

13th September 2012**Agenda Item:7****REPORT OF SERVICE DIRECTOR, HIGHWAYS****THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS IN
BEESTON) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING) TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER
2012 (5125)****CONSIDERATION OF OBJECTIONS****Purpose of the Report**

1. To consider the objections received in respect of the above proposed Traffic Regulation Order (Prohibition of Waiting) for the Beeston Area.

Information and Advice

2. The area is predominantly residential with an established centre that offers a variety of retail and leisure amenities and is well served by public transport. In addition a trunk road (the A52) and a number of local distributor roads run through and around the town.
3. Since parking charges were introduced by Broxtowe Borough Council in June 2010 some parking has moved out of off-street car parks resulting in pressure for parking on residential areas in close proximity to the town centre. In addition to existing traffic generators such as the retail centre, train station and local college there are also a number of significant projects scheduled which will affect transport and parking in and around Beeston. These include the extension of the Nottingham Express Transit, the A453 Improvement scheme and the refurbishment of the Nottingham Rail Station which will necessitate services being transferred to Beeston Station
4. In light of these major projects a strategic review has been undertaken to assess a number of existing and anticipated requests for various waiting restrictions in and around the town centre. The review recommends that a number of requests are held in abeyance and considered for implementation in conjunction with the development of the aforementioned schemes. It is proposed that a funding allocation to address these anticipated requests is made from the Local Transport Plan budget allocation in 2013/14. There is however a number of waiting restrictions which it is suggested be implemented ahead of the major schemes to assist immediate problems being experienced

by local transport services and to assist local residents experiencing long term parking on a number of streets.

5. The current proposals include for a number of short lengths of No Waiting At Any Time and Limited Waiting restrictions along with a length of bus stop clearway. A statutory consultation and public advertisement of the proposals has been carried out and five objections have been received. The objections are summarised and addressed in Appendix A and the details of each area of restriction shown on the accompanying drawings. The proposals do extend beyond the detail shown within the drawings but no objections have been received in respect of any those elements.

Other Options Considered

6. In response to consultation with local people a number of changes have been made to the design and the extent of the proposals has been reduced. Other options regarding requested waiting restrictions in the town centre will be considered in line with the advice contained within the strategic review.

Reasons for Recommendations

7. The recommendation is made as it is considered that the benefits of the scheme address concerns which have been expressed locally regarding the safety of road users and protection of the amenities of the area. They will also assist local bus services currently experiencing difficulty in negotiating heavily parked routes in the town.
8. The local County Councillors Steve Carr and Eric Kerry support the proposals as does the Broxtowe Borough Councillor Janet Patrick. Councillor Kerry does however reiterate the concerns raised by Broxtowe Borough Council officers as detailed in Appendix A under Objector 5 which will be monitored following introduction of the order.

Statutory and Policy Implications

9. 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

10. The scheme is being funded by the Local Transport Plan (Integrated Transport Measures) 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

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

RECOMMENDATION/S

It is recommended that:

The Nottinghamshire County Council (Various Road in Beeston) (Prohibition of Waiting) Traffic Regulation Order 2012 (5125) is made as advertised and the objectors advised accordingly.

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Constitutional Comments (SB 20/08/12)

12. Committee have the power to decide the Recommendation.

Financial Comments (IC 17/0812)

13. The financial implications are stated in paragraph 10 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.

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

Councillor Steve Carr

- Beeston North

Councillor Eric Kerry

- Beeston South and Attenborough