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Date: 15 February 2018

Dear Councillor

**Notification of a Decision taken by the Cabinet Member for
Regeneration, Environment and Housing**

The attached non-key decision has been taken by the Cabinet Member for
Regeneration, Environment and Housing, with regards to:

- Proposed waiting restrictions in Deer Park Gardens - statutory consultation

and will be implemented at **noon on Tuesday 20 February** unless a call-in
request is received.

The call-in form is attached for your use if needed and refers to the relevant
sections of the constitution.

Yours sincerely

Lisa Jewell
Democracy Services

NON-KEY DECISION TAKEN BY A CABINET MEMBER UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

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1. Title of report

Deer Park Gardens proposed waiting restrictions - statutory consultation report

2. Reason for exemption (if any)

3. Decision maker

Councillor Martin Whelton, Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Environment and Housing

4. Date of Decision

14 February 2018

5. Date report made available to decision maker

5 February 2018

6. Decision

- 1) Notes the result of the statutory consultation carried out between 21st September and 13th October 2017 on the proposals to introduce 'At any time' waiting restrictions in Deer Park Gardens.
- 2) Notes the representations received (detailed in appendix C) and agrees to proceed with the making of the relevant Traffic Management Orders (TMOs) and the implementation of the proposed waiting restrictions 'At any time' in Deer Park Gardens, as shown in Drawing No. Z27-656-01 Rev A, see Appendix A.
- 3) Agrees to exercise his discretion not to hold a public inquiry on the consultation process.

7. Reason for decision

- 1) Support shown during the consultation for the introduction of waiting restrictions and improvement to road safety

8. Alternative options considered and why rejected

- 1) Not to implement would endanger the lives of people living in the area due to the current dangers to pedestrians and road users caused by dangerous parking.

9. Documents relied on in addition to officer report

None

10. Declarations of Interest

None



Cllr Martin Whelton

Cabinet member for regeneration, environment and housing

14 February 2018

Publication of this decision and call in provision

Send this form and the officer report* to democratic.services@merton.gov.uk for publication. Publication will take place within two days. The call-in deadline will be at Noon on the third working day following publication.

IMPORTANT – this decision should not be implemented until the call-in period has elapsed.

Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Environment and Housing:

Date: 2nd February 2018

Agenda item:

Ward: Ravensbury

Subject: Proposed waiting restrictions in Deer Park Gardens (statutory consultation)

Lead officer: Chris Lee, Director of Environment & Regeneration

Lead member: Councillor Martin Whelton, Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Environment and Housing

Forward Plan reference number: N/A

Contact Officer: Barry Copestake, Tel: 020 8545 3840

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Recommendations:

That the Cabinet Member considers the issues details in this report and:

- 1) Notes the result of the statutory consultation carried out between 21st September and 13th October 2017 on the proposals to introduce 'At any time' waiting restrictions in Deer Park Gardens.
- 2) Notes the representations received (detailed in appendix C) and agrees to proceed with the making of the relevant Traffic Management Orders (TMOs) and the implementation of the proposed waiting restrictions 'At any time' in Deer Park Gardens, as shown in Drawing No. Z27-656-01 Rev A, see Appendix A.
- 3) Agrees to exercise his discretion not to hold a public inquiry on the consultation process.

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report details the undertaking of the statutory consultation and the outcome of the Councils' proposals to introduce waiting restrictions in Deer Park Road operating 'At any time'.
- 1.2 It seeks approval to proceed with the making of the relevant Traffic Management Orders (TMOs) to introduce waiting restrictions in Deer Park Gardens operational 'at any time' as shown in Drawing Nos. Z27-656-01 Rev A, see Appendix A.

2 DETAILS AND BACKGROUND

- 2.1 In response to reports received from some residents and ward councillors regarding obstructive parking in Deer Park Gardens, the Council carried out a statutory consultation on a proposal to introduce 'at any time' waiting restrictions (double yellow lines) to address the obstructive parking and assist with the movement of traffic especially for emergency service vehicles and the Council's refuge collection service vehicles.
- 2.2 The carriageway width of Deer Park Gardens is not of sufficient width to accommodate parking on both sides of the carriageway and therefore waiting restrictions operating 'at any time' are proposed on one side of the road. This proposal will address obstructive parking and assist with traffic flow.

