LAVERSTOCK & FORD PARISH COUNCIL

Subject: Potential Church Road Traffic Regulation Order: Elm Close and

Bishop's Mead

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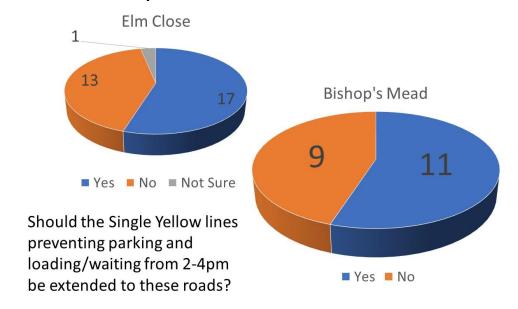
1. Report Summary

1.1 Further consultation has been carried out with the residents of Elm Close and Bishop's Mead following strong support from the respondents to the initial survey for the traffic regulations to be extended to these roads. There was a much smaller majority for extending the regulations following the survey and this report recommends a partial extension to Elm Close and a "watch and wait" approach to Bishop's Mead with no immediate extension of the regulations.

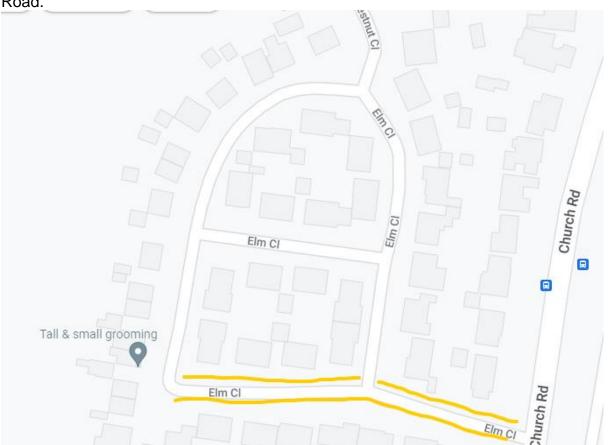
2. Background

- 2.1 At last month's meeting the Parish Council considered Report 22.045 and agreed to recommend to Wiltshire Council the Experimental Traffic Regulation Order for Church Road. See that report for details. The order will be experimental allowing monitoring of the impact before a permanent decision is taken
- 2.2 The consultation which was carried out in the run up to that meeting showed strong support from residents in Elm Close and Bishop's Mead who had completed the survey for the regulations to be extended to those roads. The Parish Council therefore agreed to put a short additional survey through every letterbox on these roads to ensure that they had been consulted and had the opportunity to contribute.

3. Consultation Responses and Further Discussions



3.2 There is stronger support in Elm Close for an extension of the traffic regulations, and most houses have large drives and so residents are less likely to experience issues with their own cars. The Wiltshire Council Highway's Engineer has suggested that a first step could be to extend the single yellow line along the length of Elm Close visible from Church Road.



3.3 Although there was a small majority in favour of extending the regulations to Bishop's Mead, several residents have spoken strongly about the problems they would experience. Houses in this road often have smaller drives and residents sometimes rely on having a car on the pavement and are concerned the regulation could be a source of inconvenience.

4. Recommendations

- 4.1 That Wiltshire Highways are requested to extend the Experimental Traffic Regulation Order to Elm Close, either in full or in the area suggested by the highways engineer.
- 4.2 That no request should be made in relation to Bishop's Mead, but that the impact of the experimental regulation on this road be carefully monitored, and further consultation carried out if necessary to see whether a clearer consensus has emerged after the effects of the regulation have become clear.