

# AYLESTONE AREA PROPOSED TRAFFIC AND PARKING MEASURES



## Public consultation with Aylestone area residents

20<sup>th</sup> February to 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023

The council would like to thank all those who took part in the well attended 2021 consultation on possible traffic measures in the Aylestone area. Extensive analysis of the feedback has indicated that there is some support for a residents' parking zone (RPZ) in the areas affected by football parking and close to the cricket ground. However, areas further away from the football and cricket grounds indicated much less support for an RPZ. The consultation also found a general support for additional one-way streets and pavement parking controls across the area consulted.

Based on the consultation response and after discussions with your ward councillors, the council would now like to carry out further consultation with you on more targeted proposals in the Aylestone area.

### **Residents' Parking Zone Proposal (RPZ):**

The proposals include a residents Parking zone operating seven days a week, but only during the afternoon/evening period of 1pm to 9pm. This timing should discourage parking for most of the more popular games and events happening at the football and cricket grounds and most commuter parking. At the same time morning and late-night visitors to residents will be unaffected. The area proposed for this RPZ is shown on PLAN ONE attached to this letter. We are now asking residents if they support this RPZ proposal.

If the RPZ goes ahead it is also proposed that the area covered by the RPZ will be subject to pavement parking controls. These controls will ensure that where possible there is enough free width on pavements for pedestrians to pass safely and to push prams and wheelchairs. That does not mean that all pavement parking is banned on every street, but the aim is simply to reduce nuisance pavement parking.

### **One-Way Street Proposals:**

In order to improve the parking space available and to attempt to reduce the level of through traffic in the area, it is also proposed to make some streets one-way. The one-way proposals are indicated on PLAN TWO attached to this letter. The direction of the one-ways is not formally set yet. So, we are now asking residents for their opinions on the best traffic direction on each of these streets. We will do our best to take account of majority responses from residents.

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### **Exhibitions:**

Two consultation exhibitions are being held where you are welcome to attend to examine these proposals in more detail. You will also have an opportunity to discuss the proposals with council officers working on the scheme. These exhibitions will be held at:

**The Church of the Nativity**, corner of Cavendish Road and Richmond Road, **LE2 7PL**,

on **23<sup>rd</sup> February @ 4pm to 6pm**, and

on **8<sup>th</sup> March @ 12pm to 2pm**

### **On-Line Consultation:**

This consultation, including more detailed plans, can be found on the council's consultation hub at: [Leicester City Council - Citizen Space](#)

### **Questionnaire:**

In order to understand your opinions please complete the attached questionnaire. Before filling it in a read of the attached FAQs might help you understand how the scheme will operate. When you have completed the questionnaire please post it to the council in the supplied freepost envelope (no stamp is needed).

