

20th July 2017

Agenda Item: 13

REPORT OF CORPORATE DIRECTOR, PLACE**THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (B600 NOTTINGHAM ROAD
AND LEA LANE, SELSTON) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING) TRAFFIC
REGULATION ORDER 2017 (5235)****CONSIDERATION OF OBJECTIONS****Purpose of the Report**

1. To consider objections received in respect of the above Traffic Regulation Order and whether it should be made as advertised.

Information and Advice

2. Selston is in Ashfield District to the west of the M1 motorway, approximately 7km north-west of Hucknall. Lea Lane is a residential cul-de-sac, comprising of mainly semi-detached properties with off-street parking. It is accessed from the B600 Nottingham Road, which is the main distributor road through Selston and carries in excess of 8,000 vehicles per day. Two further residential cul-de-sacs are accessed from the south-western end of Lea Lane; Green Crescent and Allen's Green Avenue. A park is located to the north-west side of Lea Lane.
3. The County Council has received requests from local County Councillor David Martin and residents to address an issue with obstructive parking at the B600 Nottingham Road / Lea Lane junction, which is obscuring visibility for vehicles and pedestrians.
4. In response, it is proposed to introduce 'No Waiting at Any Time' (double yellow lines) around the junction to remove obstructive parking and facilitate the safe operation of the junction.
5. The statutory consultation and public advertisement of the proposals, detailed on the attached drawing H/04078/2449, was carried out between 11th May 2017 and 14th June 2017.
6. County Councillor Martin expressed his support for the scheme. District Councillor Quinn-Wilcox commented on the proposals; these comments focussed on the need to enforce any waiting restrictions and promoted a suggestion to introduce a parking area within the park, which is owned by Selston Parish Council. The park, which is located on the north-west section of the junction, is approximately 1.4 acres, incorporates a football pitch and a recently upgraded play-park. Residents have complained that users of the recreation area park inconsiderately or obstructively. The Parish Council is undertaking feasibility work on the

potential for a parking area to be provided within the park, accessed from Lea Lane. This parking area would be located south-west of the proposed double yellow lines and would not be affected by their introduction.

7. Parking enforcement is undertaken by Notts Parking Partnership, which comprises of Nottinghamshire County Council and the seven district and borough councils in Nottinghamshire. The Parking Managers manage parking enforcement in their respective district and borough areas; including the allocation of enforcement resources.
8. Four responses to the consultation are considered to be outstanding objections to the scheme.

Objections received

9. Objection – obstruction and displacement of parking

All four respondents raised concerns that on-street parking will be displaced further along Lea Lane or adjacent cul-de-sacs. Respondents cite current issues with inconsiderate parking across driveways and concerns were raised by some respondents that displaced parking will increase the likelihood of this occurring. Some respondents stated that a car park should be provided for the park.

Response – displacement of parking

It is recognised that there is likely to be some element of displaced parking with any new highway waiting restriction. The proposed parking restrictions on Lea Lane are 15m long and are considered a proportionate response to the need to keep the junction clear. Respondents cite current problems with obstructive parking on side-streets at locations up to 230m away or on Lea Lane up to 115m away from the junction; it is considered that any parking displacement will be dispersed over that distance and will not materially affect these locations. It is acknowledged that properties significantly closer to the junction may experience some level of parking migration.

It should be noted that the use of Lea Lane, which is part of the public highway, for parking by non-residents is not illegal. However, the frustration felt by residents, who are affected by obstructive parking is recognised. It is an offence to park so as to prevent a vehicle accessing the highway via a dropped vehicle crossing and if this occurs it is a matter for the Police, who are empowered to enforce on this matter. An appropriate measure to help alleviate residents' difficulties with vehicle access / egress to properties can be the provision of advisory 'H bar markings' and these can be provided in line with the County Council's charging policy (£185) on request from residents.

The County Council, as Highway Authority, must prioritise the safe and efficient operation of the highway. Provision of off-street parking within the park is not a responsibility of the County Council, which has no power to require such a facility to be provided. Selston Parish Council is currently developing a planning application for off-street parking within the park, which will be considered by Ashfield District Council as the local planning authority. The proposed junction protection is required for the safe operation of the junction and is not affected by the proposed parking area.

There is always a balance to be struck between competing demands for a finite resource; it is considered that the proposed scheme offers a balanced solution to facilitate the safe operation of the junction with minimal loss of parking.

Other Options Considered

10. Other options considered relate to the length of the waiting restrictions proposed, which could have been either lesser or greater. The restrictions are considered to strike a reasonable balance between the need to maintain the safe operation of the highway and recognition of the demand for on-street parking.

Comments from Local Members

11. The restrictions advertised were in the former Selston Electoral Division and remained within that division when the boundaries were re-drawn. After the local election, the Member for the division remained County Councillor David Martin, who requested the scheme and fully supports its implementation.

Reasons for Recommendations

12. The proposed scheme offers a balanced solution to improve the capacity and safe operation of the junction with minimum loss of parking availability.

Statutory and Policy Implications

13. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, service users, sustainability and the environment 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

14. This scheme is being funded through the 2017/18 Traffic Management Revenue budget for Ashfield with an estimated cost to implement the works and traffic order of £1,500.

Crime and Disorder Implications

15. Nottinghamshire Police expressed no opinion on the proposal.

RECOMMENDATION/S

It is recommended that:

The Nottinghamshire County Council (B600 Nottingham Road and Lea Lane, Selston)
(Prohibition of Waiting) Traffic Regulation Order 2017 (5235)

is made as advertised and the objectors advised accordingly.

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Constitutional Comments (SJE – 22/06/2017)

16. This decision falls within the Terms of Reference of the Communities and Place Committee to whom responsibility for the exercise of the Authority's functions relating to the planning, management, and maintenance of highways (including traffic management) has been delegated.

Financial Comments (SES 23/06/2017)

17. The financial implications are set out in paragraph 14 of the report.

Background Papers

All relevant documents for the proposed scheme are contained within the scheme file which can be found in the Major Projects and Improvements section at Trent Bridge House, Fox Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham.

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.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

Selston Councillor David Martin