



Feedback Report

Wick

High Street & Church Road (A420) – Proposed waiting restrictions (Golden Valley Local Nature Reserve)

Background

In recent months, Golden Valley Local Nature Reserve has experienced a significant increase in visitors. Although bus services are available along the A420 with stops close to the reserve entrance, near the Carpenters Arms, there is no designated car park for the nature reserve and on-street parking is very limited – previous limited parking availability at Wick village hall is no longer available.

Many of the visitors to the reserve continue to arrive by car and park along the main A420 in the High Street and Church Road. This has caused a road safety hazard by obstructing both the carriageway and footway, creating significant traffic congestion and a danger to pedestrians.

Purpose of Scheme

To prevent the obstruction of the main carriageway of the A420 and adjacent footways resulting from unsafe parking practices in the vicinity of the reserve.

Proposed Scheme

In April 2021 South Gloucestershire Council installed double yellow lines along the High Street and Church Road (A420) which are currently legally enforceable on a temporary basis only, for up to 18 months. The current consultation is to determine whether the restrictions should now be made permanent.

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Drawing Reference

Details of the scheme are shown on drawings T435-121-01 / 02 & 03.

Consultation

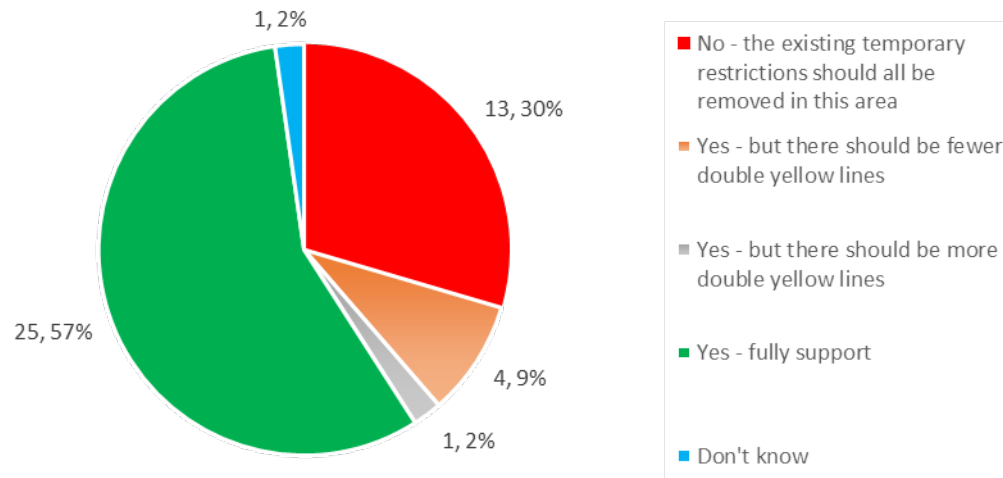
Public consultation took place between 2nd August and 23rd August 2021, with details posted on the Council's consultation website. Letters advising of the consultation were sent to 125 addresses in the vicinity of the scheme. Emails were sent to local councillors, parish and town councils, the emergency services and other stakeholders. Public notices were also erected in the local area.

Feedback from the consultation

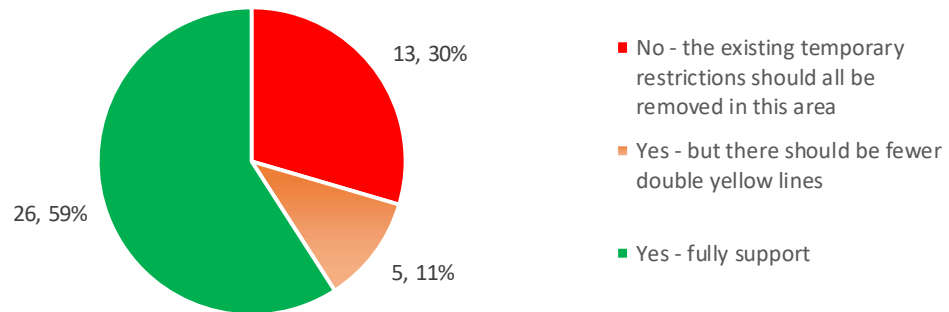
The main scheme consultation drawing was downloaded 132 times. The consultation questionnaire was completed on-line 42 times. In addition to this, 2 paper copies of the questionnaire were submitted, the results of which have been included in the summary charts below. Overall there was support for the scheme as a whole.