- 2.3 The waiting restrictions are proposed around the central grassed area; this will maintain clear access through the road whilst allowing residents to park outside their properties and park across their own dropped kerbs if they wish. Also the provision of waiting restrictions opposite dropped kerbs will ensure that entering / exiting driveways is not hindered as currently with parked vehicle opposite driveways residents have difficulty in manoeuvring in and out their drives.
- 2.4 Due to the narrow width of the carriageway on the northern arm of Deer Park Gardens it is proposed to introduce 'at any time' waiting restrictions on both sides of the carriageway.

3 STATUTORY CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN

- 3.1 The statutory consultation on the Council's proposal to introduce waiting restrictions in Deer Park Gardens was carried out between 21st September and 13th October 2017. The consultation included erecting street notices on lamp columns in the vicinity of the proposals and the publication of the Council's intentions in the Local Guardian and the London Gazette.
- 3.2 A newsletter with a plan of proposal, (see appendix B), was also distributed to all the properties in Deer Park Gardens and to Nos.120 – 178 Morden Road.

Ward Councillor Comment

- 3.3 Ward Members have been engaged during the statutory consultation process and are supportive of the proposed measures.

4 REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED

- 4.1 The statutory consultation resulted in 6 representations. Of the 6 representations, 2 object to the proposal and 4 are generally comments. Full details of representations can be found in Appendix C.
- 4.2 The 2 objections are on the grounds that the proposal will reduce available parking and the objectors would be unable to park outside their property.
- 4.3 Additional comments that were made include concern with speed of vehicles entering Deer Park Gardens and the car repair garage located on the parade of shops on Morden Road that may add to the volume of traffic and park vehicles in Deer Park Gardens. Also there is a suggestion for the Council to give consideration in making parking spaces by cutting into the green central island.
- 4.4 Comments also included concerns about the reduction in parking which would mostly impact the top floor flats, as ground floor flats have off-road parking / driveways, and specific areas noted in several of the representations were the northern end of the northern arm (cul-de-sac) section of Deer Park Road where waiting restrictions would provide no parking for residents at that location.
- 4.5 There have been reports of the existing disabled parking bays being redundant. The Council has written to properties Nos.101 – 104 Deer Park Gardens seeking confirmation of the status of the existing disabled bay. If the disabled bay is confirmed as redundant it will be removed to free up further parking space for residents.
- 4.6 It is important to note that the council must strike a balance of ensuring safety and maintaining unobstructed traffic flow whilst acknowledging the parking needs of the community.

Revised design layout

- 4.7 In response to some representations, particularly in reference to paragraph 4.4, (full details in appendix C), the proposal has been revised to provide parking area for 4 vehicles at the northern end of the northern arm (cul-de-sac) section of Deer Park Gardens and a reduced

length of waiting restrictions adjacent to Nos.130/132/144 Morden Road to allow parking for 2 vehicles; this still ensures sufficient clearance for traffic entering Deer Park Gardens.

- 4.8 The revised design layout of the proposed waiting restrictions is in Appendix A.

5 TIMETABLE

- 5.1 If a decision is made to proceed with implementation of the proposed waiting restrictions, Traffic Management Orders could be made six weeks after the decision is made. This will include the erection of the Notices on lamp columns in the area, the publication of the made Orders in the Local Guardian and the London Gazette. The documents will be made available at the Link, Civic Centre and on the Council's website. The measures will be introduced soon after.

6 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 6.1 Do nothing. This would be contrary to the concerns expressed thus far, and would not resolve the dangerous and obstructive parking that is currently taking place.

7 FINANCIAL RESOURCE AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 To introduce the proposed restrictions will cost approximately £4,200. This includes the making of the Traffic Management Orders. The set up costs will be funded from the budget identified for controlled parking zones and waiting restrictions within the Capital Programme 2017/2018.

8 LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 The Traffic Management Orders would be made under Section 6 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended). The Council is required by the Local Authorities Traffic Order (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 to give notice of its intention to make a Traffic Order (by publishing a draft traffic order). These regulations also require the Council to consider any representations received as a result of publishing the draft order.
- 8.2 The Council has discretion as to whether or not to hold a public inquiry before deciding whether or not to make a Traffic Management Order or to modify the published draft Order. A public inquiry should be held where it would provide further information, which would assist the Cabinet Member in reaching a decision.

