

Portfolio Holder Decision

The Warwickshire County Council (District of Warwick) (Civil Enforcement Area) (Waiting Restrictions, On Street Parking Places & Residents' Parking) (Consolidation) (Variation No.11) Order 2025 - L6 Residents' Parking Zone

Portfolio Holder	Portfolio Holder for Transport and Planning
Date of decision	28 February 2025
	Signed 

1. Decision taken

That the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Planning

- 1) approves the below named proposed Traffic Regulation Order to be implemented as advertised IN PART with the part approved being;

The Warwickshire County Council (District of Warwick) (Civil Enforcement Area) (Waiting Restrictions, On Street Parking Places & Residents' Parking) (Consolidation) (Variation No.11) Order 2025

Proposals relating to: No Waiting At Any Time – Clinton Street; and

- 2) agrees that all other proposals within the scheme be deferred at this time

2. Reasons for decisions

2.1 Residents' Parking Zones – L6, Leamington Spa

Proposals were informally consulted upon in summer 2023, consisting of plans to expand the L6 Residents' Parking Zone in Leamington Spa to include Farley Street, New Street, Gordon Street, Plymouth Place and the North side of Leam Terrace. At the time, substantial levels of feedback were received both in favour of and opposed to the scheme.

Feedback from local residents was broadly supportive, while the majority of feedback against the scheme centred around the businesses located in the primarily residential area; the perception was that the measures proposed to help reduce competition for spaces for residents and their visitors over-prioritised the needs of residents at the expense of other road users.

A limited number of permits being made available for businesses in the area was a common suggestion; however, investigation showed that this did not prove to be practically possible at the current time within the legislative framework that Warwickshire County Council as the Highway Authority are currently required to work within.

Detailed analysis of the L6 zone proposals was therefore carried out, with alternative compromise amendments made to cater for the balance of needs of both residents and businesses in the area.

2.2 The finalised proposals were subsequently formally advertised as a Traffic Regulation Order, principally consisting of the following:

- Unrestricted parking to remain in place on the north side of Leam Terrace
- 4 Hour Limited Waiting (L6 permit holders exempt) on the south side of Leam Terrace and both sides of Farley Street
- 2 Hour Limited Waiting (L6 permit holders exempt) on New Street, Gordon Street and Plymouth Place.
- No Waiting At Any Time on both sides of Clinton Street

2.3 128 representations were received. Various comments were received which could broadly be categorised as discussing common issues; a thematic review was therefore carried out as detailed below.

Emails/letters	
Total support	22
Total local resident objections	58
Total business objections	38
Additional Comments	10

2.4 Summary of Representations

Address	Support	Business Objection	Local Resident Objection	Other (Comments only)	Summary
Russell Terrace			X		Parking not currently an issue; reduced capacity in Plymouth Place
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Plymouth Place			X		4 hour waiting restriction will make the situation worse; Parking not currently an issue
Leam Terrace			X		4 hour waiting restriction will make the situation worse; Parking not currently an issue
Leam Terrace			X		4 hour waiting restriction will make the situation worse; Parking not currently an issue
Leam Terrace			X		4 hour waiting restriction will make the situation worse; Parking not currently an issue
Clinton Street	X				
Business Address		X			Impact on local businesses
Business Address		X			Impact on local businesses
Business Address		X			Impact on local businesses
Leam Terrace				X	Would like for Leam Terrace East to be considered within proposals.
Business Address		X			Impact on local businesses
Milverton Terrace		X			Impact on local businesses
Not stated		X			None stated
Gordon Street	X				
Business Address		X			Impact on local businesses
Business Address		X			Impact on local businesses
Mill Street			X		Objects to extra parking bay outside 2 Mill Street due to limited visibility / danger of accident.
Business Address		X			Impact on local businesses
Leam Terrace			X		4 hour waiting restriction will make the situation worse.
Business Address		X			Impact on local businesses
Leam Terrace			X		4 hour waiting restriction will make the situation worse.
Business Address		X			Impact on local businesses

