

**TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER OBJECTION ASSOCIATED WITH THE
PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION OF ELECTRIC TAXI CHARGE POINT PARKING
BAYS ON NEWMARKET ROAD, CAMBRIDGE**

To: **Cambridge City Joint Area Committee**

Meeting Date: **30th January 2018**

From: **Executive Director: Place & Economy**

Electoral division(s): **Market (County and City)**

Forward Plan ref: **N/A** *Key decision:* **No**

Purpose: **To determine an objection received to the proposed implementation of Electric Taxi Charge Point parking bays within redundant Doctors' Parking Bays on Newmarket Road, Cambridge**

Recommendation: **a) Implement the restrictions as advertised
b) Inform the objectors accordingly**

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1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 In order to improve air quality in Cambridge there is a need to reduce emissions from diesel vehicles. To that end, as a first step, local policy has been developed to transition the licensed taxi fleet in Cambridge from diesel to Electric and petrol Hybrid vehicles.
- 1.2 Alongside the policy changes funding has been secured from the City Council Capital Programme; Greater Cambridge Partnership (City Deal); and the Office for Low Emission Vehicles (OLEV) to procure the installation of a substantial network of 21 'Rapid' and 'Fast' electric vehicle charging units across the Greater Cambridge Geography.
- 1.3 Funding sources are as follows: Cambridge City Council £100K; Greater Cambridge Partnership £100k; OLEV £426K.
- 1.4 Extensive consultation with the taxi trade and stakeholders was undertaken as part of feasibility study funded by OLEV which outlined the necessary charging network required, the potential location of infrastructure and helped support the bid to OLEV for the capital funding. OLEV has stipulated that the network be installed over a 3 year period.
- 1.5 Four sites have been identified for installation of the first eight charge points (two at each location) and a tender is underway to fulfil these installations, subject to the necessary process.
- 1.6 One of the four primary locations for the proposed Electric Taxi Charge Points is situated within redundant Doctors' Parking Bays on the northern side of Newmarket Road, between Auckland Road and Evening Court (see Appendix 1).
- 1.7 The Doctors' Parking Bays on Newmarket Road were provided for the exclusive use by eligible Doctors' Surgeries and since the relocation of the local GP surgery the parking bays have been redundant, with the last permits for lawful use expiring in December 2014.
- 1.8 Doctors' Parking Bays are for use by emergency GPs who are required during the course of their duties to attend emergency appointments where patients are unable to attend the Surgery.
- 1.9 A plan of the proposed restrictions is shown in Appendix 2.

2. MAIN ISSUES

- 2.1 The Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) procedure is a statutory consultation process that requires the Highway Authority to advertise in the local press and on-street, a public notice stating the proposal and the reasons for it. The advert invites the public to formally support or object to the proposals in writing within a twenty one day notice period.
- 2.2 The TRO was advertised in the Cambridge News on the 8th November 2017. The statutory consultation period ran from the 8th November to the 30th November 2017.
- 2.2 The statutory consultation resulted in one objection, which has been summarised in the table in Appendix 3. The officer responses to the objection are also given in the table.

3. ALIGNMENT WITH CORPORATE PRIORITIES

3.1 Developing the local economy for the benefit of all

There are no significant implications for this priority.

3.2 Helping people live healthy and independent lives

There are no significant implications for this priority.

3.3 Supporting and protecting vulnerable people

There are no significant implications for this priority.

4. SIGNIFICANT IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Resource Implications

The necessary funding has been secured via the City Council and from the Office for Low Emissions Vehicles and the Greater Cambridge Partnership.

4.2 Procurement/Contractual/Council Contract Procedure Rules Implications

There are no significant implications within this category.

4.3 Statutory, Legal and Risk Implications

The statutory process for this proposal has been followed.

4.4 Equality and Diversity Implications

There are no significant implications within this category.

4.5 Engagement and Communications Implications

The statutory consultees have been engaged including the County and City Councillors, the Police and the Emergency Services.