9 HUMAN RIGHTS, EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY COHESION IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 The Council carries out careful consultation to ensure that all road users are given a fair opportunity to air their views and express their needs. The parking needs of the residents and visitors are given consideration but it is considered that maintaining safe access must take priority.
- 9.2 Bodies representing motorists, including commuters are included in the statutory consultation required for draft traffic management and similar orders.
- 9.3 The implementation of waiting restrictions affects all sections of the community especially the young and the elderly and assists in improving safety for all road users as well as achieving the transport planning policies of the government, the Mayor for London and the borough.
- 9.4 By maintaining clear access points, visibility will improve thereby improving the safety at junctions; bends and along narrow sections of a road and subsequently reducing potential accidents.

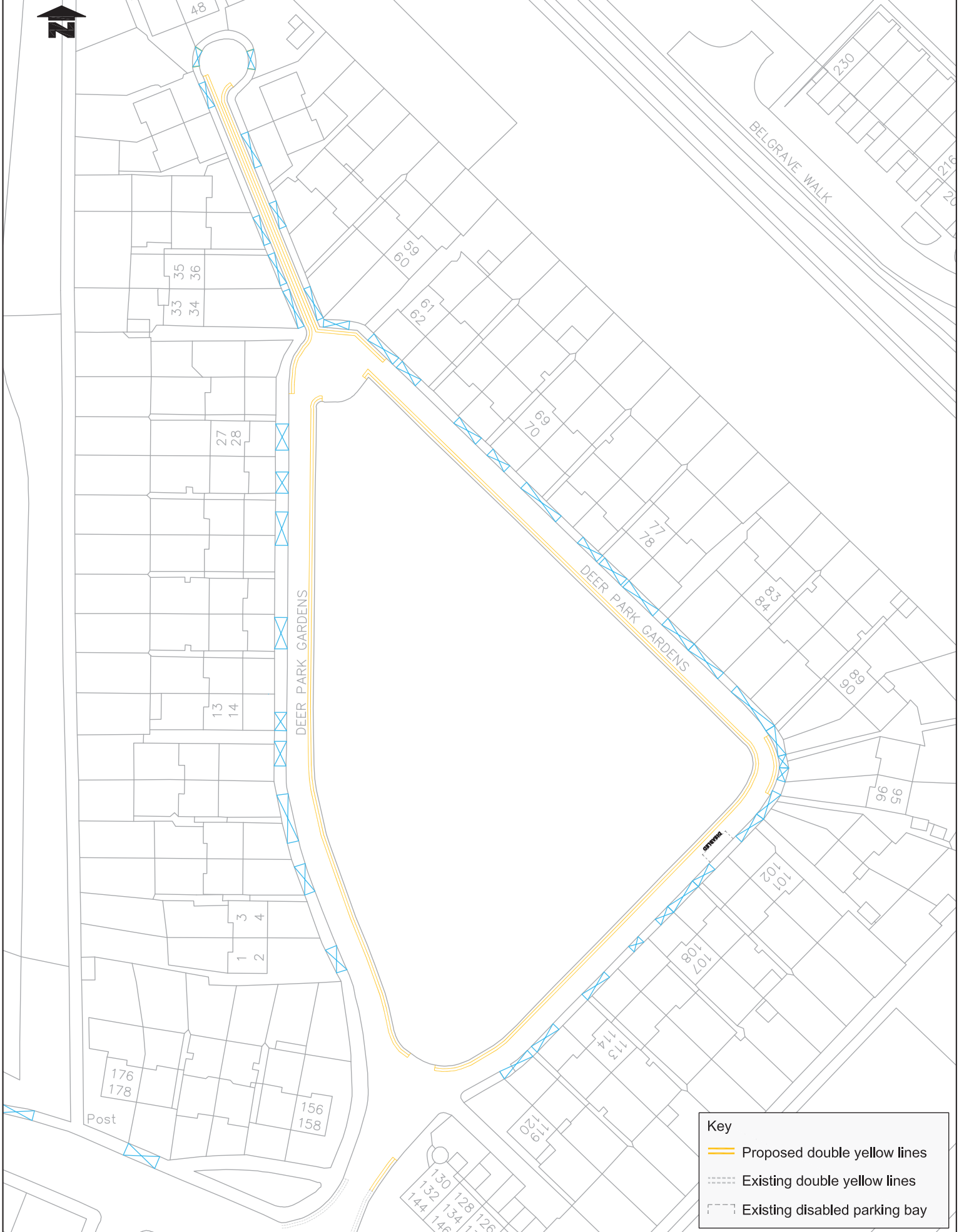
- 9.5 Regulating and formulating the flow of traffic will ensure the safety of all road users and improved access throughout the day.

