

6th February 2013

Agenda Item:10

REPORT OF SERVICE DIRECTOR, HIGHWAYS

The Nottinghamshire County Council (Various Roads in Attenborough) (Prohibition of Waiting) Traffic Regulation Order 2012 (5130)

CONSIDERATION OF OBJECTIONS

Purpose of the Report

1. To consider the objections received in respect of the proposed Traffic Regulation Order for the Attenborough Area.

Information and Advice

- 2. Attenborough is a small conservation village which is mainly residential but hosts a train station and a number of small shops and businesses. There is a cement works at the north-east end of the village which generates a number of HGVs travelling through the area and there is the Attenborough Nature Reserve at the south-east end of the village which attracts many visitors, and although vehicular access is via Barton Lane, pedestrians access via Attenborough Lane.
- 3. Parking has become an increasing issue with commuters for Beeston and Nottingham leaving their vehicles all day on the local streets.
- 4. The proposed restrictions are designed to protect junctions from parked vehicles, improve road safety, assist local residents and assist the emergency services and public transport services to negotiate the affected roads. Where appropriate, the more environmentally sympathetic lining will be installed.
- 5. A statutory consultation and public advertisement of the proposals took place between May and December 2012 and a number of objections have been received. Five of the objections are summarised and addressed in Appendix A.
- 6. Along with the objections listed in Appendix A, a number of the local business owners objected to the proposals on the grounds that the restrictions would adversely affect trade. In light of these comments it is proposed to reduce the

restrictions at the junction with Attenborough Lane and Nottingham Road, so as to protect the junction but allow parking outside the shops to facilitate trade.

7. In addition to the objections from local traders and those in Appendix A, additional comments and an objection from a local resident were received; so as to address this, a length of the proposed Double Yellow Lines has been removed on the approach to the level crossing on Attenborough Lane.

Other Options Considered

8. In response to the consultation a number of changes were made to the design and the restrictions were extended, however, in light of the objections received from the local businesses and residents, a compromise has been found and the restrictions reduced. It is felt that the proposals as they stand offer a balanced approach.

Reasons for Recommendations

- 9. The recommendation is made as it is considered that the benefits of the scheme address the concerns which have been expressed locally regarding the safety of road users and protection of the amenities of the area but also allowing customers to park for the local businesses. The proposals will also assist the local bus services negotiate some affected roads.
- 10. The local County Councillor Eric Kerry has also held local public consultations and meetings and supports the proposals.

Statutory and Policy Implications

11. This report has been compiled having given due regard to the Public Sector Equality Duty and after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service 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

12. The scheme is being funded by the Local Transport Plan (Interchanges) budget for 2012/13. The cost of implementing the scheme and the associated works will be in the region of £5000.

Crime and Disorder Implications

13. Nottinghamshire Police has raised no objection to the proposals.

RECOMMENDATION/S

It is recommended that

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Be made as recommended on the attached drawing, and the objectors informed accordingly.

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Constitutional Comments (SHB 15/01/13)

14. Committee has the power to decide the Recommendation.

Financial Comments (IC 14/01/13)

15. The financial implications are stated in paragraph 12 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 section at Trent Bridge House.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

Councillor Eric Kerry - Beeston South and Attenborough