Address	Support	Business Objection	Local Resident Objection	Other (Comments only)	Summary
Business Address		X			Impact on local businesses
Priory Terrace		X			Impact on local businesses
Business Address		X			Impact on local businesses
Business Address		X			Impact on local businesses
Business Address		X			Impact on local businesses
Business Address		X			Impact on local businesses
Business Address		X			Impact on local businesses
Business Address		X			Impact on local businesses
Gordon Street	X				
Gordon Street			X		Student / HMO parking needs to be addressed
New Street			X		Student / HMO parking needs to be addressed
Leam Terrace				X	4 hour waiting restriction will make the situation worse.
Business Address		X			Impact on local businesses
Gordon Street			X		Reduced capacity in Gordon Street
Plymouth Place			X		Reduced capacity in Plymouth Place
Plymouth Place			X		Reduced capacity in Plymouth Place
New Street	X				
New Street	X				
New Street	X				
Business Address		X			Impact on local businesses
Plymouth Place			X		Parking not currently an issue
Leam Terrace			X		4 hour waiting restriction will make the situation worse.
Gordon Street			X		Parking not currently an issue
Business Address		X			Impact on local businesses
Plymouth Place			X		Reduced capacity in Plymouth Place
Leam Terrace			X		4 hour waiting restriction will make the situation worse; concerns over displacement to surrounding areas
Mill Road	X				
Plymouth Place	X				
Church Street				X	Believes local businesses inconvenience resident parking
Leam Terrace			X		4 hour waiting restriction will make the situation worse.
Regent Place			X		4 hour waiting restriction will make the situation worse.

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Priory Terrace			X		4 hour waiting restriction will make the situation worse.
Plymouth Place			X		Reduced capacity in Plymouth Place
Leam Terrace			X		4 hour waiting restriction will make the situation worse.
New Street	X				
Leam Terrace			X		4 hour waiting restriction will make the situation worse.
Business Address		X			Impact on local businesses (other)
Leam Terrace				X	4 hour waiting restriction will make the situation worse. Supports measures in Gordon Street, New Street and Plymouth Place
Leam Terrace			X		4 hour waiting restriction will make the situation worse.
Business Address		X			Impact on local businesses
Business Address		X			Impact on local businesses
Business Address		X			Impact on local businesses
Business Address		X			Impact on local businesses
Business Address		X			Impact on local businesses
Leam Terrace (North side)				X	Parking costs are prohibitive and allowing the use of free on road parking where there is ample space is good
Business Address		X			Impact on local businesses
Business Address		X			Impact on local businesses
Gordon Street	X				
Plymouth Place	X				
Leam Terrace			X		4 hour waiting restriction will make the situation worse.
Leam Terrace			X		4 hour waiting restriction will make the situation worse.
Leam Terrace			X		4 hour waiting restriction will make the situation worse.
New Street				X	Parking is difficult for residents.
Russell Terrace			X		Parking not currently an issue
		X			Impact on local businesses
Leam Terrace				X	Leam Terrace should be resident only on both sides. Parking is difficult. Supports New Street proposal.
Leam Terrace			X		4 hour waiting restriction will make the situation worse.

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Police			X		Objection to Clinton Street - 1 side only
Leam Terrace			X		4 hour waiting restriction will make the situation worse.
Church Street	X				Supports DYL's on Clinton Street
Leam Terrace			X		4 hour waiting restriction will make the situation worse.
Leam Terrace			X		4 hour waiting restriction will make the situation worse.
Leam Terrace			X		4 hour waiting restriction will make the situation worse.
Leam Terrace			X		4 hour waiting restriction will make the situation worse.
Russell Terrace			X		Unacceptable unless residents get temporary permit system for guests.
Leam Terrace				X	4 hour waiting restriction will make the situation worse.
Plymouth Place			X		Reduced capacity in Plymouth Place and Gordon Street
Leam Terrace			X		4 hour waiting restriction will make the situation worse.
Russell Terrace			X		Unacceptable unless residents get temporary permit system for guests.
Plymouth Place			X		4 hour waiting restriction will make the situation worse.
Plymouth Place	X				
		X			Impact on local businesses
Priory Terrace			X		4 hour waiting restriction will make the situation worse.
Business Address		X			Impact on local businesses
Business Address		X			Impact on local businesses
Plymouth Place			X		Reduced capacity in Plymouth Place
Business Address		X			Impact on local businesses
Farley Street	X				
Russell Terrace	X				
Priory Terrace			X		4 hour waiting restriction will make the situation worse.
Business Address		X			Impact on local businesses
Business Address		X			Impact on local businesses
New Street				X	Permits should not be chargeable
Leam Terrace			X		4 hour waiting restriction will make the situation worse.

