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Agenda Item: 9

REPORT OF SERVICE DIRECTOR, HIGHWAYS

THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (KIRKBY IN ASHFIELD & SELSTON AREA) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING AND NO STOPPING ON ENTRANCE CLEARWAY) TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER 2015 (4145)

CONSIDERATION OF OBJECTIONS - SUTTON MIDDLE LANE AND VERNON CRESCENT

Purpose of the Report

1. To consider the objections received in respect of the above Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) relating to proposals Sutton Middle Lane and Vernon Crescent and whether it should be made as advertised with the amendments as detailed in the recommendation.

Information and Advice

2. Sutton Middle Lane is a residential cul-de-sac on an established housing estate in Kirkby and comprises mostly of bungalows with a few semi-detached houses; only the latter of which have off-street parking. Three further cul-de-sacs are accessed from Sutton Middle Lane which includes Buckingham Close, Maple Crescent and Box Crescent. Buckingham Close is a modern housing estate road with no formal footways and detached houses with off-street parking. The properties on Maple Crescent and Box Crescent are all semi-detached bungalows, the majority of which do not have off-street parking and a high percentage of the occupants are elderly. Greenwood Primary and Nursery School, a large primary school with 373 pupils is located at the northern end of Sutton Middle Lane. The school has two pedestrian entrances as well as the vehicle entrance located directly off this road.
3. Vernon Road is a residential road to the west of Kirkby town centre, comprising mainly of terraced properties with little or no off-street parking. Jeffries Primary and Nursery School, a medium sized primary school with 255 pupils is located at the eastern end of Vernon Road, a pedestrian entrance as well as a combined pedestrian/vehicle entrance for the school are located directly off this road.
4. At school start and finish times streets surrounding both schools are used for parking by parents and carers dropping off or picking up children. Demand for on-street parking in the close proximity of the school frequently exceeds supply and this leads to vehicles being parked closer to junctions than the recommended 10m exclusion space. At some locations,

vehicles are parked on both sides of the road in close proximity to the junction. This forces motorists into a single lane width when both entering and exiting side roads.

5. As part of the County Council's commitment to make all the "School Keep Clear" markings in Nottinghamshire legally enforceable, the County Council is proposing to introduce a Legal Order covering the zig-zag markings on Sutton Middle Lane and Vernon Road in Kirkby. In addition a number of 'No Waiting At Any Time' restrictions (double yellow lines) are also proposed at pinch points and junctions to maintain clear access and visibility for the safe movement of vehicles and pedestrians.
6. The statutory consultation and public advertisement for all the existing school keep clear markings in the Kirkby in Ashfield and Selston areas of Ashfield was carried out between 6th August 2014 and 27th August 2014. This report relates to objections received for the restrictions proposed for areas around Greenwood Primary and Nursery School and Jeffries Primary and Nursery School. In addition to the School Keep Clear markings a number of 'No Waiting At Any Time' restrictions (double yellow lines) were included in the proposals for the junctions of Sutton Middle Lane / Maple Crescent, Sutton Middle Lane / Buckingham Close and the length of road opposite 27 to 45 Vernon Road. The attached drawings H/DAS/TRO4145/1 (Sutton Middle Lane) and H/DAS/TRO4145/7 (Vernon Road) represent the advertised proposals included in the area-wide order.

Objections Received

7. During the area-wide consultation, thirty-one responses were received. Replies have been sent direct to respondents and twenty-five of the responses received are considered to be outstanding objections to some or all of the proposals, of these twenty-four are from residents on roads in the vicinity of Greenwood Primary School on Sutton Middle Lane. A single objection is outstanding to the proposals on Vernon Road.
8. Objection – Sutton Middle Lane area (displaced parking on surrounding roads)

The responses from Sutton Middle Lane area are being treated as objections to the scheme. Residents from the three cul-de-sacs accessed off Sutton Middle Lane have expressed concern that the restrictions proposed in the vicinity of the school would result in more vehicles parking on the surrounding roads. They state that it would make it more difficult for residents to have visitors as they would have nowhere to park. Some residents of Maple Crescent and Box Crescent state that access is required for medical related visits throughout the day. The objectors would like to see parking facilities built in the grounds of the school.

