

16th July 2015

Agenda Item:12

REPORT OF SERVICE DIRECTOR, HIGHWAYS

THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (STATION ROAD, KIMBERLEY) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING) TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER 2015 (5195)

CONSIDERATION OF OBJECTIONS

Purpose of the Report

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

Information and Advice

2. Kimberley is a small town located approximately 9km north-west of Nottingham City Centre. Station Road is a residential road with a 30mph speed limit, located close to the town centre. The north-western section of the road is of single carriageway width and is subject to a one-way order, it has residential properties located along both sides and one public house with the majority of the properties having off-street parking. A short stretch of on-street car parking is available at the north-western end of Station Road. The south-eastern section of the road from Main Street to the Edgewood Road junction is wider but two-way traffic is permitted along this length road. Along part of this section of the road there are existing waiting restrictions and the remaining unrestricted kerbspace is frequently at full capacity with parked vehicles.
3. The County Council has received requests from two local businesses via local County Councillor Ken Rigby for parking restrictions to alleviate issues of obstructive parking on part of Station Road opposite to the car park entrance close to the junction of Station road and Edgewood Road, which is affecting access to these businesses. This location is close to the town centre so parked vehicles could be a mixture of commuters, shoppers or local residents.
4. The proposed scheme is to extend the existing waiting restrictions (Single Yellow Line) on the south-western side of Station Road by approximately 26m to prevent parking on both sides of the road, which can reduce the carriageway width to a point which becomes obstructive for large vehicles and for turning manoeuvres into the car park. The proposed restrictions would be in operation Monday to Saturday 8 am – 6pm, in line with the existing on-street restriction which it abuts and are detailed on the attached drawing H/04078/2100/01. The statutory public advertisement of the proposals was carried out between 23rd April 2015 and 22nd May 2015.

Objections received

5. During the advertisement period, four responses were received, all of which are considered to be outstanding objections.

6. Objection – Requirement for the restriction

A common theme to all the objections were that they were unaware of any access problems experienced by local businesses and that other large vehicles, such as bin lorries, were able to manoeuvre in the area. A local Borough Councillor stated that they were unaware of any complaints from businesses in the area regarding the issue. The objectors state that the proposals are not required and will cause them considerable inconvenience.

Response – Requirement for the restriction

As stated the County Council has received requests from local businesses via local County Councillor Ken Rigby. Additionally three direct requests have been logged by Highways liaison officers, from members of the public requesting measures to facilitate movements into and out of the car park and side roads off Station Street. A similar request has also been made by Nottinghamshire Police. The scheme has the full support of both the Local County Councillor and the District Highway Manager for the area.

7. Objection – Availability of on-street parking

A common theme in all objections was the reduction of on-street parking for residents of Station Road and / or parking migrations onto surrounding streets. It was stated that the proposal will penalise the residents and their visitors who are unable to park outside their homes as their properties are situated on the narrow one-way stretch of Station Road.

Response – Availability of on-street parking

It is recognised that there is likely to be some element of displaced parking with any new highway waiting restriction, however the restrictions are required to facilitate the movement of large vehicles. The purpose of the restrictions is to prevent obstructive parking to ensure sufficient carriageway is available to enable the safe movement of large vehicles into the car park where the businesses are located.

The primary purpose of the highway is to facilitate the movement of people and vehicles. However it is recognised that parking on the highway does occur, particularly for households with no alternative parking provision. With that balance in mind the limits of the restrictions have been kept at the minimum length and duration considered possible to ensure the effective and safe operation of the highway. Unrestricted parking on Station Road remains available on the north-eastern side of Station Road and kerbspace on the south-eastern side would be available every evening after 6pm and all day on Sunday. In addition free off-street parking is available in the car park on Station Road between the hours of 0900 – 1600 hours, Monday to Saturday. This car park is closed outside of these times. Whilst it is recognised that these alternatives may be less attractive than the kerbspace currently available they do provide a variety of alternative options for parking in the area.

Other Options Considered

8. Other options considered relate to the length of the waiting restrictions proposed, which could have been either lesser or greater. However as discussed the demand for on-street parking is recognised and so the restrictions are considered to be a reasonable balance between the need to ensure the safe operation of the highway and on-street parking provision.

Comments from Local Members

9. The local County Councillor, Ken Rigby, is in full support of the scheme.

Reasons for Recommendations

10. The proposals are to be introduced to keep the road clear of parked cars in the vicinity of the entrance to the car park assisting the movement of large vehicles.

Statutory and Policy Implications

11. 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

12. This scheme is being funded through the 2015/16 Traffic Management Revenue budget with an estimated works cost of £1,500.

Crime and Disorder Implications

13. Nottinghamshire Police expressed no opinion during the consultation but had previously requested that parking control measures be implemented at this location.

RECOMMENDATION/S

It is recommended that:

The Nottinghamshire County Council (Station Road, Kimberley) (Prohibition Of Waiting) Traffic Regulation Order 2015 (5195)

is made as advertised and the objectors advised accordingly.

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Constitutional Comments (SLB 22/06/2015)

14. Transport and Highways Committee is the appropriate body to consider the content of this report.

Financial Comments (TMR 22/06/15)

15. The financial implications are set out in paragraph 12 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

Kimberley and Trowell ED

Councillor Ken Rigby