Notices were placed in the local press and were also displayed on the site of the proposed restrictions. The proposal was made available for viewing at the office of Vantage House, Vantage Park, Washingley Road, Huntingdon, PE29 6SR and in the reception area of Shire Hall, Castle Street, Cambridge, CB3 0AJ.

4.6 Localism and Local Member Involvement

The County Councillor, Cllr Nicola Harrison and the City Ward Councillors were consulted. Only response received was that of support from Cllr Harrison.

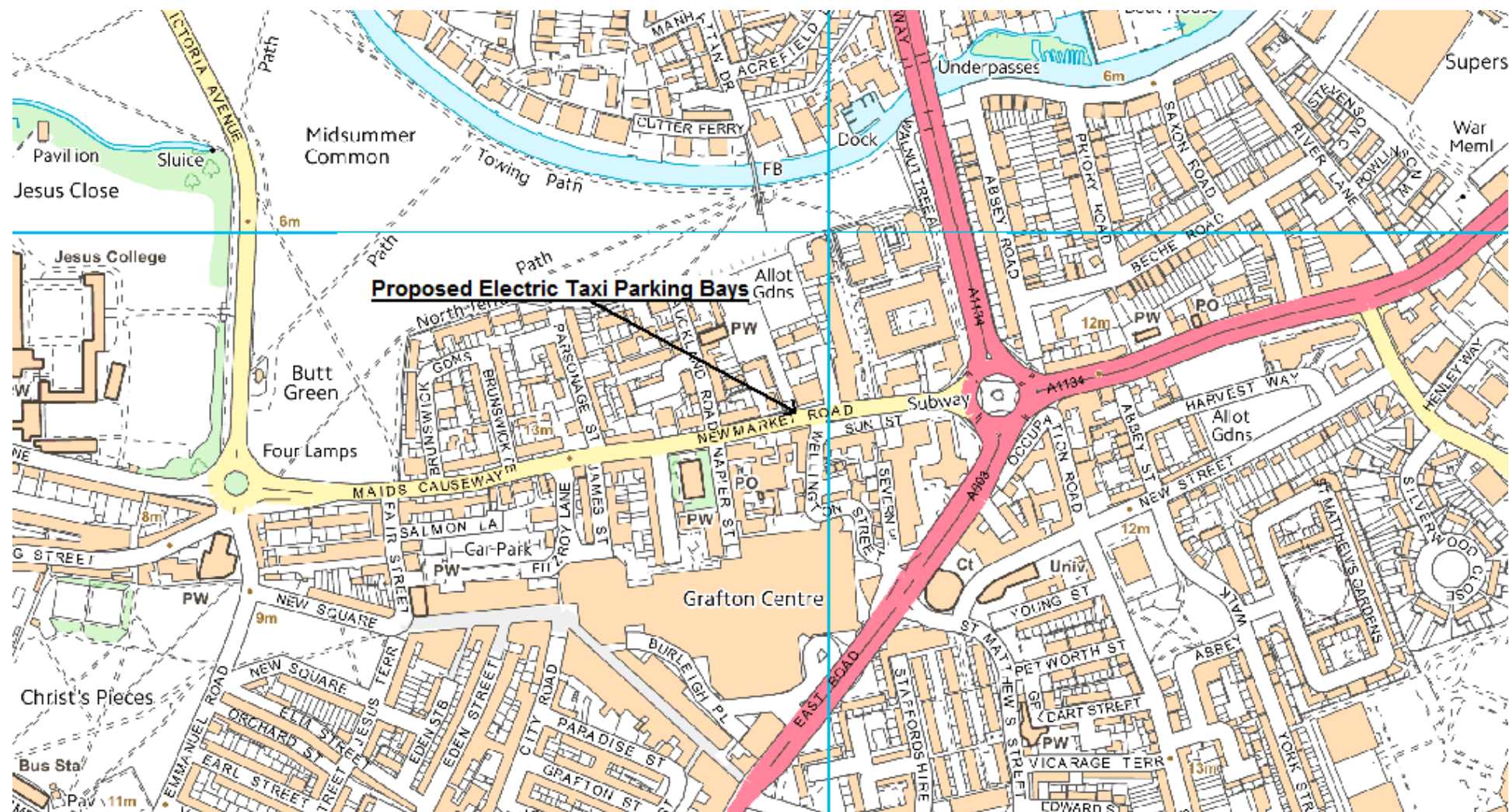
4.7 Public Health Implications

There are no significant implications within this category.