Address	Support	Business Objection	Local Resident Objection	Other (Comments only)	Summary
New Street	X				
Willes Road			X		Concerns about overspill into other residential areas.
Plymouth Place			X		4 hour waiting restriction will make the situation worse.
Priory Terrace			X		Objection to Clinton Street - 1 side only
Leam Terrace			X		4 hour waiting restriction will make the situation worse.
Russell Terrace	X				
Business Address		X			Impact on local businesses
Russell Terrace			X		4 hour waiting restriction will make the situation worse.
New Street	X				
George Street	X				
New Street	X				
Willes Road			X		Concerns about overspill into other residential areas.
Leam Terrace			X		4 hour waiting restriction will make the situation worse.
Not stated				X	Supports proposal, does not support 4 hour waiting time
Leam Terrace			X		4 hour waiting restriction will make the situation worse.
Not stated			X		4 hour waiting restriction will make the situation worse.
Church Street	X				Supports proposal for Clinton Street
Farley Street	X				Supports measures on Plymouth Place and New Street to stop cars parking on pavement
Church Terrace			X		Objection to Clinton Street - 1 side only
Regent Mews, Chapel Street			X		Removal of spaces on Regent Mews will cause double parking.
Plymouth Place			X		Reduced capacity in Plymouth Place
Totals Received	22	38	58	10	

2.5 Objections & Representations – Thematic Review

2.5.1 Objection:

Business objection: Removal of the ability to park on-street nearby without time restriction will have a severely detrimental impact on businesses, especially in the case of the remote working hub located on Mill Street (36 objections received)

Staff, visitors, and businesses using the facilities on either an occasional or semi-permanent basis would find the hub a less attractive proposition, damaging the viability of the remote working hub as an ongoing business concern and potentially leading to the withdrawal of substantial employment and economic benefit to the area.

Similar sentiments were expressed by other businesses located in and around the area of the proposed L6 zone expansion.

Officers' Response:

Warwickshire County Council as the Highway Authority are under no obligation to provide time unlimited free parking for businesses, either for staff or for customers and clients, and there should be no expectation of such a facility remaining in place in perpetuity. Parking regulation in the case of residents' parking zones is generally used as a tool to alter the balance of availability of spaces to suit the varying needs of differing road users, and it is acknowledged that local residents can often have difficulty in parking near to their residences in areas around the current L6 zone in competition with both commuters and users of local business facilities.

However, it is also acknowledged that a significant number of motorists accessing the facilities offered by local businesses are reliant on travel by car, and that a severe reduction in the convenience of available on-street parking may have a detrimental impact on business. Given the levels of objection on these grounds and the strength of feeling on display, **it is therefore recommended that the proposals relating to residents' parking spaces and associated waiting restrictions be deferred.**

Business permits have been raised by consultees as a possible compromise measure. At this time there are no business permits available from Warwickshire County Council; A formal policy would need to be introduced to establish the criteria under which businesses would be considered for eligibility and the circumstances under which they could be applied.

2.5.2 Objection:

4 hour restriction / unrestricted parking on Leam Terrace will be available to town centre visitors & commuters, making spaces more desirable; therefore providing less of a solution to residents than the 2 hour limited waiting proposed at the informal consultation stage (37 objections received)

Officers' Response:

Sections of unrestricted and 4 hour parking were intended as a compromise solution, providing a balance between the needs of residents and business users. All day parking would still be unavailable for non-permit holders, meaning that spaces would not be available to the majority of town centre workers or commuters. Should the residents' parking scheme be paired with the issue of business permits, the limited waiting period for non-permit holders could potentially be reduced back to 2 hours. It is therefore recommended that these proposals relating to residents' parking spaces and associated waiting restrictions be deferred.