The on-line responses to the individual questions are summarised below:

Question 1: Do you support the proposed double yellow lines on the north side of Church Road (A420) - west of the junction with Naishcombe Hill?



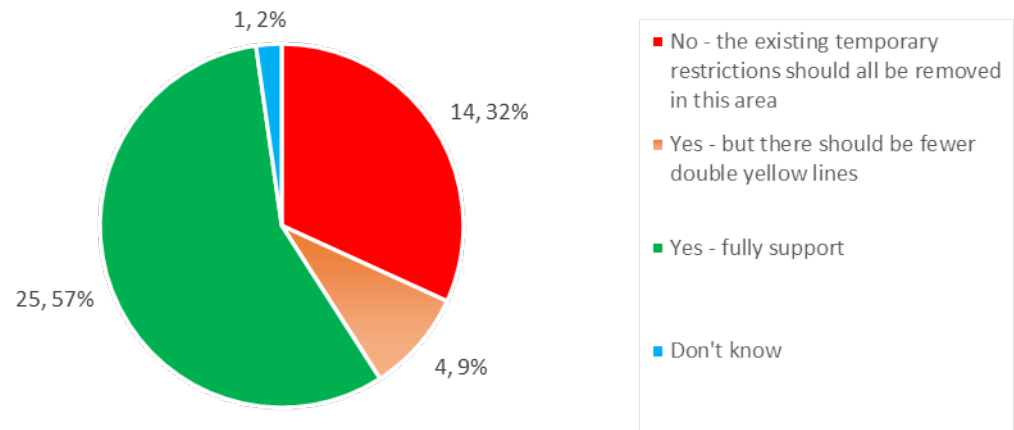
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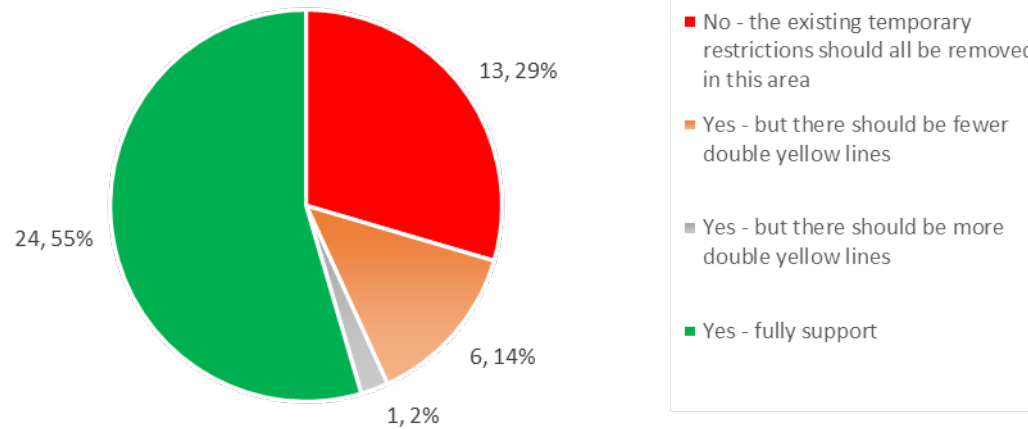
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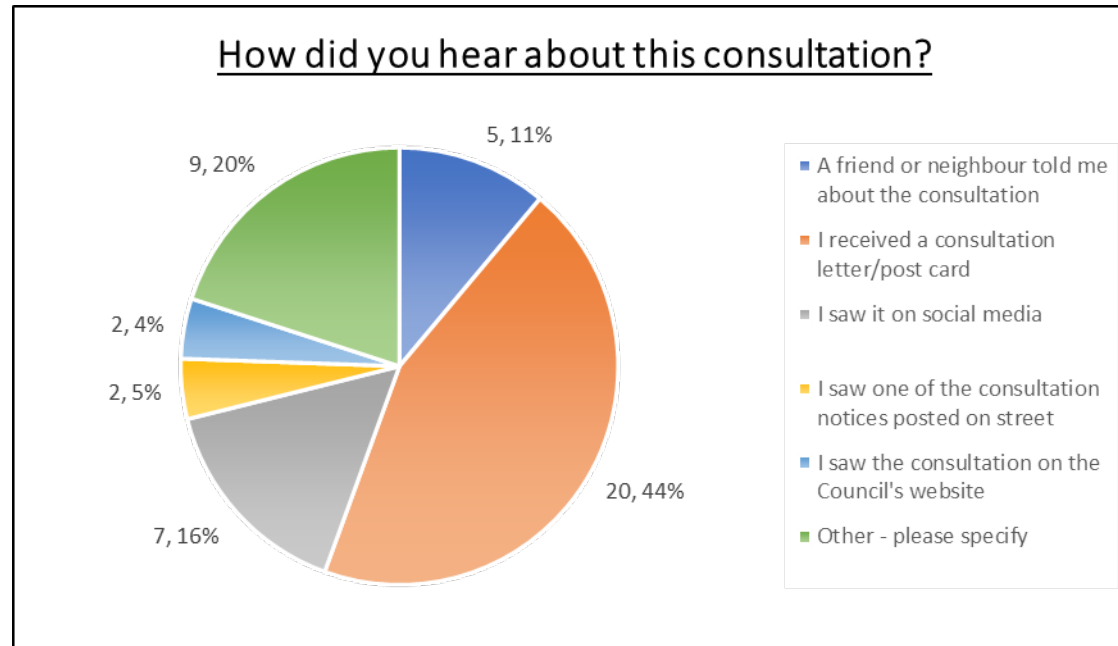
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Other comments