10 RISK MANAGEMENT AND HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 The risk in not introducing the proposed waiting restrictions would be the potential risk to all road users, including residents, businesses and visitors, particularly in the case of an emergency. It would also be contrary to the support and concerns expressed and could lead to loss of public confidence in the Council.
- 10.2 The risk of introducing the proposed restrictions could lead to extra pressure on the current parking demand. However, the benefits of the proposals outweigh the possible increase in demand.

11 APPENDICES

- 11.1 The following documents are to be published with this report and form part of the report.
- 11.2 Appendix A – Drawing No. Z27-656-01 Rev A, Deer Park Gardens proposed layout
- 11.3 Appendix B – Statutory consultation newsletter
- 11.4 Appendix C - Representations and officer's comments



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PROJECT
Proposed Waiting Restrictions
'At any time'

TITLE
Deer Park Gardens
Morden, CR4 4DY



Drawing No. Z27-656-01
Revision A
Classification CONSULTATION
Scale NTS

ISSUE DATE : 21 SEPTEMBER 2017

Dear Resident

Due to reports received from residents and Ward Councillors regarding obstructive parking in Deer Park Gardens the Council is carrying out a statutory consultation on its intention to introduce 'at any time' waiting restrictions (double yellow lines).

PROPOSED MEASURES

- Due to the carriageway width in Deer Park Gardens 'at any time' waiting restrictions are proposed around the central grassed area. This is to maintain clear access through the road whilst allowing residents to park outside their properties and park across their own dropped kerbs if they wish. Also the provision of waiting restrictions opposite dropped kerbs will improve access and egress when using crossovers.

- Due to the narrow width of the carriageway on the northern arm of Deer Park Gardens the Council is proposing the introduction of double yellow lines on both sides of the road.

To view the proposed layout of the measures **please see the plan overleaf.**

CONSULTATION PERIOD

The statutory consultation period begins on Thursday 21st September 2017 and will conclude on Friday 13th October 2017.

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(The contact details of Ward Councillors are provided for information purposes only)

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

A Notice of the Council's intention to make the relevant Traffic Management Orders (TMO) for the required changes will be published in the local news paper (The Guardian), London Gazette and posted on lamp columns in the vicinity. Representations for and against the proposals must be made by email to trafficandhighways@merton.gov.uk or in writing to the Head of Sustainable Communities, Merton Civic Centre, London Road, Morden, Surrey, SM4 5DX by no later than **13th October 2017** quoting reference **ES/WRDEERPARKGARDENS**

