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Ref: Winslow Parking Review 2024

Dear Sir or Madam

Subject: Proposed Permit Parking Controls in Winslow – Informal Consultation

We are seeking your views on whether they would support or object to the principle of introducing some locations into a permit parking as detailed on the enclosed map, to deal with inappropriate parking, improve road safety, accessibility and parking efficiency. These proposals seek to anticipate parking issues that might arise after the opening of the new railway station (which is expected to happen in Autumn 2025). These restrictions would not take effect until a date close to the opening of the station.

In addition we have been asked to include at the end of this letter a note from the Town Council.

The review proposes to introduce:

- Limited waiting 2 hours No return witing 2 hours/Permit holders only (with one of the following zone identifiers WS1, WS2 & WS3), proposal is 24/7.
- Permit holders parking area Except in signed bays (with one or more of the following zone identifiers WS1, WS2 & WS3), proposal is 24/7.

as detailed on the enclosed map. Permit holders would be able to park in any of the locations with their permit identifier shown on the signs (e.g. WS1, WS2 or WS3), if space is available.

Council policy states that for a permit restriction to be implemented at a location the majority of households in the permit location need to support the scheme, this informal consultation is to enable the authority to ascertain if there is sufficient support to take the permit holder proposals to statutory consultation. Supporters would need to show their support during both this informal and the subsequent statutory consultation.

Informal consultation only seeks the views of households directly affected by the proposed permit restriction; the statutory consultation seeks the views of anyone wishing to comment (residents and non-residents).

There are advantages and disadvantages with permit restrictions which you should consider when making your decision on whether you would support a Permit Parking scheme.

Advantages:	Disadvantages:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Residents having no off-street parking facility would have a reasonable opportunity to park close to their homes. Resident parking	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Schemes do not agree with the primary role of the public highway which is to allow road

<p>schemes do not offer any guarantees of a parking space and certainly not a parking space in front of the resident's own home.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The amenity of the area would be improved with vehicles being parked in a more orderly fashion. • A scheme may have benefits from a social, community safety, housing or planning policy aspect. • Shared use bays provide for short term visitors without the need for complex visitor permit administration systems. • A scheme can encourage the use of alternative modes of transport. • They may reduce traffic flows on residential streets. • The reduction in the number of vehicles driving around an area searching for a parking place can improve local air quality. • A scheme can improve road safety by reducing the number of vehicles using an area and also the number parked in unsuitable locations. 	<p>users to pass and re-pass at all times without hindrance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A resident parking scheme in one area might create or worsen parking problems in adjacent areas. • Parking capacity for residents could at times be inadequate, and being a permit holder does not guarantee a parking space. • A scheme may limit the residents' freedom to keep unlimited numbers of taxed vehicles on street (current limit is 3 vehicles per property). • Residents permits to park in the area are charged to the residents within the zone area (current prices are 1st resident permit £66.00, 2nd resident £84.70 and 3rd resident permit is £108.90 per year. Visitor permits are limited to 200 per property in a 12 month period at a cost of £14.30 per batch of 10 vouchers). • Business permits (available to non-residential properties) to park in the area are charged to the business within the zone area (current prices 6 months £154.00 and 12months £275.00 each per year. Business visitor permits are limited to 200 per property in a 12 month period at a cost of £14.30 per batch of 10 vouchers). • All on-street parking within the road during restricted times will require a valid permit to be linked to the vehicle, unless the signs indicate otherwise (e.g. 2 hrs with no return within 2 hrs).
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Below are examples (not to scale) of entry point signs, the repeater signs and the shared use limited waiting bay sign.



Zoned entry point sign



Zoned repeater sign



Shared use bay sign

It is intended to provide three separate permit areas in Winslow to ensure those areas closest to the new train station does not receive inappropriate parking from householders in different zones.

The table below indicated locations of permit parking spaces, and the properties entitled to apply for permits.

