



## **REPORT OF SERVICE DIRECTOR, HIGHWAYS**

### **THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (LIME GROVE AND JUBILEE STREET NEWARK) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING AND RESIDENTS' CONTROLLED ZONE) TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER 2014 (3189)**

#### **CONSIDERATION OF OBJECTIONS**

##### **Purpose of the Report**

1. To consider the objections received in respect of the above Traffic Regulation Order.

##### **Information and Advice**

2. Lime Grove and Jubilee Street are residential streets close to Newark Town Centre, each street with a mixture of housing type. The County Council has received requests through the local member, Councillor Stuart Wallace that residents of Lime Grove were concerned about congestion and inconvenience stating that they were unable to park their vehicles on Lime Grove as it was being used by workers, shoppers and commuters to avoid car park charges in the town centre.
3. The proposals for a Residents' Parking Scheme (RPS) followed consultation undertaken by County Councillor Stuart Wallace and a petition from the residents of Lime Grove, Newark was presented to full council in 2012. The consultation carried out by the local member involved the completion of a questionnaire in which residents could indicate support for such a scheme accompanied by a covering letter giving an introduction and explanation of the workings of such a scheme from Councillor Wallace. A 65% response rate was achieved with 77% of those in favour.
4. As a result of the level of support a RPS was included in the Highway Capital programme for 2013/14. On 24<sup>th</sup> April 2013 residents of both Lime Grove and Jubilee Street were sent questionnaires by the County Council asking them to confirm whether or not they were still in support of a RPS. At this stage Jubilee Street was included due to its proximity, concerns about displaced parking and to provide a consistent approach on the area between London Road, Bowbridge Road and Boundary Road. In total 199 questionnaires were sent to residents with 82 (41%) returned of which 54 (66%) supporting the introduction of a scheme. The results across both streets exceed the criteria of 35% response rate with

65% of respondents in supports that the County Council uses to progress the development of a scheme.

5. The residents of both Lime Grove and Jubilee Street were consulted between the 10<sup>th</sup> October 2013 and 7<sup>th</sup> November 2013 on proposals for a Residents Parking Scheme that would be in operation on Monday to Saturday from 8am – 6pm. These proposals were then publicly advertised between 11<sup>th</sup> December 2013 and 9<sup>th</sup> January 2014, these can be seen on the enclosed drawing H/04078/1930/01.
6. The recommendation made in this report is to remove the inclusion of the Jubilee Street from the controlled zone and the final proposals are shown on the enclosed drawing H/04078/1930/01 Rev A.

## **Objections received**

7. During the consultation period 32 individual responses were received with 28 of these being considered and objections with one being in the form of a petition. Objections have been summarised and responses grouped by street and each contains various issues raised by residents. Overall the number of objections by street are as follows:
  - Lime Grove – 11
  - Jubilee Street – 4 (including 32 name petition)
  - Bowbridge Road – 10
  - Boundary Road - 3
8. At the County Council meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2014 a petition (2013/056) of 32 signatures was presented by County Councillor Stuart Wallace. This petition was reported to Transport and Highways Committee (THC) on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2014 with a recommendation that this is treated as an objection to the proposals advertised and included in the future as part of a 'Consideration of Objections' report to THC.
9. Objections – Jubilee Street  
Four objections were received including the petition with three residents also objecting independently raising a number of issues. These issues include that residents shouldn't have to pay for permits, wanting a guaranteed parking space outside their property and that the scheme would be an inconvenience to visitors during the hours of operation. Furthermore it is suggested that the same problem of intrusive parking doesn't exist on Jubilee Street as it does on Lime Groves and details for the level of support from the questionnaires for Jubilee Street was requested as part of the consultation.

The thirty-two name petition is on the grounds that the whole street is against any restrictions and it also reflects the view that any restriction on Lime Grove would cause parking problems on Jubilee Street, on this basis the petitioners are also against the Lime Grove proposals.