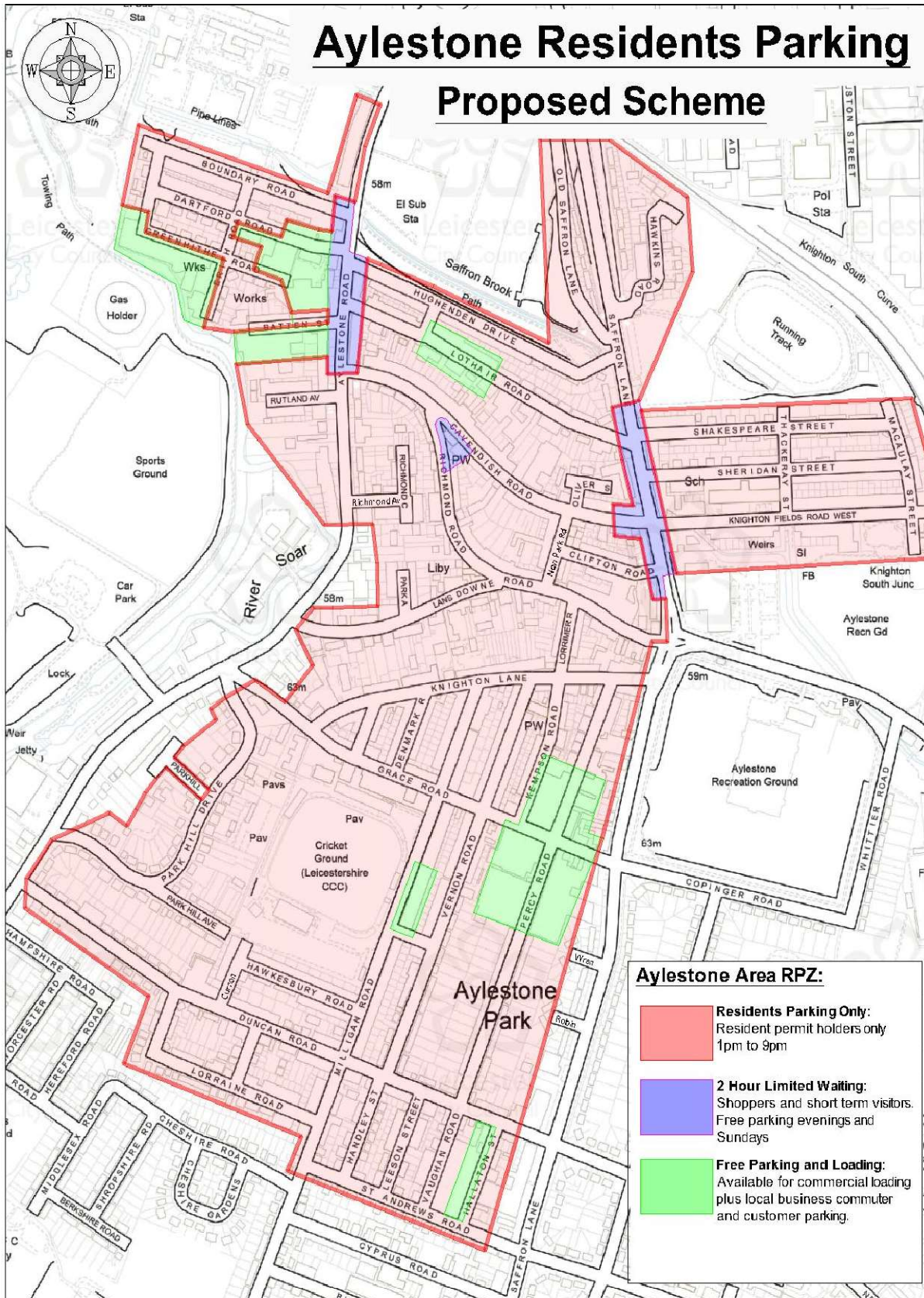
The questionnaire will also be available for completion at both exhibitions and also on-line at the consultations hub.

This consultation finishes on the 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023, so completed questionnaires must reach the council by 21<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

The council urge you to take part in this consultation and complete the questionnaire and attend an exhibition if you can. Please be assured that at this stage the council are using this consultation to determine your opinions on these traffic measures. We will not be bringing in any measures without first assessing support from you the residents and in full discussion with your ward councillors. Any measures that are taken forward after this consultation will be publicly advertised before installation, when you will have a full opportunity to make formal objections to any final proposals from the council.

Attached to this letter:      PLAN ONE – a plan of the proposed RPZ area.  
   PLAN TWO – a plan of the proposed One-Way streets.  
   Answers to *Frequently Asked Questions*.  
   Questionnaire & Freepost Envelope.