A full list of comment and the engineer's response is provided below:

Question:1 Do you support the proposed double yellow lines on the north side of Church Road (A420) – west of the junction with Naishcombe Hill?	Comments	SGC Response	Comment / response number

No - the existing temporary restrictions should all be removed in this area	The lines were painted a day or 2 before the lockdown ended , and now people are not coming to wick anymore, the village copes with the visitors fine now .	Parking in close proximity to the junction with Naishcombe Hill is to be discouraged as it has the potential to obstruct traffic flows along the A420 particularly at peak times, including on the approach / exit to the traffic signals. The majority of questionnaire respondents were in favour of the proposed restrictions here. Restrictions in this area will reduce the likelihood of a future recurrence of the obstruction of the carriageway and footway along the A420.	1
Yes - but there should be more double yellow lines	There is an block end area on both sides of the junction that are for turning and people are parking in these areas	These areas are beyond the scope of this scheme and have not appeared within the proposals from the outset when the emergency restrictions were first introduced in April 2021.	2
Yes - but there should be fewer double yellow lines	I can see the problem the council have but as a occasional user of the nature reserve it is a restriction with no alternative offered. It needs to be accepted that many visitors will arrive by car	There are alternative areas in Wick where parking is permitted, away from the main A420 but still only a relatively short distance from the nature reserve. Parking in close proximity to the junction with Naishcombe Hill is to be discouraged as it has the potential to obstruct traffic flows along the A420 particularly at peak times.	3
No - the existing temporary restrictions should all be removed in this area	This was only an issue during the peak of the pandemic the restrictions are unnecessary outside of it.	See response 1	4
No - the existing temporary restrictions should all be removed in this area	Too far to walk. Need to park somewhere. Bus servive is not that regular.	See response 3	5
No - the existing temporary restrictions should all be removed in this area	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Although there was a parking issue initially during lockdown in 2020, when there was a sudden upsurge in usage of the Nature Reserve , usage has since diminished into 2021. The <u>ongoing</u> need hasn't been demonstrated, as the initial reasons are no longer relevant. 2. Clear signage put in at the time has been effective at reducing parking 	See responses 1, 17 & 31	6