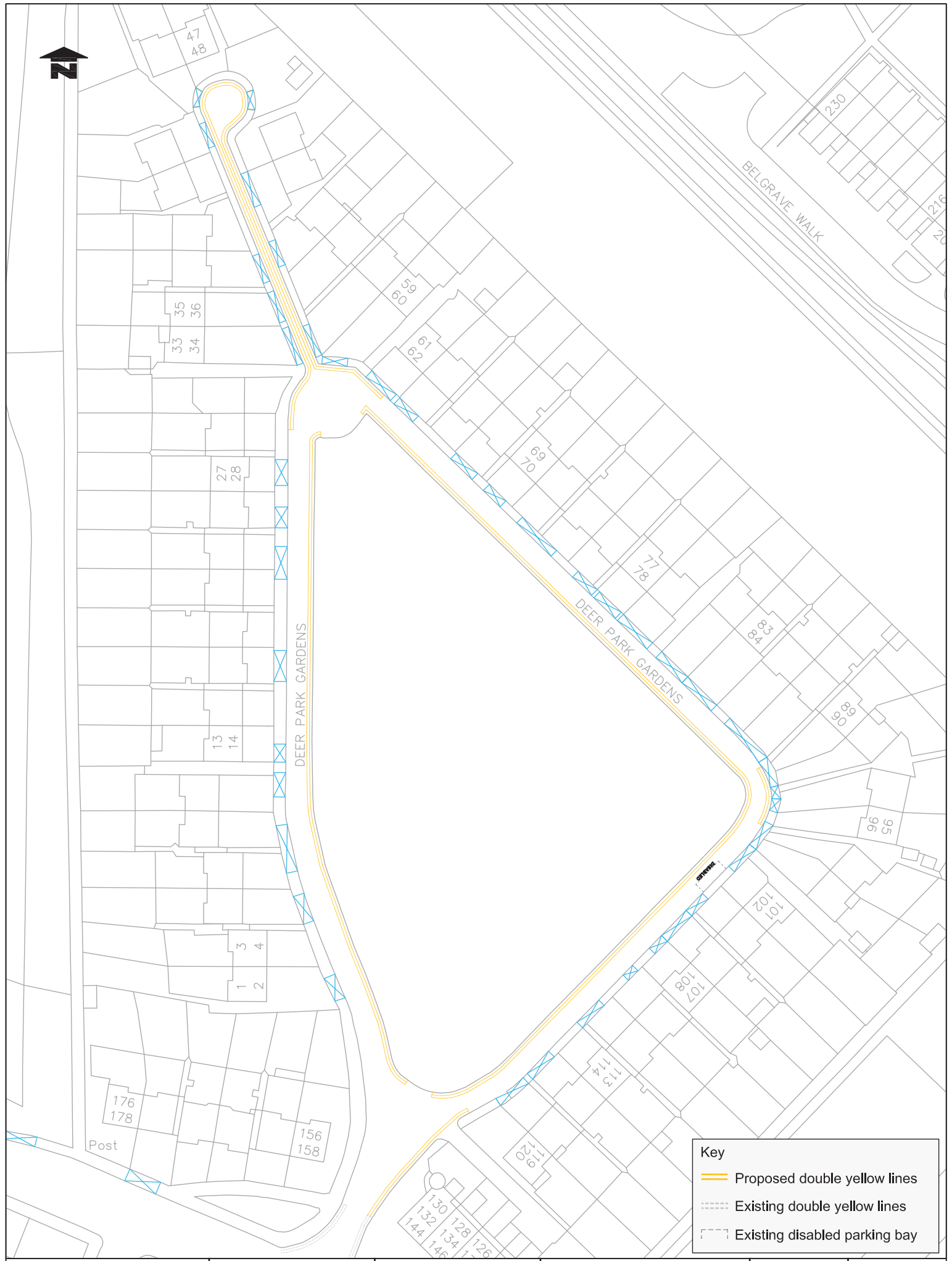
Copies of the proposed Traffic Management Order (TMO), a plan identifying the area affected by the proposal and the Council's 'statement of reasons' can be inspected at the Merton Link, Merton Civic Centre, London Road, Morden, Surrey, between Monday to Fridays, 10am to 4pm.

This information is also available on Merton Council's website

www.merton.gov.uk/wrdeerparkgardens

Objections must relate only to the elements of the scheme that are subject to this statutory consultation. The Council is required to give weight to the nature and content of your representations and not necessarily the quantity. Your reasons are therefore important to us.

All representations along with Officers' comments and recommendations will be presented in a report to the Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Environment and Housing. **Please note that responses to any representations received will not be made until a final decision is made by the Cabinet Member.** Once a decision is made by the Cabinet Member, you will be informed accordingly.



Key

Proposed double yellow lines

Existing double yellow lines

Existing disabled parking bay

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Appendix C - Representations and officer's comments

ES/WRDEERPARKGARDENS/001

I am emailing to confirm that I am strongly against the plans for extending the double yellow lines at deer park gardens. This does not help or provide parking for the current residents, it decreases the chance of us being able to park outside our own properties and also in the road that we live in, this will force many off us to park on Morden Road which again is not ideal and as far as I'm aware no extra parking has been made available along that road. I have lived at this address for 25 years and have been able to park in the cul-de-sac with two off my neighbours without issue. By putting in the double yellow lines what parking options have you left me or my neighbours with.

Have you actually counted the number off properties and parking places you will leave us with? You are just making a bad situation worse and I suppose you will not take responsibility for the problems this scheme will cause us, and bury your heads in the sand when we complain about this stupid scheme. The fact that you have wasted money bringing this scheme forward defies belief, when you are not providing a solution to the problem. If this scheme is to go ahead I do expect you to lower the kerb in front of my property without cost to me, as I do expect compensation for the major inconvenience this will cause me, I brought my property with the knowledge that I would be able to park outside it. Had parking been an issue I would not have bought the property, as being a car owner parking outside my own property is a must.

