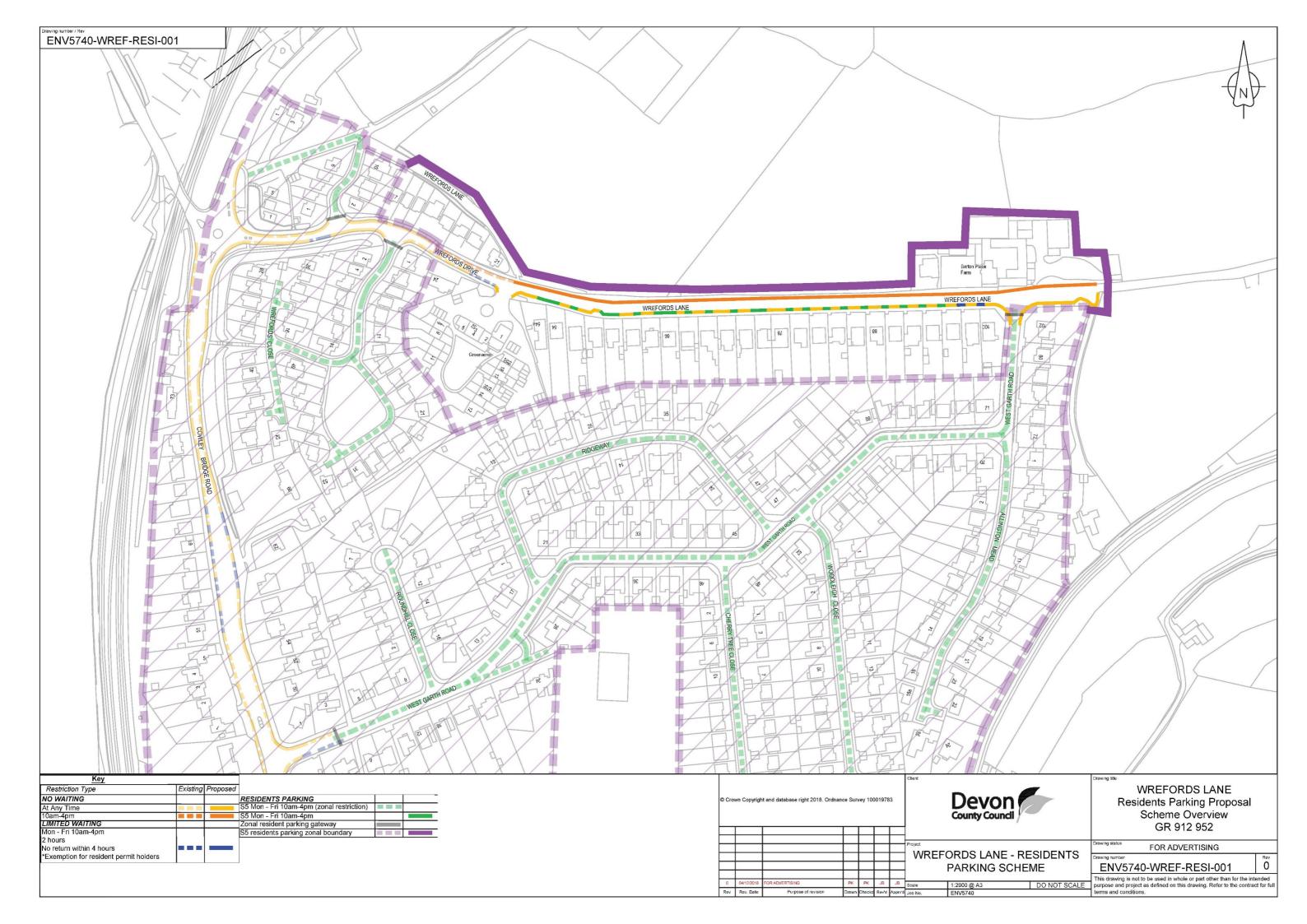
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None

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Summary of Comments for Elmdon Close

Location	Comment	No. of Responses	DCC Response
Elmdon Close	Opposed	1	View noted.
Elmdon Close	If residents parking was introduced parking would get worse because other Zone S4 permit holders would park there.	1	This is a possibility, but it would also allow residents and visitors of Elmdon Close to park in other roads in the area.
Elmdon Close	There is no current problem with parking here.	1	View noted.
Elmdon Close	The road is too narrow to accommodate any car parking.	1	The proposed restrictions do not prescribe where parking should take place.