Zone	Roads with permit parking spaces	Roads without permit parking spaces	Properties entitled to permits	
WS1	Buckingham Road		3 to 37 odds	2 to 48 evens
	Highfield Road		All properties	
WS2		Avenue Road	3 to 43 odd	2 to 38 evens
	High Street		112 to 168 evens only	
	Park Road		All properties	
WS3	Courthouse Close		All properties	
		Piccadilly Mews	All properties	
	Station Road		1 to 23 odd	2 to 30 evens
Multiple zones WS1, WS2 & WS3	Piccadilly		No properties	

Shared use bays

Limited waiting 2 hours No return waiting 2 hours/Permit holders only (with one of the following zone identifiers WS1, WS2 & WS3) – These area will allow unlimited parking while the vehicle has a valid permit with the appropriate zone identifier (resident or visitor), vehicles without permits will be able to park for a maximum period of 2 hours, but will not be entitled to return within 2 hours unless they obtain the appropriate permit.

Multiple Zone Parking

It is proposed to have 2 locations (at the station Road end of Piccadilly) that allow all three permit types to park.

What can you do?

If you would like to see the permit parking proposals in more detail and or comment on the proposals, please go online at:

- <https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com/roads-parking/permit-parking-winslow-station/>, where you will be able to submit your support or objection
- email parkingtro@buckinghamshire.gov.uk or
- complete the enclosed questionnaire and return it to

**Traffic Regulation Manager,
Buckinghamshire Council,
Walton Street Offices, Walton Street,
Aylesbury, HP20 1UA**

This informal consultation closes on **1st December 2024**.

Under the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 we are obliged to make any representations received in response to this notice, open to public inspection, however we will remove personal information such as your name or address.

What happens next?

Buckinghamshire Council will consider all responses received and then decide whether or not to take forward the proposals for statutory public consultation to amend the traffic regulation order to include the new proposals.