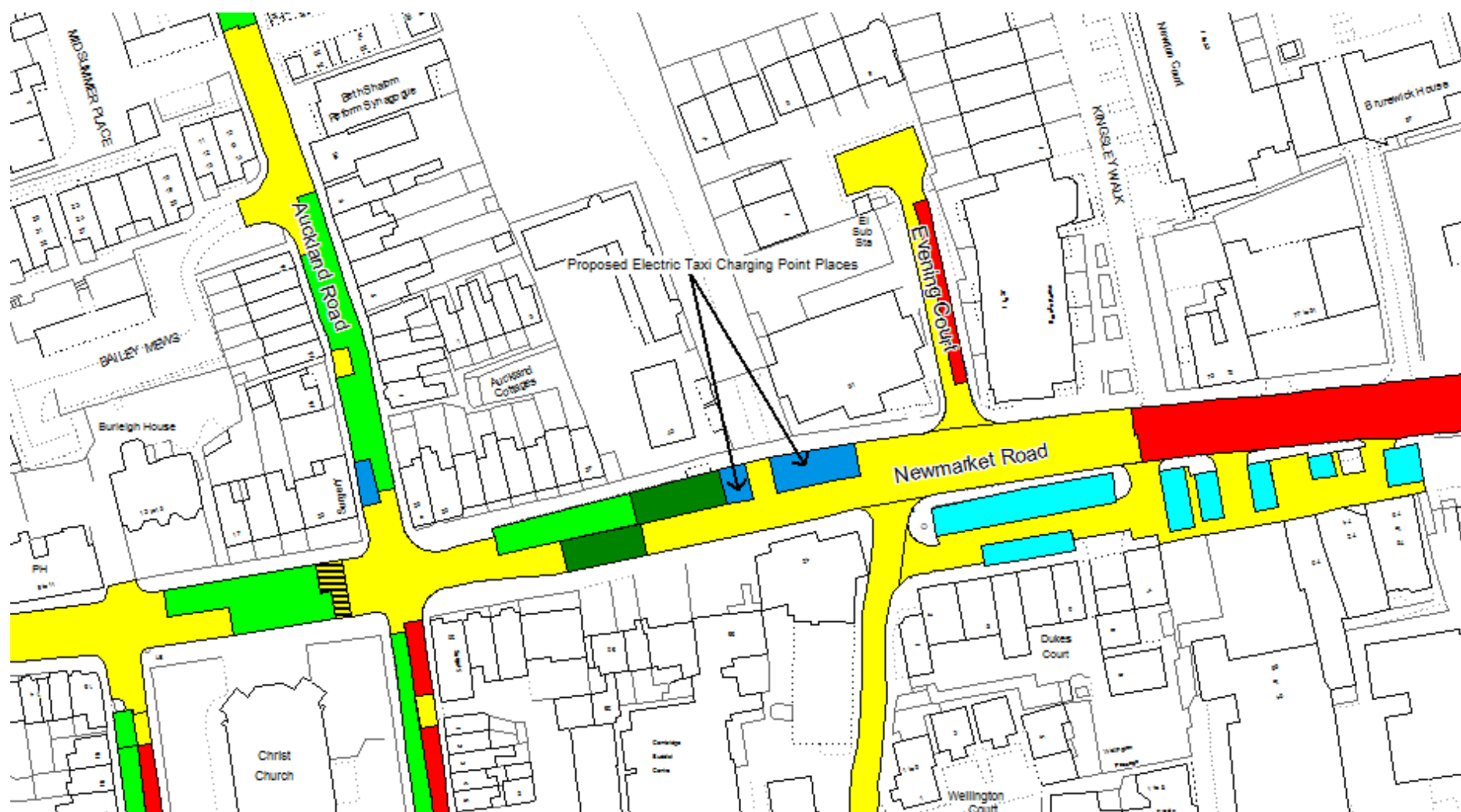
Implications	Officer Clearance
Have the resource implications been cleared by Finance?	Yes Name of Financial Officer: Sarah Heyward
Have the procurement/contractual/ Council Contract Procedure Rules implications been cleared by Finance?	N/A Name of Financial Officer: Chris Malyon
Has the impact on statutory, legal and risk implications been cleared by LGSS Law?	Yes Name of Legal Officer: Fiona McMillan
Have the equality and diversity implications been cleared by your Service Contact?	Yes Name of Officer: Tamar Oviatt-Ham
Have any engagement and communication implications been cleared by Communications?	Yes Name of Officer: Eleanor Bell
Have any localism and Local Member involvement issues been cleared by your Service Contact?	Yes Name of Officer: Tamar Oviatt-Ham
Have any Public Health implications been cleared by Public Health	Yes Name of Officer: Iain Green