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	<p>obstructions. I feel that signage should remain in place.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. The high street is a traffic calmed area. But introduction of double yellow lines has increased traffic speeds and noise, particularly of heavy goods vehicles. Legitimately parked cars have a traffic calming effect which is positive. 4. Increased vehicle speeds and volumes pose a risk to Patients walking and driving in and out of the Wick Surgery (111 High Street). Measures that make it harder for patients to attend a health facility safely (particularly during a pandemic) should be avoided. 5. The Nature Reserve is a valuable local open space, and within its capacity, use should be encouraged. Since parking around the village hall was removed, this limits access options including those for disabled users. <u>Some</u> parking should be made available for these users -potentially on wider areas of the high street nearby. 		
No - the existing temporary restrictions should all be removed in this area	This will restrict residential and visitor parking, which is not necessary now due to number of people visiting the Golden Valley Nature Reserve reducing drastically since lockdown was lifted.	See response 1	7
Yes - but there should be fewer double yellow lines	The Nature Reserve is a very interesting, and popular attraction, with historic remnants of the Ochre works, a river walk, and view points associated with the adjacent quarry.. This is in line with	See response 1	8

Yes - fully support	Narrow road, nearness to school entrance, traffic lights/busy junction and bus stop mean that parking here is dangerous.	Thank you for your comments.	9
Don't know	It would be acceptable for everyone if there was a designated parking area for visitors to Golden Valley. There is land opposite The Carpenters public house or even the land used for this building.	Providing a designated parking area away from the A420 is beyond the scope of the existing scheme and not part of these proposals.	10
Yes - fully support	parking for the golden valley has become dangerous and overloaded	Thank you for your comments.	11
No - the existing temporary restrictions should all be removed in this area	People need to remember that they own their houses not the roads or local attractions. This will effectively prevent any vehicles from stopping and using local businesses and the church,	See response 1	12
No - the existing temporary restrictions should all be removed in this area	This situation was caused by Lockdown and is not likely to occur again	See response 1	13
Yes - fully support	This has worked very well	Thank you for your comments.	14
Yes - fully support	They make it safe for me to pull out onto the A420 as it was dangerous before the yellow lines	Thank you for your comments.	15

No - the existing temporary restrictions should all be removed in this area	There is no longer excessive traffic and therefore these restrictions are no longer required. I think there are issues with the road, however average speed cameras would be an effective solution.	See response 1. Speed enforcement is beyond the scope of the existing scheme.	16
No - the existing temporary restrictions should all be removed in this area	The cars can safely park on the oroad and have done so for years. They also naturally act to slow the vehicles passing through the village.	See response 1. Although parked vehicles may have a modest speed reducing effect they also create a hazard and obstruction for other road users, including pedestrians using the footway and attempting to cross the carriageway between the parked vehicles.	17
Yes - fully support	It was chaos prior to the double yellow lines , cars parking dangerously and blocking access to properties. I have experienced people being rude and abusive .	Thank you for your comments.	18
Yes - but there should be fewer double yellow lines	The yellow lines only need to be at any junctions.	See response 1	19
Question 2 Do you support the proposed double yellow lines on the south side of Church Road (A420) - west of the junction with Naishcombe Hill?	Comments	SGC Response	Comment / response number
No - the existing temporary restrictions should all be removed in this area	I'm afraid the council moved to late to make a difference with these yellow lines, they must be removed as the serve no purpose.	See response 1	20

