

13th November 2023**REPORT OF TRAFFIC MANAGER****THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (VIOLET ROAD, WEST
BRIDGFORD) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING AND AMENDMENTS TO
RESIDENTS' CONTROLLED ZONE) TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER 2023
(8348)****CONSIDERATION OF OBJECTION****Purpose of the Report**

1. The purpose of this report is to consider the objection received in respect of the above Traffic Regulation Order and whether it should be implemented as shown on revised drawing H/SLW/4086/02.

Information

2. Violet Road is a residential road located between Abbey Road and Albert Road in West Bridgford. The properties consist of a mixture of detached and semi-detached houses, all of which have access to off-street parking.
3. The road is subject to a Residents' Parking Scheme (RPS) which is in operation Monday to Saturday 8 am to 6 pm. This was introduced in 2006 to better manage the anticipated high levels of 'shopper and commuter' parking visiting the nearby Marks and Spencer store when it opened.
4. In May 2022 planning permission was granted by Rushcliffe Borough Council to construct a new vehicle access from Violet Road to the rear of 170 Radcliffe Road. To enable the new access to be constructed in accordance with the planning permission, an existing resident only parking bay, located on the north side of Violet Road, near to the Abbey Road junction, would need to be removed and replaced with a single yellow line to match the existing times of the RPS. This would remove fifteen metres of parking (equivalent to two large cars)
5. Following the planning application, parking surveys were undertaken by Oxalis Planning during November 2021, at various times of the day and on different days, to identify the level of use of the available parking spaces and therefore the effect of the loss of the residents parking bay. The surveys found a consistently high level of unused parking spaces, with the busiest times in the evenings and the peak use time being a Saturday evening. However, eighteen spaces remained free with total usage at just over 60%, and so it is considered that the removal of the on-street parking will not significantly impact upon residents or their visitor's opportunity to park near to their homes.

6. A further parking survey has been conducted by Nottinghamshire County Council to provide an independent evaluation of the current parking issues. This concluded that the parking bay at its peak on Saturday and Sunday was 83% occupied. Whilst this shows greater demand for parking it demonstrates there is significant remaining capacity for parking on street.
7. This consultation only relates to the planning application for number 170 Radcliffe Road. A further application for No 168 has been deferred and a further application for the same address is pending a decision.
8. The revised proposed restrictions are shown on drawing H/SLW/4086/02. The statutory consultation and public advertisement of the original proposals (to remove the entire residents' parking bay) were conducted between 11th November and 9th December 2022.
9. Nine responses were received during the original consultation, all of which were objections to the original proposal.
10. A further proposal was then presented to the objectors taking into consideration that their main point of concern was the total removal of the resident park bay. The new proposal is to remove only the part of the residents' bay (6 metres) that covered the access needed to the resident's property, which has already received planning approval. This reduced length was considered to be sufficient to allow the safe entry and exit to the property whilst minimising the impact on residents of Violet Road. Of the nine original objections, one objection remained maintained, and this is therefore considered to be an objection to the revised proposal.

Objection received.

Objection – The access to the property is on Radcliffe Road.

11. The respondent commented that the proposed access is to a property located on Radcliffe Road which already has a drive and ample parking space accessible from Radcliffe Road. The respondent indicated that, in their view, removing a car parking space from Violet Road impacts on the residents of Violet Road who not only pay for their permits but, it is stated, also need the spaces due to the fact their driveways don't allow for multiple cars.

Response

12. Following initial concerns from residents, it is now proposed to only remove one parking space. This would reflect the planning approval, which was granted following separate consultation and, having considered how best the impact upon residents of Violet Road may be minimised and following the undertaking of our own parking survey, officers consider that there is sufficient available capacity within the residents' parking scheme to allow for this relatively minor reduction in available space.

Other Options Considered

13. The option to not alter the restrictions has been considered but to do so would not address the issue of access to the property, which has already received planning approval. There do not appear to be traffic concerns and so not altering the restrictions has been discounted. No objections to the proposal were registered by NCC Highways as part of the planning process. Other options considered relate to the extent of the parking bay removal, which were originally proposed to be of greater length but have been reduced following feedback from residents.

Comments from Local Members

14. Councillor Penny Gowland did not make any comments during the consultation period.

Reasons for Recommendations

15. It is considered that the proposals would facilitate access needed to the resident's property, without an adverse effect on use of the public highway.

Statutory and Policy Implications

16. 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.

Crime and Disorder Implications

17. Nottinghamshire Police made no comments during the consultation. No additional crime or disorder implications are envisaged.

Financial Implications

18. The removal of the bay and the associated Traffic Regulation Order are estimated at £3849 plus VAT. This will be payable by the property developer.

Human Rights Implications

19. The implementation of the proposals within this report might be considered to have a minimal impact on human rights (such as the right to respect for private and family life and the right to peaceful enjoyment of property, for example). However, the Authority is entitled to affect these rights where it is in accordance with the law and is both necessary and proportionate to do so, in the interests of public safety, to prevent disorder and crime, to protect health, and to protect the rights and freedoms of others. The proposals within this report are considered to be within the scope of such legitimate aims.

Public Sector Equality Duty implications

20. As part of the process of making decisions and changing policy, the Council has a duty 'to advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not' by thinking about the need to:

- Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, and victimisation.
- Advance equality of opportunity between people who share protected characteristics (as defined by equalities legislation) and those who do not.
- Foster good relations between people who share protected characteristics and those who do not.

21. Disability is a protected characteristic, and the Council therefore has a duty to make reasonable adjustments to proposals to ensure that disabled people are not treated unfairly.

22. The proposals have been considered against the protected characteristics and there should be no adverse impact. The removed parking bay is not designated as disabled parking.

Implications for Sustainability and the Environment

23. The proposed alterations to the parking restrictions to facilitate access to 170 Radcliffe Road have been considered but are not anticipated to have any significant positive or negative impact upon sustainability or the local environment.

RECOMMENDATION/S

It is **recommended** that:

- 1) The Nottinghamshire County Council (Violet Road, West Bridgford) (Prohibition of Waiting and Amendments to Residents' Controlled Zone) Traffic Regulation Order 2023 (8348) is made as shown in revised drawing H/SLW/4086/02 and the objector informed accordingly.

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Constitutional Comments (SJE – 07/11/2023)

24. The executive decision falls within the delegation made to the Group Manager (Highways & Transport) by the Cabinet Member for Transport & Environment on 30th May 2022. As with other regulatory or quasi-judicial decisions, this decision is not subject to call-in.

Financial Comments (PAA 30/10/2023)

25. The financial implications are set out in paragraph 18 of the report. This is privately funded.

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

West Bridgford North

Councillor Penny Gowland