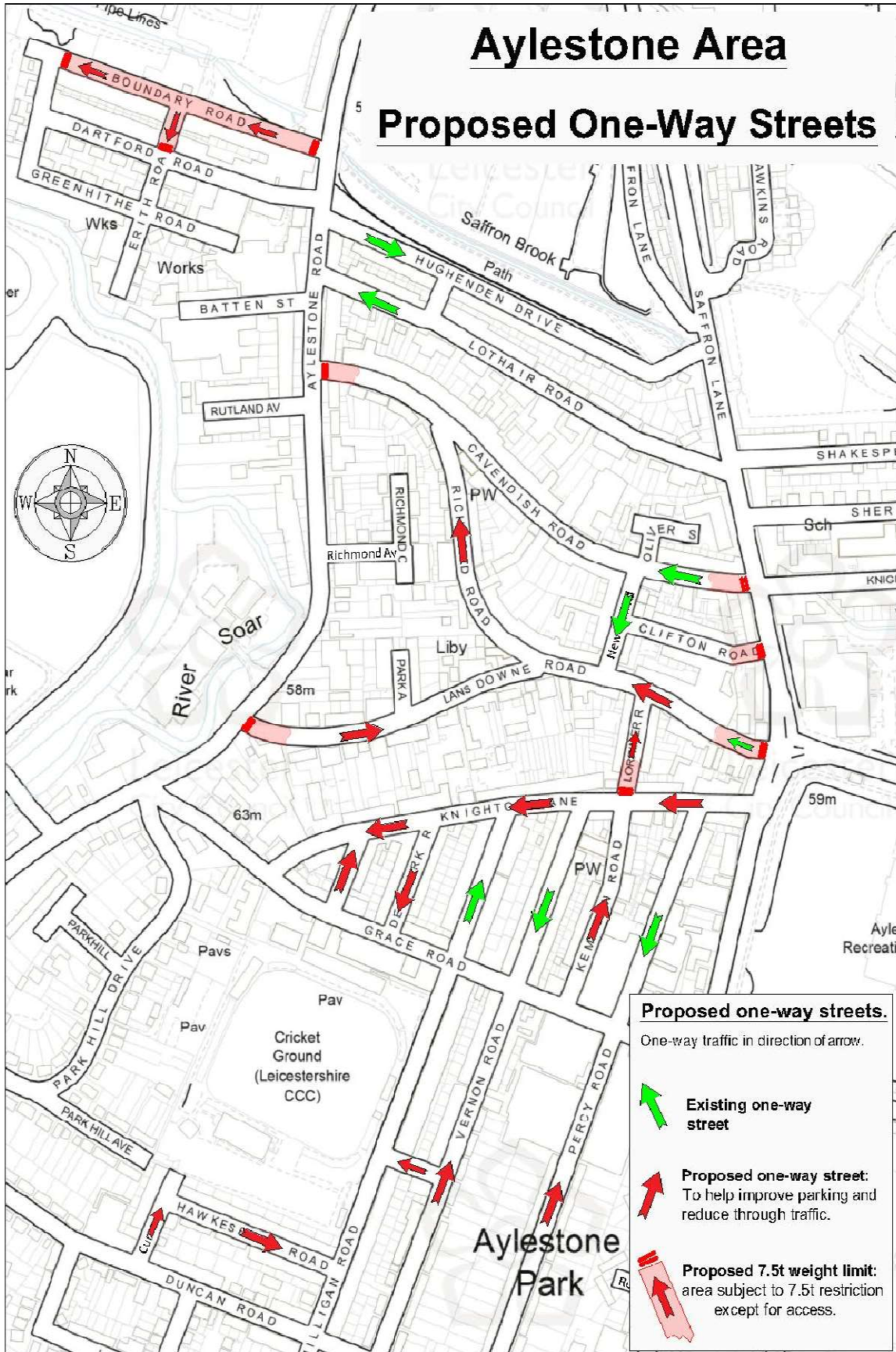
# Aylestone Residents Parking Proposed Scheme



## PLAN ONE

# Aylestone Area

## Proposed One-Way Streets



**PLAN TWO**

# Frequently Asked Questions

## Aylestone Area – parking and traffic issues



Please see below some of the answers to questions you might have regarding the proposed schemes:

### **Residents' Parking Scheme**

A residents' parking scheme creates a parking zone where most or all of the spaces are reserved for resident permit holders. Enforcement officers working for the city council would patrol the area to make sure that all parked vehicles display permits.

#### **How much is a residents' parking permit?**

Currently a residents' permit costs £25 a year.

See: <https://www.leicester.gov.uk/transport-and-streets/parking-in-leicester/get-a-parking-permit/>

#### **Who can buy permits?**

Only residents who have a vehicle registered to their address within the residents' parking zone can apply to the city council to buy a permit.

Any future new developments, or conversions to more than one dwelling, would be subject to planning conditions to determine whether or not they would be eligible for parking permits.

#### **Is there a limit on the number of permits per household?**

The number of permits per household will be determined based on the outcome of this consultation and the on-street car parking capacity. In most of the rest of the city there is currently a limit of four permits per household.

#### **Does a resident permit guarantee me a parking place outside my home?**

No, a parking place is not guaranteed outside your home. However, the restrictions will make it more likely that you will find a parking place when you need one.

#### **What about my visitors?**

Each household, regardless of whether or not they have a car, will have access to visitor permits. Currently each household can buy one 12-month visitor permit for £30.00. This will be available free of charge to customers that are of state pensionable age or need regular carer attendance. Anyone buying or renewing a standard annual resident's permit will be given five temporary visitor scratch-card permits free of charge. In addition, households will be able to purchase up to 30 temporary visitor scratch-card permits per month, costing £2 each on-line in advance. Each scratch-card permit allows a vehicle to park for a period of 48 hours. Visitors can stay longer than 48 hours as long as valid visitor permits are displayed to cover the whole length of their stay.