Yes - fully support	There is an block end area on both sides of the junction that are for turning and people are parking in these areas	Thank you for your comments	21
No - the existing temporary restrictions should all be removed in this area	Too far to walk. Need to park somewhere. Bus servive is not that regular.	See response 1	22
No - the existing temporary restrictions should all be removed in this area	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Although there was a parking issue initially during lockdown in 2020, when there was a sudden upsurge in usage of the Nature Reserve , usage has since diminished into 2021. The ongoing need hasn't been demonstrated, as the initial reasons are no longer relevant. 2. Clear signage put in at the time has been effective at reducing parking obstructions. I feel that signage should remain in place. 3. The high street is a traffic calmed area. But introduction of double yellow lines has increased traffic speeds and noise, particularly of heavy goods vehicles. Legitimately parked cars have a traffic calming effect which is positive. 4. Increased vehicle speeds and volumes pose a risk to Patients walking and driving in and out of the Wick Surgery (111 High Street). Measures that make it harder for patients to attend a health facility safely (particularly during a pandemic) should be avoided. 5. The Nature Reserve is a valuable local open space, and within its capacity, 	See responses 1, 17 & 31	23

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No - the existing temporary restrictions should all be removed in this area	This will restrict residential and visitor parking, which is not necessary now due to number of people visiting the Golden Valley Nature Reserve reducing drastically since lockdown was lifted.	See response 1	24
Yes - fully support	whilst i agree with yellow lines on the A420, i think consideration should be given on the surrounding roads also, as the cars that visit golden valley , will park in the roads just off of the A420.	Introducing parking restrictions further afield from the A420 is beyond the scope of this scheme. Wick and Abson parish has recently been subject to a comprehensive parking review with new restrictions introduced in several locations. Any additional requests for new restrictions arising can be recorded for future reference so they may be taken forward when there is an opportunity in future to fund a further review scheme in the area.	25
No - the existing temporary restrictions should all be removed in this area	All of this for a few Daily Mail reading people that don't want anyone new in the village!??	See response 1	26
Yes - fully support	This has worked very well	Thank you for your comments	27
Yes - fully support	It makes the road safer	Thank you for your comments	28

Yes - fully support	It makes the road safer to pull out onto the A420	Thank you for your comments	29
No - the existing temporary restrictions should all be removed in this area	As above. The lines were installed too late, and parking was no longer an issue at the time of their installment.	See response 1	30
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No - the existing temporary restrictions should all be removed in this area	They even painted over my drive so friends and family can't just pop in quickly and park outside of my gates	Parking along Church Road and the High Street is to be discouraged as it has the potential to obstruct traffic flows along the A420. Parking partly on the footway is a hazard and can force pedestrians to walk in the carriageway. The majority of questionnaire respondents were in favour of the proposed restrictions here. Restrictions in this area will reduce the likelihood of a future recurrence of the obstruction of the carriageway and footway along the A420. Residents with existing double yellow lines outside their property that they would like removed should contact Transport Services as soon as possible to make it clear what their individual wishes are – each request will be considered individually. If it is feasible to remove any proposed restrictions from the scheme design this can be done prior to the legal advertisement stage of the scheme.	31

No - the existing temporary restrictions should all be removed in this area	Too far to walk. Need to park somewhere. Bus servive is not that regular.	See response 31	32
Yes - fully support	The double lines here have made it much better for pedestrians and especially disabled people as parking on the pavement severely narrowed the footway, Visibility at the junction is much better.	Thank you for your comments	33
Yes - fully support	I can more safely reverse into my drive in the High Street and I can see if there is any oncoming traffic when pulling out.	Thank you for your comments	34
Yes - fully support	The double yellow lines have deterred people from parking, thus helping the traffic to flow and making it easier for residents to leave the private lane to the nature reserve	Thank you for your comments	35
Yes - fully support	Before the yellow lines people were parking on the pavement and road around the entrance to the private lane getting as close as they could Causing reduced visibility joining A420 now no problem .keep	Thank you for your comments	36
Yes - fully support	living on the lane off the A420 the yellow lines have made a huge difference as no cars are parked on the private lane blocking my drive. People have had to go eslewhere to park.	Thank you for your comments	37
No - the existing temporary restrictions should all be removed in this area	1. Although there was a parking issue initially during lockdown in 2020, when there was a sudden upsurge in usage of the Nature Reserve , usage has since diminished into 2021. The ongoing need hasn't been	See responses 1, 17 & 31	38