WHAT EXTRA PARKING ARE YOU PROVIDING, HAVE YOU BOTHERED TO COMPARE THE NUMBER OFF RESIDENTS TO THE PARKING PLACES LEFT AVAILABLE. DID YOU NOT LISTEN TO THE RESIDENTS WHEN WE HAD A MEETING ON THE GREEN WITH MR ALAMBRITIS?

Officers comments:

Following the feedback received from the statutory consultation the proposal has been revised to provide parking for 4 vehicles at the northern end of the northern arm (cul-de-sac) section of Deer Park Gardens and a reduced length of waiting restrictions adjacent to Nos.130/132/144 Morden Road to allow parking for 2 vehicles; this still ensures sufficient clearance for traffic entering Deer Park Gardens.

We have contacted properties Nos.101 – 104 Deer Park Gardens to determine the status of the existing disabled bay. If the disabled bay is confirmed as redundant it will be removed to free up further parking space for residents.

ES/WRDEERPARKGARDENS/002

Thank you in advance for taking into account our reasons for objecting to the current elements of your suggested scheme. We are responding to the proposed waiting restrictions the council (yellow lines) intends to introduce "at any time" in Deer Park Gardens.

The proposed plan prejudices residents on 1st floor flats, many whom have families with small children, as it diminishes the supply of on-street parking within the cul-de-sac. The measures are inadequate in that they lack any consideration on this matter and come across as unilateral in the favour of downstairs properties. One of our downstairs neighbours whom has been raising complaints and trying to drive these proposed waiting restrictions said that they felt "people shouldn't own cars if they decide to live upstairs." Is this the opinion of the council based on the proposed plans?

At present there is already scarcity in finding a place to park within the cul-de-sac. During weekdays some people using the tram lines park here and the local car garage business uses multiple of our on-street parking spots by having a car drive behind the other, when vacating a spot and making sure it is immediately taken by another car.

There is an increased risk to health and safety, as well as vehicle damage, if these plans go forward, because upstairs residents will have to park much more frequently farther away.

The crime breakdown 1/4 mile from Deer Park Gardens (according to UK crime watch) records 73 incidents of violent behaviour, 10 incident of vehicle crime and an incident of burglary/ from Aug 16 to July 17, as some examples in the crime breakdown.

We will be one of many parents' with young children, having to walk a longer distance, which increases risk to our personal safety. Also many residents will have jobs where they arrive home late at night and the risk to safety is compounded. As an example due to my partner's occupation, sometimes comes home after midnight.

The current plan also impacts the marketability and consequent value of the actual upstairs properties, adversely impacting leaseholders of these flats, because of the above issues mentioned.

If the council issues yellow lines, the plan should reflect the concerns of stakeholders in upstairs residency. Items to consider include:

Keeping the status quo – We have never had issues with the carriageway width when driving inside the cul-de-sac. Also I observe that the councils refuse vehicles and emergency services are able to drive around the cul-de-sac every week with no issue.

If yellow lines are put in place, parking permits should be introduced to safeguard on street parking rights of Deer Park Garden residents.

Creating new parking places by widening one of the carriage ways and narrowing a part of the central grass way.

Double Yellow Lines on the sidewalk side and parking next to the greenway. Downstairs have off-street parking and upstairs can park next to the greenway. This maximizes use of space and there is free undisrupted traffic flow on the left side/ sidewalk side.

What impact assessment has been carried out and can we have a copy of the report? We trust that the aforementioned issues will seriously be taken into consideration.

Officers comments:

The proposals are in response to reports from residents and Ward Councillors regarding obstructive parking in Deer Park Gardens. Due to the carriageway width not being sufficient to accommodate parking on both sides of the road The proposal is to introduce double yellow lines along one side of Deer Park Gardens (along the grassed central island side), the provision of waiting restrictions opposite dropped kerbs (driveways) will improve access when vehicles enter / exit private driveways, as opposed to vehicles parking opposite dropped kerbs will inhibit the turning arc for vehicle egressing the driveway. With the narrow width of the carriageway along the northern arm of Deer Park Gardens it is proposed double yellow lines on both sides of the road as a vehicle parking would block access.

Following the feedback received from the statutory consultation the proposal has been revised to provide parking area for 4 vehicles at the northern end of the northern arm (cul-de-sac) section of Deer Park Gardens and a reduced length of waiting restrictions adjacent to Nos.130/132/144 Morden Road to allow parking for 2 vehicles; this still ensures sufficient clearance for traffic entering Deer Park Gardens.