One resident supported the scheme but raised concerns and requested clarification on permits, whether restrictions included pavements and issues with

parked vehicles blocking garage access – these were clarified through correspondence.

#### Response – Jubilee Street

The proposals followed concerns raised by local residents on Lime Grove about congestion and inconvenience caused by commuters and shoppers parking in the area. At the time Jubilee Street was included due to its proximity and concerns over displaced parking. As stated previously the required criteria was met on the questionnaires undertaken by the County Council. However, when considering Jubilee Street alone only 16 responses were received from 59 properties (27%) and of these 62% supported the scheme. These results show the response rate and level of support as not being achieved.

As a result of the petition and overall lack of support it is not proposed to include Jubilee Street within the RPS. The original petition and scheme promoted by the local member was for Lime Grove only so on this basis the proposals for a RPS along this road are recommended.

A key issue raised by objectors is the requirement to pay for parking permits. This is a requirement of the Authority and on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2010 the council's budget included a recommendation that a charge should be made for permits issued for use in residents' parking schemes. The charge is to cover the administration and management of the permit scheme and the direct costs of the permits. Parking permits would cost £25 each and will usually be valid for 12 months, with 100% discount concessions for Blue Badge Holders and residents 75 years old and over. Properties can also purchase additional visitors permits at a cost of £25 each, these are not specific to the vehicle. Detailed information on permits was provided as part of the questionnaire process and can be resent to individuals on request.

#### 10. Objections – Bowbridge Road

Bowbridge Road is a 'C-class' road and one end of Jubilee Street is accessed from it. Eleven objections have been received raising a number of issues. The main issue raised is that the proposals are likely to displace vehicles from Lime Grove and Jubilee Street onto Bowbridge Road. Objectors state that this road is already busy and has the same issues with people parking to visit to shops in town. Alternative solutions put forward by residents include a section Bowbridge Road being part of the proposals or not progressing with the Jubilee Street element of the restrictions. A number of objectors have also raised the fact that some of the properties within the proposed area also have off-street parking provision.

One resident also raised an issue that they had not seen any form of improvements to Bowbridge Road whilst Lime Grove and Jubilee Street has been resurfaced and included within the proposed traffic scheme.

One resident is concerned about the proposed double yellow line restrictions on the junction of Bowbridge Road and Jubilee Street. The resident has requested either to be included in the controlled zone or excluded from the double yellow line restrictions.

#### Response – Bowbridge Road

The inclusion of Bowbridge Road as part of this RPS proposal was outside the scope of the project. However, following representations from residents on Jubilee Street this section of the controlled RPS zone will be removed from the proposals. This should minimise displacement onto Bowbridge Road.

Maintenance works are planned for a section of the C3 Bowbridge Road around the Boundary Road junction as part of the 2014/15 highway maintenance programme.

Double yellow lines on the junction of Bowbridge Road and Jubilee Street were included as junction traffic to aid visibility and vehicle movements in / out of the junction. Exemptions for residents cannot be included in these types of restrictions, however as it is intended to exclude Jubilee Street from the controlled zone current access arrangements will be maintained.

The County Council continues to monitor reports of traffic issues following the implementation of new proposals.

#### 11. Objections – Boundary Road

Three objections have been received from residents of Boundary Road. In all cases residents have raised concerns about increasing congestion and displacing parking along Boundary Road and other local roads. This follows the recent introduction of double yellow lines near to Newark Hospital and the proposals for Lime Grove. Other suggestions included widening the proposed RPS, implementation of a weight restriction on Boundary Road and lowering or removing parking charges at Newark Hospital.

#### Response – Boundary Road

The inclusion of Boundary Road as part of this RPS proposals was outside the scope of the project. As this section of Boundary Road is further away from the town centre it is considered that displacement from commuters and local shoppers will be minimal.

The restrictions outside Newark Hospital were advertised as part of a separate Traffic Regulation Order and have been recently introduced; this follows a report presented to Transport and Highways Committee on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2014 to consider objection received as part the consultation.

