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STATEMENT IN RELATION TO NEW WAITING RESTRICTIONS IN THE TOWN & UPDATE ON PARKING ISSUES

The council has been contacted by several residents with regard to the new road markings that have recently been instated by Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) so thought it would issue a statement to clarify why these changes have been made.

Stow Town Council is only too aware of the ever increasing traffic levels and the problems this causes in terms of road safety, parking and traffic flow. Safety of life and limb is this council's main priority followed by parking and traffic flow.

The forthcoming introduction of a 20 mph speed limit covering most of Stow, including Back Walls, is the result of a campaign by this council working in partnership with GCC. This council applied for a grant from the Police & Crime Commissioners Safe & Social Driving in Gloucestershire fund. The scheme met with approval which resulted in a grant being awarded to this council to cover the entire cost of the 20 mph zone in the town.

The recent changes to road markings and waiting restrictions were made as a result of 2 years discussion with GCC. The proposed scheme was consulted on widely and all comments received by GCC were carefully considered. For example, the new double lines at the Sheep Street/Park Street crossing improve visibility for pedestrians and drivers at a spot where there have been accidents and near misses. Inevitably these changes have reduced parking spaces.

Stow Town Council is actively seeking a suitable location for another off street car park. The council is also working closely with Cotswold District Council (CDC) in relation to special parking permits for the Mangersbury Road car park. The permits are purchased up front for periods of 3, 6 or 12 months. If approved this could mean that residents and people who work in the town could park for under £6 per week (24/7) but this has yet to be approved by CDC and is currently going through a consultation process. Council anticipate a final decision one way or another in the New Year. Also please note that from 3 pm each day you can park free of charge overnight in the Mangersbury Road car park.