

## Twyford Parking Proposals

### Introduction

During 2020, we surveyed residents and businesses in Twyford about parking issues.

Two-thirds of residents responding (66%) reported parking problems in their road, with nearly all (91%) supporting new or improved parking restrictions.

The three top issues raised were:

- Commuter parking - 24 per cent
- Inconsiderate parking -- 17 per cent
- Parking too close to junctions -- 14 per cent

The next stage was for us to carry out on-site surveys, where we looked at how much parking was available, how long people were parking and where. Unfortunately the on-site surveys were delayed due to Covid-19 lockdowns and working from home rules. We did the surveys when traffic began returning to pre-Covid patterns.

We used the results to create proposed changes to on-street parking arrangements, which we consulted on between 31 October to 19 December 2022.

People were asked their views via an online consultation which was advertised in the council's e-newsletters, social media and local residents were sent a letter inviting them to take part. People could also attend a drop-in session to find out more and offer their responses at Twyford Library, as well as emailing responses in.

### Results

We had 412 people respond to the survey, of which 95 per cent were residents of Twyford.

Overall, people were more in favour of the proposals than against, however this number was different for each of the proposed schemes.

People were able to comment on individual roads, as well as give their views on parking in Twyford in general.

A summary of the comments includes:

- Concerns about how friends and family will park when they visit for areas where resident-only parking was proposed

- Concerns that measures will push commuter parking issues into other parts of Twyford
- Concerns about the cost of resident permits
- Questions around whether residents would be given allocated bays
- Concerns about whether appropriate enforcement measures would be taken
- Concerns that the proposals don't go far enough to resolve all issues
- Worries that Colleton Drive could be negatively impacted by restrictions on surrounding roads
- Questions about where residents without driveways would park if where they currently do is proposed as double yellow lines
- Questions raised over the number of disabled bays proposed
- Concern over where carers and tradespeople would park
- Questions about the width of some roads where parking bays are proposed
- Suggestions that parking at the rail station needs to be improved/increased/made cheaper to deter parking in neighbouring streets

**Next steps:**

The team will now be reviewing responses to the proposals and will send an analysis to the executive member for active travel, transport and highways.