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No - the existing temporary restrictions should all be removed in this area	Interest in Golden Valley has waned. Double yellow lines have caused difficulties for residents living on the High Street who have no vehicular access from High Street.	See response 31	40
Yes - fully support	Support, but please consider the fallout on the surrounding roads, as people look for alternative parking, problem areas are Naishcombe Hill and Rock Road with dangerous parking.	Thank you for your comments. See responses 25 & 31	41
Yes - fully support	This has worked very well	Thank you for your comments	42
Yes - fully support	It makes it safe to pull out of my road onto the A420 it was dangerous before the yellow lines.0	Thank you for your comments	43
Yes - but there should be fewer double yellow lines	These should be removed apart from on the junctions at Golden Valley Lane and opposite Manor Road.	See response 31	44
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No - the existing temporary restrictions should all be removed in this area	Total waste of tax payers money the lines have been. They also look horrible	See response 31	45
Yes - but there should be fewer double yellow lines	As it stands with the double yellow lines the only place any people visiting the reserve is our cul-de-sac which has meant that I've had to find parking nowhere near my house (I don't have off-street)	See responses 25 & 31	46
No - the existing temporary restrictions should all be removed in this area	Too far to walk. Need to park somewhere. Bus servive is not that regular.	See response 31	47
Yes - fully support	Parking near the island meant lorries going around on the carriageway on opposite side. Access to driveways is better.	Thank you for your comments	48
Yes - fully support	Parking on this side made it dangerous for pedestrians trying to cross between the cars (dog walkers and families visiting the nature reserve	Thank you for your comments	49
Yes - fully support	The lines have deterred people from parking, allowing the traffic to flow, and not obstructing the traffic island.	Thank you for your comments	50
Yes - fully support	Cars parked here before the lines blocking the pavement for the disabled and elderly & causing poor visibility for walkers crossing over to the other part of the Monarch Way. Accidents Before lines	Thank you for your comments	51

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Yes - but there should be more double yellow lines	Double yellows needed both sides of manor road outside village hall. Cars constantly blocking road and driveway	See responses 25 & 31	54
Yes - but there should be fewer double yellow lines	Households need deliveries and need space for this	See response 31	55
No - the existing temporary restrictions should all be removed in this area	As a local resident who enjoys visiting the Golden Valley nature reserve, I am very concerned about the lack of parking in the area.	See response 31	56
Yes - fully support	This has worked very well	Thank you for your comments	57
Yes - fully support	The yellow lines have solved the problem of parking for the nature reserve however traffic speeds have increased particularly motor cycles and sports cars. The new arrangement needs permanent cameras	Thank you for your comments	58
Yes - but there should be fewer double yellow lines	These should be removed apart from at the junction with Manor Road.	See response 31	59

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Future Programme

Residents with existing double yellow lines outside their property that they would like removed should contact Transport Services as soon as possible to make it clear what their individual wishes are – each request will be considered individually. If it is feasible to remove any proposed restrictions from the scheme design this can be done prior to the legal advertisement stage of the scheme.

The initial consultation was carried out to inform local residents and other stakeholders about the proposed scheme and to ensure that their comments and concerns are considered at an early stage.

In view of the overall support shown for the scheme, the next stage will be for South Gloucestershire Council to formally advertise the proposed permanent restrictions. This involves preparation of legal documents, placing notices in the local paper and along the affected roads, and also publishing details on the Council's website, giving people an opportunity to formally object to or support the proposed scheme.

Depending on the outcome of the advertisement, it is anticipated that works will be fully implemented later in 2021/22. However, if objections are received during the advertisement stage, South Gloucestershire Council will be required to report objections to the Director of Environment and Community Services for a decision on how to proceed.

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