2.5.3 Objection

Parking not currently an issue (12 objections received, various locations)

Parking issues are not sufficient to warrant a chargeable residents' parking scheme being introduced.

Officers' Response:

Results of the informal consultation demonstrated that the majority of local residents were in favour in principle of the introduction of residents' parking. Parking issues are amplified the closer an individual street is located to 'destination' places within the town centre; while it is accepted that some streets further out may not currently experience excessive problems, implementing measures closer in may cause displacement into surrounding areas so consistent measures should be considered as pre-emptive. These proposals relate to residents' parking spaces and associated waiting restrictions and are therefore recommended to be deferred.

2.5.4 Objection (Plymouth Place / Gordon Street):

Reduced capacity in Plymouth Place &/or Gordon Street (10 objections received)

Parking restricted to one side only reduces capacity and makes it more difficult for residents to park outside or close to their homes.

Officers' Response:

Currently unrestricted, responsibility for determining what constitutes a safe and unobstructive parking place lies solely with the individual motorist; currently footways are regularly partially obstructed and carriageway running lanes reduced. Prescribed parking places would be marked leaving a minimum carriageway running lane of 3.5m and unobstructed footways; it is accepted that the overall capacity in these narrow streets would be reduced from the current perception, but would conform to best practice design guides in terms of road safety and accessibility. These proposals relate to residents' parking spaces and associated waiting restrictions and are therefore recommended to be deferred.

2.5.5 Objection (Clinton Street):

Double yellow lines (no waiting at any time), Clinton Street (3 objections received)

Parking should be kept available on one side, to maximise available on-street capacity.

Officers' Response:

Both sections of Clinton Street are narrow, with parking on either side restricting access to off-street parking facilities, hampering turning movements and potentially restricting emergency & refuse vehicle access.

2.5.6 Support (Clinton Street):

Double yellow lines (no waiting at any time), Clinton Street (3 received)

Access to off-street parking facilities, for refuse vehicles, and emergency services can be severely hampered by parked cars on either side of both sections of Clinton Street.

Officers' Response:

Proposals for double yellow lines in the narrow Clinton Street are unrelated to the majority of the residents' parking scheme, other than by geographic proximity. **It is therefore recommended that proposals relating to the No Waiting At Any Time restrictions in Clinton Street be implemented as advertised.**

4. Background information

- 4.1 Proposals for waiting restrictions, parking places and permit eligibility in and around the L6 Residents' Parking Zones were advertised and consulted upon in accordance with statutory procedure as prescribed by regulation 14 of the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England & Wales) Regulations 1996 on the 5th September 2024, with consultation open until the 27th September 2024.
- 4.2 The statutory criteria for decisions on making Traffic Regulation Orders are included as Appendix A.
- 4.3 Drawings showing published proposals for waiting restrictions are found in Appendix B.
- 4.4 A copy of the published Public Notice is found in Appendix C.
- 4.5 A copy of the published Statement of Reasons for the scheme is found in Appendix D.
- 4.6 A copy of the objections, support and other representations received are available as background information in Appendix E.
- 4.7 An equalities impact assessment has not been commissioned for this scheme, as the implementation of these parking restrictions is not expected to have a detrimental impact to any particular demographic of road user.
- 4.8 Having reviewed the objections, and given that there are procedural difficulties with the issuing of business permits at this time, it is recommended that only the proposal relating to no waiting at any time on Clinton Street is approved, and that all other proposals are deferred for further consideration including around a policy relating to eligibility for and issue of business permits would operate.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1 All work (Traffic Regulation Order process and implementation) will be carried out within existing allocations from the Local Member's Delegated Budget.

6. Environmental Implications

- 6.1 While any changes to waiting restrictions will have an impact on traffic patterns as drivers change behaviour in terms of preferred locations when looking for parking spaces it is anticipated that the scheme will not have a significant adverse effect on air quality, with no predicted increase in overall traffic volumes or noise levels as a result of the schemes.

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Urgent matter?	No
Confidential or exempt?	No
Is the decision contrary to the budget and policy framework?	No

List of background papers

Copies of the objections, support and other representations received.

Members and officers consulted and informed

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