Summary of Comments for Horseguards

Location	Comment	No. of Responses	DCC Response
Horseguards	In favour of residents parking but would like to be in a new zone.	11	Noted. It would not be appropriate for Horseguards to be its own zone as detailed in the report.
Horseguards	If residents parking is introduced it should have its own zone.	2	
Horseguards	If residents parking was introduced, parking would get worse because other Zone H permit holders would park there.	10 (plus petition)	Zone H permit holders can currently park in the road as there is no restriction. There is nothing to suggest that this would change.
Horseguards	Would like the restriction times extended to include Saturdays.	1	The aim of the scheme is to prevent commuters. The times of operation cannot be changed at this stage without re-consulting.
Horseguards	Would like the restrictions to apply 24/7.	2	The times of operation cannot be changed at this stage without re-consulting.
Horseguards	Commuters currently park here.	5	This is why restrictions have been proposed.
Horseguards	Parking is more of a problem during term time.	1	Noted.
Horseguards	Cars park obstructively on the pavement and across driveways.	3	DCC has powers to deal with unauthorised vehicles parking across dropped kerbs. However, DCC cannot enforce pavement parking.

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Horseguards	Would like the restrictions to apply Monday to Friday, 8am-6pm	3	These are the times and days proposed.
Horseguards	Request for the permits to be free for the first year.	4	The cost of permits covers the actual cost of implementing, enforcing and maintaining the residents parking schemes.
Horseguards	All waiting restrictions currently in place should stay as they are.	1	There are no plans to amend the existing no waiting restrictions.
Horseguards	What is meant by 'zonal gateway'?	1	The zonal gateway is location of the residents parking signs at the start of the zonal restriction.
Horseguards	Would restrictions apply in the private roads and car parks?	1	This is the responsibility of the owner of the car parks and is outside the jurisdiction of the council.
Horseguards	Request for marked bays so that vehicles park in appropriate places.	1	Marking bays would reduce the amount of on-street parking available as they must meet certain criteria suitable for the largest vehicles. By not marking bays, residents with smaller vehicles are able to use areas that would otherwise be removed.
Horseguards	Request for No Waiting At Any Time to be marked on the bend outside numbers 5-11.	2	The introduction of further no waiting restrictions cannot be considered at this time. However, requests could be
Horseguards	Request for No Waiting At Any Time alongside the 'Riding School' garage (north Quadrangle).	1	considered as part of a future annual review, once the residents parking scheme is operational.
Horseguards	Request for No Waiting At Any Time outside numbers 17-27.	1	

Summary of Comments for Pennsylvania Close

Location	Comment	No. of	DCC Response
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Pennsylvania Close	Opposed.	23	View noted.
Pennsylvania Close	In favour of residents parking but would like to be in a new zone.	23	Noted. It would not be appropriate for Pennsylvania Close to be its own zone as detailed in the report.
Pennsylvania Close	If residents parking is introduced it should have its own zone.	23	
Pennsylvania Close	Commuters currently park here.	23	This is why restrictions have been proposed.
Pennsylvania Close	Would like the restrictions to apply 24/7.	23	The times of operation are consistent with the rest of the residents zone.
Pennsylvania Close	Cars park obstructively on the pavement and across driveways.	23	DCC has powers to deal with unauthorised vehicles parking across dropped kerbs. However, DCC cannot enforce pavement parking.
Pennsylvania Close	If residents parking was introduced parking would get worse because other Zone S4 permit holders would park there.	23	This is a possibility but it would also allow residents and visitors of Pennsylvania Close to park in other roads in the area. However, the small number of eligible properties in the vicinity to Pennsylvania Close would likely keep this to a minimum.

Summary of Comments for Wrefords Lane

Location	Comment	No. of	DCC Response
		Responses	
Wrefords Lane	In Favour.	1	Support noted.
Wrefords Lane	Opposed.	1	View noted.
Wrefords Lane	Commuters currently park here.	1	This is why restrictions have been proposed.
Wrefords Lane	There is no current problem with parking here.	1	This is not the view of all residents in the street.
Wrefords Lane	Does not want to pay for a permit.	1	Noted.
Wrefords Lane	Request for No Waiting At Any Time to be reduced to allow for a residents parking bay at the top of Wrefords Lane.	2	There is insufficient space for a parking bay at this location.
Wrefords Lane	Request for inclusion of a short stay parking bay for the farm shop.	1	Limited waiting has been provided opposite the shop for visitors to the area. This supplements the off-street parking already available at the shop.