



21st May 2014

Agenda Item:10

REPORT OF SERVICE DIRECTOR, HIGHWAYS

THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (ALMOND WAY, COLLEGE WAY AND LONGFIELD AVENUE, STRELLEY) – (PROHIBITION OF WAITING) TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER 2014 (5163)

CONSIDERATION OF OBJECTIONS

Purpose of the Report

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

Information and Advice

2. The roads College Way, Almond Way and Oakland Way form part of a residential development off the A6002 Bilborough Road in Strelley on the west of Nottingham. The housing estate is located adjacent to the Bilborough College with the college having pedestrian and vehicular access off College Way.
3. The area has experienced problems with students and staff parking on the local residential streets for a number of years. In October 2011 questionnaires were sent to residents seeking views on the introduction of a Residents' Parking Scheme. The response to the questionnaire was very low and did not meet the Council's required level to be considered for implementation. Since 2011, the parking problems have persisted and issues with two way traffic flow experienced. As a result of the issues raised, the County Council has consulted on proposals to introduce no parking Monday to Friday between 9am and 4pm on parts of Almond Way, College Way and Longfield Avenue.
4. The restrictions are being proposed to ensure clear passage for pedestrians and vehicles (especially emergency vehicles) into the residential area. The scheme would remove all parking during the working day but would allow parking in the evenings and over the weekend when the College is not normally open.
5. The final proposals, which can be seen on the enclosed drawing H/04078/1952/01, were initially consulted on between 26th September 2013 and 1st November 2013. The scheme was then subsequently advertised and consultation repeated between 18th December 2013 and 17th January 2014.

Objections Received

6. The two consultation rounds generated twelve and three responses respectively representing support, objection and general comments. In total seven responses are considered as outstanding objections with two responses supporting the proposals.
7. The responses included concerns from Nottingham City Council, support from the local Broxtowe District Councillor and a petition from 59 residents requesting the introduction of a Residents' Parking Scheme.
8. Comments – Nottingham City Council
For a number of years, Nottingham City Council has worked with Bilborough College to develop their Travel Plan and a number of sustainable travel measures. The City Council has raised concerns that displacement will disperse in to the local area including the further extents of Longfield Avenue, Oakland Way and College Way. Then on a wider basis to roads outside the estate such as Hanslope Crescent (in the City area) and Greystoke Drive (small section in County area, maintained by City Council under a cross boundary agreement).

Response

The proposed parking restrictions are on the roads deemed most likely to be adversely affected by parking. The effects on the parking along parts of the estate with no proposed parking restrictions will be monitored after the introduction of the scheme. It is currently not proposed to extend restrictions onto parts of Greystoke Drive.

9. Objections – Residents of College Way, Longfield Avenue and 59 Signature Petition
There were four outstanding objections from residents of College Way and one from Longfield Avenue. Two of the residents objecting live on the section of College Way that does not have any proposed parking restrictions. Where parking restrictions are proposed directly outside their properties the residents objections are due to the loss of parking. All of the objectors suggested that the proposed scheme will push the problem of parking to other parts of the estate. The objectors expressed their preference for a residents' parking scheme. One resident felt that the College should do more by providing parking for their students.

During the public advertisement a petition of 59 signatures from local residents (Ref: 2013/055) was presented to the Chairman at the meeting of the County Council on 16th January 2014 by Councillor Philip Owen. The petition requested the introduction of a residents' parking scheme on roads in the vicinity of Bilborough College.

Response

A residents' parking scheme has been considered previously and in October 2011, consultation letters were sent to 196 residents but only 14% responded with only 9% of those in favour. This was repeated in March 2012, with only 21%

of consultees responding and 51% in favour. This fails to meet the criteria for the introduction of a scheme i.e. 35% of questionnaires returned with 65% of these in favour of a scheme.

Properties within the estate have off-street parking facilities, though the amount of visitor parking is limited. The impact of the proposed restrictions will be monitored once in place and further action will be considered if appropriate.

10. Objections – Residents of Oakland Way

There were three objections from residents of Oakland Way. The proposed parking scheme does not extend to Oakland Way. The objections were that the scheme would push parking just beyond the proposed restrictions to outside their properties and this could cause problems for visitor parking.

Response

The proposed parking restrictions are on the roads deemed most likely to be adversely affected by parking. The effects on the parking along parts of the estate with no proposed parking restrictions will be monitored after the introduction of the scheme.

Other Options Considered

11. Alternative options (residents' parking scheme) have been considered in the past but these have been rejected due to lack of support.

Comments from Local Members

12. County Councillor Philip Owen fully supports the proposals.

Reasons for Recommendations

13. The measures are being introduced to remove all day parking, during the week, on the roads entering the estate. The measures are to ensure that the highway is clear for vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

Statutory and Policy Implications

14. 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

15. The scheme is being funded by the 2014/15 Traffic Management Revenue budget – Broxtowe the cost of implementing the scheme will be in the region of £2,000.

Crime and Disorder Implications

16. Nottinghamshire Police made no comments on the proposals.

RECOMMENDATION/S

It is recommended that:

The Nottinghamshire County Council (Almond Way, College Way and Longfield Avenue, Strelley) – (Prohibition of Waiting) Traffic Regulation Order 2014 (5163) is made as advertised and the objectors advised accordingly.

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Constitutional Comments (SLB 30/04/14)

17. Committee have the power to decide the Recommendation.

Financial Comments (TMR 28/04/14)

18. The financial implications are set out in paragraph 15 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 Trent Bridge House, West Bridgford.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

Nuthall ED Councillor Philip Owen