It is against Council's policy / working practice to remove green areas in favour of parking places. There are many advantages of grassed areas and trees such as drainage, the supply of oxygen and absorbing CO2 and pollutants in the air, softening urban landscape, which may be reflected positively in property values and contribute to green / stress reducing areas in the built-up environments.

We have contacted properties Nos.101 – 104 Deer Park Gardens to determine the status of the existing disabled bay. If the disabled bay is confirmed as redundant it will be removed to free up further parking space for residents.

ES/WRDEERPARKGARDENS/003

While you have the painters here, please, please, please also paint DEAD SLOW or DRIVE SLOWLY at the entrance to the street – two of my cats have been killed in this street in the last couple of years which has been very distressing, and I know of at least two others. For some reason, drivers tend to enter this street far too quickly – I have no idea why – this is a quiet cul-de-sac and they have nowhere to go. There are also lots of little children in this street who play on the green and cross back and by, so drivers going at

any kind of speed is potentially very dangerous.

We have a huge issue with the very inappropriately placed repair garage (K&S Motors) on the right as you enter the street – it is beyond me how their premises are categorised for the type of work they do in this residential street, they should be on an industrial estate. They add hugely to the volume of traffic in this cul-de-sac, which just isn't fair. They park their customers' cars throughout the street while they are queueing to be worked on (you should see them directing the traffic here in the mornings, it is absolutely maddening). They often have recovery vehicles dumping cars here throughout the day and night, which is quite disruptive, and they also park their drift racing cars here – you can't miss them, they are emblazoned with K&S Motors decals. I am very much hoping that Deer Park Gardens becomes part of the proposed CPZ arising from the Ravensbury Grove redevelopment – are you able to provide any information regarding this?

Do you realise that the driveways and dropped kerbs belong to the downstairs maisonettes only – where would you propose the tenants of the upstairs maisonettes park once the double yellow lines have been installed?

I believe you need to look into revoking the disabled space – it has not been used for many years.

In a similar way to the free dropped kerbs that have recently been provided in Ravensbury Grove across the road, I believe you need to do the same thing in the far corner turning circle and approach in Deer Park Gardens. The remaining kerbs should be dropped free of charge as you are proposing double yellow lines in this entire area, which would be very restrictive for tenants.

Officers comments:

The aim of the proposal is to maintain clear access through Deer Park Gardens, especially for larger vehicles and waste collection services as well as provide clear access for emergency services. It is acknowledged that car ownership has increased and in certain areas residents compete for parking spaces against other road users such as commuters. The only viable option to manage parking in favour of residents is a Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ). This would prioritise parking for residents through the use of parking permits and remove all day commuter / long term visitor parking to provide more parking spaces for residents. There is a cost to introduce, maintain and enforce the scheme which is funded through parking permits. Before the Council can consider a CPZ for any area, the residents must demonstrate support. This can be done via a petition. Once a petition is received, it is added to our programme for a consultation. CPZs are introduced if there is majority support.

We have contacted properties Nos.101 – 104 Deer Park Gardens to determine the status of the existing disabled bay. If the disabled bay is confirmed as redundant it will be removed to free up further parking space for residents.

ES/WRDEERPARKGARDENS/004

Double Yellow line one side of green only, grass site. As otherwise, would Cause an intimidating atmosphere in neighbourhood. I have asked my 10yrs old child what does he thinks of double yellow on both side of deer park gardens, as we passing on a road whit double yellow both sides, his answers: scary, one side I can understand.

Officers comments:

The proposal is to introduce double yellow lines along one side of Deer Park Gardens (along the grassed central island side), the provision of waiting restrictions opposite dropped kerbs (driveways) will improve access when vehicles enter / exit private driveways. Due to the narrow width of the carriageway on the northern arm of Deer Park Gardens it is proposed double yellow lines on both sides of the road as a vehicle parking would block access.