The County Council does not currently have a scheme planned to implement a weight restriction along Boundary Road. Parking charges within the grounds of Newark Hospital will be set by the Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Trust and the County Council have no jurisdiction in setting these charges.

#### 12. Objections – Lime Grove

A number of residents have suggested that the section from Jubilee Street and Boundary Road is much busier and there are too many cars for number of spaces, particularly at night. Other issues include:

- The County Council should remove charges for permits;
- The issue is with people not parking properly;
- Residents having to pay for permits on a Saturday even though they do not require daytime parking Monday to Friday and some properties having off-street parking;
- Likely to displace parking on Boundary Road and concerned over increasing congestion and road safety;
- A number of residents have also queried visitor permits and where tradesmen can park when undertaking building works;
- Personal experience from residents suggests spaces are available within the proposed time restrictions;
- A resident has commented that H-bars across driveway access would help formalise parking.

#### Response – Lime Grove

It is the County Council's current policy to charge for permits and this is to cover the administration and management of the permit scheme and the direct costs of the permits. The permit scheme will run from Monday to Saturday 0800 – 1800 hrs and the operating hours proposed following feedback from questionnaires responses. It is the decision for residents to decide whether the permit provides value for money based on individual circumstances; however it is considered that timings proposed will help keep the road clear of all day commuters and shoppers thus making road space available towards the end of the working day when it is reported that parking is difficult.

Issues with displaced parking on Boundary Road have also been reported by residents on this road and response given in section 11 above.

Residents will be eligible to purchase a visitors permit which can be purchased at a cost of £25 each. Alternatively visitors can park on other sections of public highway where parking unrestricted parking providing it is in a safe and not causing obstruction or in off-street public car parks. If work is being undertaken on a property it is advised that the resident contacts the Newark Parking Manager who will be able to provide advice. Loading / unloading is still permitted within the scheme boundary.

The type of scheme implemented is classed as a 'Type 3' Residential Parking Scheme. This involves signing the controlled zone at the entry and exit points with repeater signs, lining works are minimal. Parking within this type of scheme is self-managed and whilst H-bar markings are available these will not be included as part of the scheme. Residents will be notified of the procedure to request and pay for an H-bar as part of the scheme.

### **Other Options Considered**

13. Other options considered related to the days and times of operation of the scheme. The times chosen for the scheme represented the most requested in the

questionnaire. The advertised proposals also included Jubilee Street which is proposed to be excluded from the final scheme.

## **Comments from Local Members**

14. The local County Councillor Stuart Wallace is in support of the revised scheme to exclude Jubilee Street based on the majority view of residents on this road.

15. Newark Town Council is supportive of the proposals.

## **Reasons for Recommendations**

16. The proposals are to be introduced to remove the parking problems caused by non-residential parking on Lime Grove and Jubilee Street.

## **Statutory and Policy Implications**

17. 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**

18. The scheme was originally planned to be funded by the 2013/14 Integrated Transport Measures (ITM) Highways budget. Due to delays and issues raised through consultation, funding provision has been made from the 2014/15 ITM budget and will cost in the region of £6,000.

## **Crime and Disorder Implications**

19. Nottinghamshire Police have made no comments on the proposal.

## **RECOMMENDATION/S**

It is recommended that:

The Nottinghamshire County Council (Lime Grove and Jubilee Street, Newark) (Prohibition of Waiting and Residents' Controlled Zone) Traffic Regulation Order 2014 (3189) is to be made with the following amendments:

- Removal of Jubilee Street, Newark from the Residents' Controlled Zone

The revised scheme layout is shown in drawing H/04078/1930/03 Rev A.

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**Constitutional Comments (LM 24/06/14)**

20. The Transport and Highways Committee has delegated authority within the Constitution to approve the recommendations in the report.

**Financial Comments (GB 24/06/14)**

21. The financial implications are stated in paragraph 18 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**

Newark East ED

Councillor Stuart Wallace