#### **Do I need a resident permit if my vehicle is only parked on my driveway?**

No, permits are only required if your vehicle is parked on the highway.

### **One-way Streets**

Currently the area has several narrow two-way residential streets. The proposal will be to make some of these streets one-way. This is intended to increase safe residential parking capacity by allowing parking on both sides of the road. This should also stop the kind of confrontation found when opposing drivers refuse to reverse out of the way.

#### **Will this mean I have a longer drive to get to my house?**

Possibly it will. However, this also means it is less likely that non-residents will use the area as a cut through, so making your streets safer and quieter.

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## **Controlled Pavement Parking**

The controlled pavement parking proposals will allow us to limit nuisance pavement parking. In some areas where it is unnecessary to park on the pavement it will be prohibited entirely. However, where drivers have no alternative to park partly on the pavement, such as very narrow streets, it will be controlled to ensure it is still safe for vulnerable pedestrians to freely pass.

### **How will the Controlled Pavement Parking Scheme work?**

Where it is safe to park on the pavement, formal parking bays would be marked partly on the pavement. These bays will be marked to leave enough space for pedestrians, buggies and wheelchairs to pass safely behind them. Where pavement parking is not necessary it will be banned. Where it would never be safe to park, such as close to junctions, additional double yellow lines will be marked. All yellow line restrictions apply to the carriageway and to the pavement. Where pavement parking is persistent or very dangerous, physical barriers might also need to be used.

### **How will you enforce safe pavement parking?**

Pavement parking restrictions would be introduced under legal parking controls. This means that anyone parking on the pavement where it is prohibited could receive a parking fine – fines are set at a similar level to penalties for parking on yellow lines. Fines simply help to encourage drivers to park so as not to cause a nuisance.

**Please find time to come along to one of the exhibitions, to have your say and to help the council find the best parking solutions for your area.**

# AYLESTONE RPZ & ONE-WAY STREETS



## Questionnaire

Please read the covering letter and FAQs. Tick your preferences on the options and then add any comments below. Please remember to fill in your post code – that is important so that we can get an idea of the preferences from businesses and residents living in each area of the proposed scheme.

Further scheme details are also available on-line at the council's consultation web pages:  
<https://consultations.leicester.gov.uk/>

This consultation ends on 20<sup>th</sup> March, so please make sure you return your completed questionnaire using the freepost envelope by **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2023**.


**YOUR POST CODE:**

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## Your Residents Parking Scheme Preference:

<b>Do you support the introduction of a residents permit scheme in operation from 1-9pm, 7 days a week?</b>	<b>YES</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<b>NO</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Comments:**.....  
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Now please turn over the page to complete your one-way street preferences. 

## One-Way Streets – Your Direction of Travel Preferences:

Below are the proposed one-way streets in your area – please indicate your preference for the one-way direction of travel on each street. We will attempt, where possible, to incorporate into the scheme any majority preference for direction of travel on each new one-way street.

PROPOSED ONE-WAY STREET	POSSIBLE DIRECTION OF TRAVEL	TICK YOUR PREFERENCE
Boundary Road	East to West	
	West to East	
Erith Road	North to South	
	South to North	
Richmond Road (Cavendish to Lansdowne)	North to South	
	South to North	
Lansdowne Road (Saffron to Richmond)	East to West	
	West to East	
Lansdowne Road (Aylestone to Richmond)	West to East	
	East to West	
Lorrimer Road	South to North	
	North to South	
Knighton Lane	East to West	
	West to East	
Kempson Road	South to North	
	North to South	
Denmark Road	North to South	
	South to North	
Harold Road	South to North	
	North to South	
Percy Road (Duncan to Grace)	South to North	
	North to South	
Vernon Road (Duncan to Grace)	South to North	
	North to South	
Manners Road	East to West	
	West to East	
Please Note: There is no option on Hawkesbury Road being West to East due to the need for emergency vehicles to have the shortest access route into the cricket ground.		

### Any further comments?:

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Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.  
Please don't forget to return your completed questionnaire to the council using the freepost envelope provided by **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2023.**