



20th March 2014

Agenda Item:

REPORT OF SERVICE DIRECTOR, HIGHWAYS

THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (BOUNDARY ROAD AND HOLDEN CRESCENT, NEWARK) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING AND NO STOPPING ON ENTRANCE CLEARWAY) TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER 2014 (3187)

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. Boundary Road in Newark is classified as a 'C' road and links Bowbridge Lane and the B6166 Farndon Road, which subsequently leads to the A46 and the wider strategic road network. Boundary Road is largely fronted by residential properties and also features the access and egress for Newark Hospital. The proposed restrictions are mainly along the section of road opposite these entrances.
3. Holden Crescent is off Boundary Road where the pedestrian access to William Gladstone C of E Primary School is sited. There is an existing advisory "School Keep Clear" and associated zig-zag markings at this location and in line with County Council county-wide initiative it is proposed to make this marking enforceable to discourage parking outside the school access.
4. Boundary Road in the vicinity of Newark Hospital is subject to a significant amount of on-street parking obstructing the private accesses of the residents at this location, preventing the free flow of traffic along the road and causing access and egress difficulties to the hospital. It is suggested that this on-street parking is generated by visitors to the hospital wishing to avoid car parking charges, although this has not been validated. The issues have also been raised by the local County Councillor who fully supports the proposals.
5. An initial consultation was carried out between 19th March and 16th April 2013 with all affected residents, Newark Hospital and statutory consultees over the proposal to introduce double yellow lines on Boundary Road in the immediate

vicinity outside the hospital. Following comments received by residents during this initial consultation, the proposals were amended to extend the parking restrictions along Boundary Road up to Holden Crescent with the aim of preventing displaced parking simply being transferred further along the road. As a result further consultation was carried out between 6th June and 4th July 2013. This secondary consultation highlighted further concerns from residents about displaced parking on the section towards Bowbridge Road. To finalise proposals a site meeting was held with the local County Councillor and County Council officers, it was agreed to extend the proposals as suggested and subject to consultation co-ordinate the proposals with planned maintenance works.

6. The final proposal, which can be seen on the enclosed drawing N/TM/DAS/TRO3187/3, was publicly advertised between 19th December 2013 and 16th January 2014. The final proposal also included the provision to make two bus stops 'No Stopping on Clearways' to prevent any displaced parking from obstructing bus stops and as part of the ongoing programme to implement clearways at selected bus stops. Overall ten responses were received, four of which are considered as objections.

Objections Received

7. Objection 1

William Gladstone C of E Primary School is supportive of the proposals but the school is concerned with regards to displaced parking. It has been requested that an additional school crossing patrol is provided at the junction of Cleveland Square and Gladstone Road, that the County Council commits resources to the enforcement of the entrance clearway marking and that all parking charges are dropped at the hospital.

Response

It has been agreed that once the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) process has been implemented the Road Safety Team at the Council will undertake an assessment of the site for its suitability for a crossing patrol.

The District Parking Manager is informed of any new parking restrictions as part of the making of the order and its coming into force. Any required enforcement action can then be undertaken, but the decision on where to enforce is led by the District Council based on local knowledge from Civil Parking Enforcement Officers or via reports of parking infringements.

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.

8. Objection 2

Local residents have expressed concern that visitors to their properties will not be able to park on Boundary Road or load and unload from their vehicles.

Response

Double yellow lines will prevent the long term parking of all vehicles and the restrictions are being put in place due to the on-street parking issues reported. However, those vehicles displaying a Blue Badge will be able to park for a maximum period of three hours and the Order contains exemptions for loading and unloading from vehicles. Unrestricted parking is available on nearby streets such as The Crescent.

9. Objection 3

Local residents have requested that the existing knee-high railings should be removed from the verges on Boundary Road to allow vehicle parking. Other residents have suggested that the verges should be hard paved to allow residents only parking.

Response

The knee-high railings were erected to address the problem of verge damage being caused by parked vehicles at this location. Site constraints such as telegraph poles, lamp columns, large well-established trees, bus shelters, pedestrian crossing points and a school crossing patrol site would not allow for a well-structured, coherent scheme of this nature. In addition it would not address the problem of reduced visibility caused by parked vehicles when egressing private drives that several residents have complained about

10. Objection 4

The objector requested that Boundary Road should be made residents parking only.

Response

Residents parking would not address the obstruction issues along Boundary Road or improve the access difficulties into the Hospital.

Other Options Considered

11. Alternative options relating to the extent of the no waiting restrictions have been considered, as demonstrated by the various rounds of consultation. In addition, following feedback from consultation, options such as a residents' parking scheme and an environmental improvement scheme were considered, but not viewed as suitable for the reasons described previously.

Comments from Local Members

12. County Councillor Stuart Wallace promoted the original scheme and fully supports the proposals.

Reasons for Recommendations

13. The restrictions on Boundary Road and Holden Crescent are required in the interests of road safety, local residents and school children and to assist the movement of traffic including emergency vehicles. The restrictions will reduce instances of obstruction for vehicles accessing and egressing Newark Hospital.

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 was originally planned to be funded by the 2013/14 Traffic Management revenue budget. However, the works will be done as part of a carriageway resurfacing scheme along Boundary Road that has been approved as part of the 2014/15 Capital Maintenance Programme at the Feb 2014 Transport and Highways Committee.

Crime and Disorder Implications

16. Nottinghamshire Police raised no objections to the proposals.

RECOMMENDATION/S

It is recommended that:

The Nottinghamshire County Council (Boundary Road and Holden Crescent, Newark) (Prohibition of Waiting and No Stopping on Entrance Clearway) Traffic Regulation Order 2014 (3187) is made as advertised and the objectors informed accordingly.

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Constitutional Comments (SHB 21/02/2014)

17. Committee have the power to decide the Recommendation.

Financial Comments (TMR 25/02/2014)

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 Bevercotes House, Ollerton.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

Newark East Councillor Stuart Wallace