Source Documents	Location
Scheme plans Consultation responses	Vantage House Vantage Park Washingley Road Huntingdon PE29 6SR
Cambridgeshire County Council Highways Asset Management Plan	https://ccc-live.storage.googleapis.com/upload/www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/HIAMP%202016%20v5.0%20Feb%202017.pdf?inline=true

Appendix 1 – Location of Proposed Electric Taxi Charge Points



Appendix 2 – Plan of proposed Electric Taxi Parking Bays



Appendix 3

No	Consultation Responses	Officer's Comments
1	<p>Objects to the proposals on the grounds that Cambridgeshire County Council has overlooked the fact that there is a nearby surgery that provides extended hours care, home visits, and domiciliary care. Additionally, we feel that Cambridgeshire County Council may not have considered the impact that the proposed changes will have on the provision of health care in both Cambridgeshire and the surrounding area.</p> <p>Our surgery is the only surgery in East Anglia that is dedicated to providing an extended hours, 7 days a week, 365 days a year service. We provide both emergency and routine care to both Cambridge residents and people from the surrounding area. We regularly see patients who have travelled from Suffolk, Norfolk, and the Peterborough area due to a lack of open care facilities in these areas, particularly in the evenings and at weekends.</p> <p>Additionally, many of our patients are advised to come to us after calling the NHS 111 help line. Our service plays an important role in reducing the number of unnecessary visits to A&E departments across East Anglia.</p> <p>In order to provide home visits and domiciliary care, it is essential to have parking close to our surgery for the transport of equipment and materials. The proposed changes will result in us having to reduce or cut this service.</p> <p>Due to our extended opening hours, our clinicians typically work a 12-13 hour working day. Many of our clinicians commute from outside of Cambridgeshire and need to transport personal equipment to the surgery. As our clinicians arrive at the surgery before 0730 and leave after 2000, we do not contribute to peak hour's congestion in Cambridge.</p>	<p>The Cambridge Dental Hub is not a GP Surgery and therefore is not eligible for Doctors Parking Bay Permits. Conversion of the existing Doctor's Parking Bays into Electric Taxi Charge Points will not affect the Dental Hub as they have never had permitted use of these bays.</p> <p>There are a significant number of on and off street parking facilities in the area for use by both customers and employees of the Dental Hub. Pay & Display Parking is available directly opposite the Dentists and multi storey off-street parking available in the nearby Grafton east & Grafton west car parks. Cheaper, longer stay parking provision is available from one of the many Park & Ride facilities located around Cambridge, with the nearest service to Newmarket Road Park & Ride running from 0700-2030 Monday to Friday.</p>