Yours sincerely

Ian Thomas

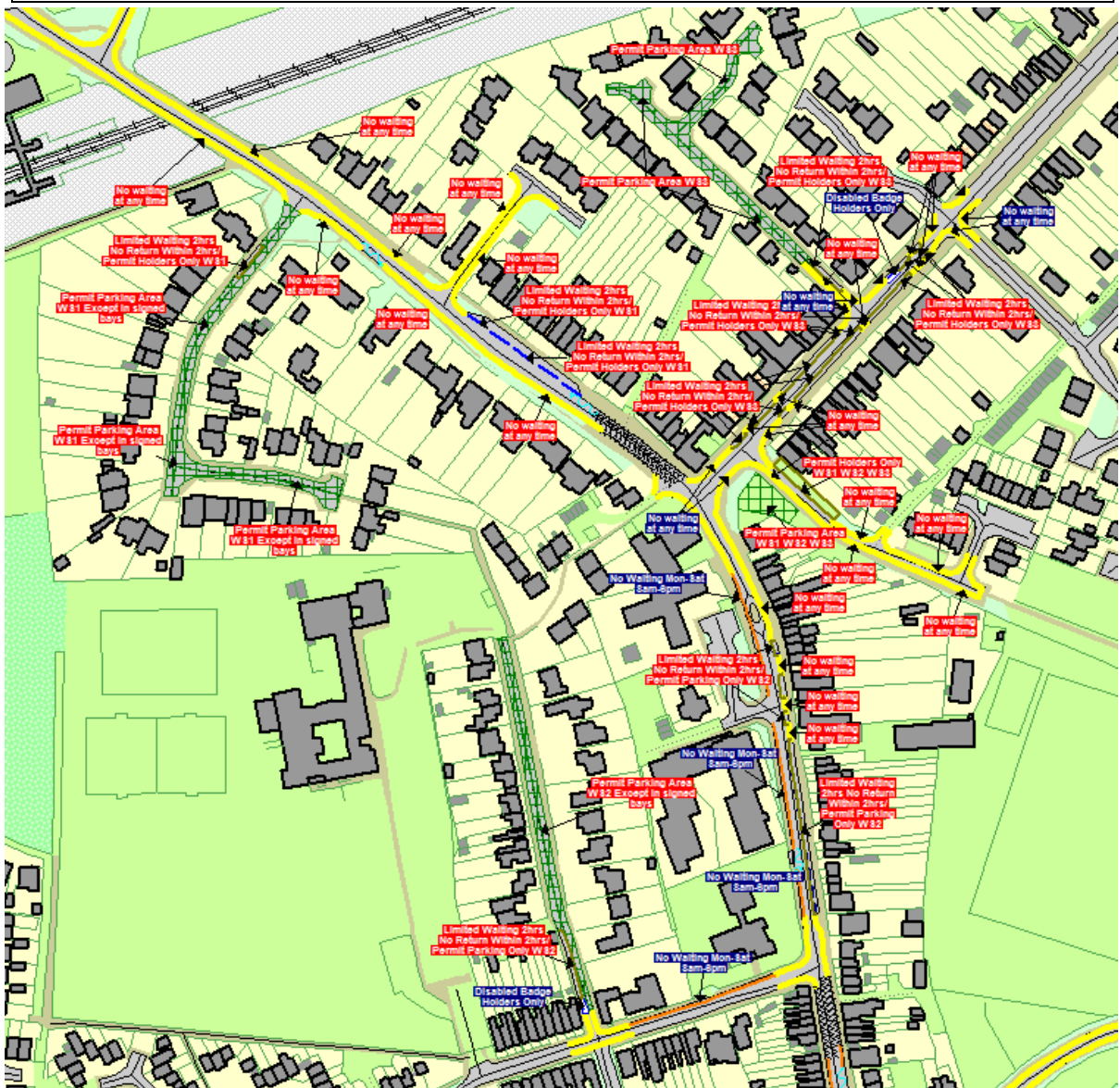
Traffic Regulation Manager

Winslow Informal Consultation 2024 Questionnaire:

Name:
Address: (please note that if you do not include the house no./name and road details your comments may not be considered).

Questions:

Q1	Do you support the proposal? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permit holder parking Zone Limited waiting 2 hours No return within 2 hours/Permit holders only WS1 or WS2 or WS3 <p style="color: red; font-style: italic;">Please note that the proposed permit restrictions would be valid 24 hours a day throughout the year, if you feel these restrictions should be reduced in days or times, please provide reasons.</p>	Yes Yes	No No
Q2	How many vehicles does your property normally park on the road?		
Comments:			



From Cllr Roger Slevin on behalf of Winslow Town Council

Dear resident

At the end of last year Buckinghamshire Council held an initial informal consultation about possible parking restrictions to protect the interests of local residents when the railway station comes into use next year. Responses to that consultation indicated that many residents in streets close to the station saw the need for a residents' parking scheme and the letter from Buckinghamshire Council to which this note is attached (which is addressed only to those residents living in potentially affected streets) is a further informal consultation about the possible details of such a scheme.

The Town Council will be formally consulted about all proposals for parking restrictions before they are adopted – but until then I have been asked by the Town Council to liaise informally with the relevant Buckinghamshire Council officers. This note sets out the background and the principles that I have been seeking to follow.

Winslow Station has a two-level car park with 365 spaces, which is owned and will be operated by Buckinghamshire Council. Car park charges will apply – and inevitably that means that at least some railway users will try to find free on-street parking nearby to avoid paying for parking.

It is my judgement, based on years of experience, that most people will look for free on-street parking within no more than 500m walking distance from Winslow's station, so this is the zone in which I believe on-street parking controls will be required, at least initially. These controls will need to focus on deterring all-day commuter parking whilst having as little impact as possible on local residents.

The Bucks proposal is to have most on-street parking on affected streets **limited to those with a resident's parking permit or a visitor's permit provided by a resident**. A few parking bays on these streets will allow up to two hours parking without a permit (with no return within two hours). Permits will be specific to one of three small zones – WS1 north of Station Road, WS2 High Street and Park Road (north of Avenue Road) and WS3 along Station Road.

Those residents who always park their vehicles off-street will not need a permit. It is only those who have to park a vehicle on-street who will need to buy a resident's permit(s) from Buckinghamshire Council and/or will need to buy permits for use by their visitors.

I believe this arrangement is one which should deter all-day commuter parking on these streets whilst having as little impact as possible on local residents.

Bucks will also be proposing yellow-line or clearway restrictions on main roads within 500m walk of the station, covering sections of the A413 Buckingham Road, Great Horwood Road and Furze Lane.

Bucks cannot normally restrict parking on unadopted roads so those who live on such roads will need to consider what actions (if any) they consider to be necessary to deter all-day commuter parking on their roads and agree appropriate action with their estate management company. Such private restrictions can be implemented relatively quickly as they are not covered by the requirements for consultation and notice periods that Buckinghamshire Council is required to follow for adopted roads.

I hope this note is helpful in explaining the reasoning behind the proposals so you can make informed comments on them.

Best wishes

Roger Slevin

Councillor (Winslow Town Council)