Response – Sutton Middle Lane area (displaced parking on surrounding roads)

The School Keep Clear markings are being made legally enforceable as part of the programme agreed by Members to make all of these type of markings in Nottinghamshire legally enforceable. The double yellow lines on the junctions off Sutton Middle Lane are being introduced in response to a request from Nottinghamshire Police. The proposed parking restrictions are to ensure that the areas where pupils congregate or cross the road are kept clear of parked cars. The school keep clear markings would only be in force on Monday to Friday between the hours of 8am and 4.30pm, which would enable drivers to park here whenever there is an event being held at the school in the evenings or over the

weekend. The removal of parked vehicles from the junctions would make it easier for vehicles turning in to or out of Maple Crescent or Buckingham Close at all times of day. The extent and degree of the proposed restrictions are considered an appropriate balance between the need to secure clear junctions and road space whilst retaining on-street parking availability. It is anticipated that some parking will transfer onto adjacent street but this is primarily related to school arrival and departure times.

6. Objection – Vernon Road (reduced parking availability)

An objection against the introduction of double yellow lines on the northern side of Vernon Road was submitted on behalf of an elderly resident on Vernon Road. The objector was against the restriction because this would prevent them parking on Vernon Road whenever they came to visit their elderly mother. The southern side of the road is terraced housing with no off-street parking and is frequently parked up with residents' cars. An amendment to the scheme, as detailed below, was suggested however the objector wished their objection to stand. They do not want any parking restrictions on the north side of the road

Response – Vernon Road (reduced parking availability)

An amendment to the scheme is proposed which would provide the opportunity for vehicles to park in the evenings and at weekends on the section of Vernon Road between the School Keep Clear markings and the build-out. The proposed alteration would change a section (approx. 6.5 metres) of the proposed double yellow lines to 'No Waiting Monday to Friday, 8am to 4.30pm' (single yellow lines) as shown on attached drawing H/DAS/TRO4174/7/A (Vernon Road).

The remaining double yellow line restrictions proposed are located around a kerb build out; parking at the side of which would obstruct the passage of traffic along Vernon Road. The restrictions as a whole are required to maintain the free flow of vehicles and improve pedestrian visibility by keeping the area in front of the school clear of parked vehicles at the busy times of the school day.

Other Options Considered

7. The other option considered was the original proposal for double yellow lines on Vernon Road rather than a combination of double and single yellow lines as described in section 6.

Comments from Local Members

8. Sutton Middle Lane and Vernon Crescent are in the Kirkby-in-Ashfield North ED and there has been no response from the local member County Councillor John Knight.

Reasons for Recommendations

9. The proposals contained in the (Kirkby in Ashfield & Selston Area) (Prohibition of Waiting and No Stopping on Entrance Clearway) Order 2015 no-waiting and no-stopping order are considered appropriate taking into account a balanced view of the needs of all road users and safety concerns.

Statutory and Policy Implications

10. 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

11. The overall School Keep Clear programme is being funded through the 2014/15 Highway Safety revenue budget at a cost of £50,000.

Crime and Disorder Implications

12. Nottinghamshire Police raised no objections to the proposals.

RECOMMENDATION/S

It is recommended that:

The Nottinghamshire County Council (Kirkby in Ashfield & Selston Area) (Prohibition of Waiting and No Stopping on Entrance Clearway) Traffic Regulation Order 2015 (4145) is made as advertised with amendments and objectors advised accordingly.

Amendment is:

- Vernon Road – change approx. 6.5 metres of no waiting at any time restrictions (double yellow lines) to 'No Waiting Monday to Friday, 8am to 4.30pm' (single yellow line) as shown on H/DAS/TRO4145/7/A (Vernon Road, Kirkby in Ashfield).

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Constitutional Comments (LM 19/01/2015)

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

Financial Comments (TMR 20/01/2014)

14. The financial implications are set out in paragraph 11 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

Kirkby in Ashfield North ED

Councillor John Knight