ES/WRDEERPARKGARDENS/005

Although I understand the need for some parking restrictions around the green of our road. I don't agree about a couple of places that the "at any time" waiting restrictions will be put in place. Firstly, the north flank area outside 47/48 where there are 2 to 3 spaces should not be included with this as well as the one space on the north corner outside number 59/60. Also, a couple of spaces outside the doorway entrance to 132-154 Morden Road near the entrance to our road should still be available as there is no reason to put a yellow line there because the road is wide enough and it does not block people entering and leaving our road. As long as emergency vehicles are able to get through when required you need to consider what will happen if you take more spaces away from us than is necessary as we have to park somewhere so it will only move the congestion to elsewhere!!! Also I want to make it clear that this situation should be to help residents and not be used as an excuse to create Revenue for the council! Another point I forgot to mention was that it may be an idea for you to consider cutting out a few spaces every now and again into the edge of the green. This would not affect the green too much which is used a lot by the residents but would to relieve the parking.

Officers comments:

Following the feedback received from the statutory consultation the proposal has been revised to provide parking area for 4 vehicles at the northern end of the northern arm (cul-de-sac) section of Deer Park Gardens and a reduced length of waiting restrictions adjacent to Nos.130/132/144 Morden Road to allow parking for 2 vehicles; this still ensures sufficient clearance for traffic entering Deer Park Gardens.

We have contacted properties Nos.101 – 104 Deer Park Gardens to determine the status of the existing disabled bay. If the disabled bay is confirmed as redundant it will be removed to free up further parking space for residents.

It is against The Council's policy / working practice to remove green areas in favour of parking places. There are many advantages of grassed areas and trees such as drainage, the supply of oxygen and absorbing CO2 and pollutants in the air, softening urban landscape, which may be reflected positively in property values and contribute to green / stress reducing areas in the built-up environments.

ES/WRDEERPARKGARDENS/006

With regard to the proposed parking restrictions to deer park gardens. Whilst I agree there are problems here, I do not believe to the proposed restrictions to the end of the cul-de-sac outside 47/48 deer park gardens.

There is enough room for 3 cars to park at the end of the cul-de-sac vertically without causing a Disruption or blocking the driveways and still room for others to turn around. There has never been the same problem here that applies to other parts of the road.

In your proposals, you have left a space at the beginning of the cul-de-sac, around the green for cars to park. If you didn't put yellow lines at the other end of the cul-de-sac, it would be more consistent with your plans.

If you did put lines at the end of the cul-de-sac, it would force people that live there to park outside other neighbours houses, causing ill feeling. Most of the people at the end of the cul-de-sac have driveways anyway, so you are trying to solve a problem that doesn't really exist.

I'm thinking of moving next year. To have double yellow lines outside my house, will make it less attractive to buyers and like I say there is no need. There is room and it's causing no obstructions here. I hope you will reconsider the restrictions at the end of the cul-de-sac of deer park gardens.

Officers comments:

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Merton Council - call-in request form

1. Decision to be called in: (required)

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2. Which of the principles of decision making in Article 13 of the constitution has not been applied? (required)

Required by part 4E Section 16(c)(a)(ii) of the constitution - tick all that apply:

(a) proportionality (i.e. the action must be proportionate to the desired outcome);	
(b) due consultation and the taking of professional advice from officers;	
(c) respect for human rights and equalities;	
(d) a presumption in favour of openness;	
(e) clarity of aims and desired outcomes;	
(f) consideration and evaluation of alternatives;	
(g) irrelevant matters must be ignored.	

3. Desired outcome

Part 4E Section 16(f) of the constitution- select one:

(a) The Panel/Commission to refer the decision back to the decision making person or body for reconsideration, setting out in writing the nature of its concerns.	
(b) To refer the matter to full Council where the Commission/Panel determines that the decision is contrary to the Policy and/or Budget Framework	
(c) The Panel/Commission to decide not to refer the matter back to the decision making person or body *	
* If you select (c) please explain the purpose of calling in the decision.	

4. Evidence which demonstrates the alleged breach(es) indicated in 2 above (required)

Required by part 4E Section 16(c)(a)(ii) of the constitution:

5. Documents requested

6. Witnesses requested

7. Signed (not required if sent by email):

8. Notes – see part 4E section 16 of the constitution

Call-ins must be supported by at least three members of the Council.

The call in form and supporting requests must be received by 12 Noon on the third working day following the publication of the decision.

The form and/or supporting requests must be sent:

- **EITHER** by email from a Councillor's email account (no signature required) to democratic.services@merton.gov.uk
- **OR** as a signed paper copy to the Head of Democracy Services, 7th floor, Civic Centre, London Road, Morden SM4 5DX.

For further information or advice contact the Head of Democracy Services on
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