

9th January 2014

Agenda Item:

REPORT OF SERVICE DIRECTOR, HIGHWAYS

THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (ARTHUR MEE ROAD AND WELLSPRING DALE, STAPLEFORD) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING) TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER 2013 (5155)

CONSIDERATION OF OBJECTIONS

Purpose of the Report

1. To consider the objections received in respect of the above Traffic Regulation Order.

Information and Advice

2. Arthur Mee Road is a residential cul-de-sac leading off Wellspring Dale in Stapleford. The street has six addressed properties with two additional houses on Wellspring Dale having driveway access off the cul-de-sac.
3. The George Spencer Academy School is located at the end of the road and has regular events / functions during the week (including evening and weekends) which generate traffic and parking problems. Concerns have been raised by local County Councillors and a local resident regarding inconsiderate parking by parents / visitors to the school causing access difficulties for large vehicles including emergency services.
4. An initial consultation was carried out between 22nd May and 21st June 2013 with all affected residents and statutory consultees. Following comments received during this exercise proposals were amended to extend restriction along Wellspring Dale by 10 metres in either direction. The reason being to prevent parking close to the junction which is affecting visibility for traffic turning onto Wellspring Dale.
5. The proposal, which can be seen on the enclosed drawing H/04078/1939 Rev A, was publicly advertised between 19th September and 19th October 2013. Overall seven responses were received, four of which are considered as objections.

Objections Received

6. Objection 1

The Academy is supportive of the proposals but request the restrictions are extended along the south side of Wellspring Dale and in addition should be installed opposite the junction with Arthur Mee Road.

Response

The restrictions are proposed due to access issues on the cul-de-sac section leading to the school. Wellspring Dale is a local distributor road providing access to properties and roads within this area of the housing estate. A balance is needed to provide parking for residents, visitors and parents together with maintaining safe and clear access. Additional parking restrictions are likely to generate further objections and are not necessary for highway safety. Restrictions are not required opposite Arthur Mee Road as this location has vehicular dropped crossing points which should be kept clear for access.

7. Objection 2 and 3

The objectors are concerned about further displaced parking onto Wellspring Dale.

Response

There is always a risk of displaced parking with any restrictions. However, the proposals are required due to concerns over access to the school off Arthur Mee Road for large vehicles. Wellspring Dale has more available parking and no issues with vehicles turning.

8. Objection 4

Local residents agree that there needs to be traffic control along Arthur Mee Road, but are objecting on the grounds that they are too restrictive. Concerns include the school only operating within term times whilst the proposals will be operative all year round and do not take into account family or visitors. It is suggested that restriction should apply at school start / finish times and on parents evenings.

Response

Limited waiting restrictions (single yellow lines) were considered but it was felt that they would be inadequate due to the nature and variance of events held at the school. Restrictions near schools run year round as term dates are not able to be written into the Traffic Regulation Order.

Other Options Considered

9. Limited waiting restrictions (single yellow lines) were considered but it was felt by the majority that this would not be sufficient as the school hosts many events at all times when parking is an issue.

Comments from Local Members

10. The original request for the scheme came from Councillor Heptinstall and local members raised no objections to the proposals.

Reasons for Recommendations

11. The restrictions on Arthur Mee Road are required in the interests of road safety, local residents and school children and to assist the movement of traffic including emergency vehicles. The restrictions at the junction of Arthur Mee Road and Wellspring Dale are to stop vehicles parking close to the junction and causing difficulties for those entering and exiting from Arthur Mee Road.

Statutory and Policy Implications

12. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (Public Health only), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, service users, sustainability and the environment and ways of working and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Financial Implications

13. The scheme is being funded by the Traffic Management revenue budget and will cost in the region of £1,000.

Crime and Disorder Implications

14. Nottinghamshire Police raised no objections to the proposal.

RECOMMENDATION/S

It is recommended that

The Nottinghamshire County Council (Arthur Mee Road and Wellspring Dale, Stapleford) (Prohibition of Waiting) Traffic Regulation Order 2013 (5155) is made as advertised and the objectors informed accordingly.

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Constitutional Comments (SHB)

15. Committee have power to decide the Recommendation.

Financial Comments (TMR)

16. The financial implications are set out in paragraph 13 of the report

Background Papers

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

All relevant documents for the proposed scheme are contained within the scheme file which can be found in the Major Projects and Improvements Team at Bevercotes House, Ollerton.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

Bramcote and Stapleford Councillor Stan Heptinsall and Councillor Jacky Williams