



18th June 2015

Agenda Item: 8

REPORT OF SERVICE DIRECTOR, HIGHWAYS

THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (ANNESLEY ROAD, HUCKNALL) (PARKING RESTRICTIONS) TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER 2015 (4154)

Purpose of the Report

1. To consider the objections received in respect of the Nottinghamshire County Council (Annesley Road, Hucknall) (Parking Restrictions) Traffic Regulation Order 2015 (4154) and whether it should be made as advertised.

Information and Advice

2. Annesley Road is a key route towards Hucknall from the north, starting from the roundabout junction of the A611 / B6011 and ending at its junction with Baker Street near the centre of Hucknall. The road along this section is a single carriageway road throughout its length, with street lighting present and 30 miles per hour speed limit. There is a continuous footway on both sides of the road.
3. On the northern section of Annesley Road between the B6011 Wighay Road roundabout and Spring Street cycle facilities are provided, either as a shared use on the wide footways, or as advisory cycle lanes on the carriageway in both directions. Along this section of Annesley Road there is residential housing and with minimal on-street parking restrictions. The Hucknall National School is located on the western side near the junction with Barbara Square and bus services operate along the route.
4. The southern section of Annesley Road between Spring Street and Baker Street is mainly fronted by retail premises with some residential properties. The carriageway is narrower than the northern section which results in parking restrictions being required in order to facilitate traffic flow. There is a zebra crossing located midway between Allen Street and Montague Road. No Waiting At Any Time restrictions (double yellow lines) are present on the north-east side of the carriageway for the entirety of this section. On the south-west side there are seven separate parking bays of various lengths located between sections of double yellow lines. Parking within these bays is currently restricted to 30 minutes with no return within 1 hour between the hours of 8.00am to 6.30pm Monday to Saturday. The parking bay furthest to the east, and nearest to the town centre, terminates midway between Montague Road and Magdalene Way. Therefore parking is not available at the eastern end of Annesley Road between No.27 and Baker Street. The businesses are mixed and varied along this section of the route. The Hucknall National Primary School is located on Montague Road which has a junction off Annesley Road.

5. The County Council has received complaints via County Councillor Wilkinson from businesses in the area that the existing 30 minute waiting restrictions are not appropriate for their business needs. In order to address these concerns and improve access to businesses along this section of Annesley Road, it was originally proposed to extend the existing 30 minute limited waiting on Annesley Road to 1 hour in the existing parking bays along Annesley Road. The days and times to which the restriction would apply would remain the same at 8.00am to 6.30pm Monday to Saturday.
6. The consultation period for this original proposal was between 19th December 2014 and 9th January 2015. Copies of the notice were erected at a number of locations in the area; letters were hand delivered to all businesses / residential properties affected by the scheme and letters sent to all statutory consultees. The public advertised documents were placed on deposit at Hucknall Library, South Street, Hucknall, NG15 7BS and at County Hall, Loughborough Road in Nottingham. Thirteen responses were received from the County Councillor, local residents and business owners in the area. These are summarised below:
 - Two responses stated that there are currently no restrictions in the parking bay outside No. 61 Annesley Road;
 - Three responses consider that increasing the length of time that vehicles could park would reduce the availability of the parking spaces and requested an increase in the number of parking bays provided. One of these objectors stated that more bays were possible because they had been indicated in a historic residents' parking scheme which was consulted upon but rejected by residents;
 - Eight objections received via Councillor Wilkinson state that it would be more appropriate for a 2 hour limited waiting restriction to be implemented.
7. In response to objections and comments received the scheme was revised to reflect the majority opinion expressed through the County Councillor by local residents and businesses. The revised proposal was amended to increase the existing 30 minutes, no return within 1 hour restriction to 2 hours with no return within 3 hours. The days and times that the restriction would apply would remain as Monday to Saturday, 8.00am to 6.30pm.
8. A second consultation and advertisement was undertaken between 30th January 2015 and 20th February 2015. Copies of the revised notice were erected at a number of locations in the area; letters were hand delivered to all those businesses and residential properties originally consulted; and letters sent to all statutory consultees. The revised documents were placed on deposit at Hucknall Library, South Street, Hucknall, NG15 7BS and at County Hall, Loughborough Road in Nottingham. In addition the respondents to the first consultation were informed separately of the revised proposal. It is considered that eight of the responses objecting to the original one hour proposal are no longer outstanding, but as a result of the change of proposals two further comments were received from respondents to the previous consultation. The proposals are shown on the attached drawing numbered 47072289/4145/401Rev A.

Objection Received

9. During consultation and advertisement period it is considered that from the thirteen comments received, five are outstanding objections to all or part of the proposals.

10. Objection – unrestricted parking bays

Two local businesses objected on the basis that the parking bay outside their business is currently unrestricted and one business suggests it should remain to allow staff parking.

Response – unrestricted parking bays

The current parking bay outside No. 61 Annesley Road is incorrectly signed. The businesses have been informed and the signing should be altered to reflect the current traffic regulation order in place or changed in line with the proposed restriction. It is considered that increasing the length of time for parking to the businesses in this area will allow improved access to the businesses. Longer term parking provision is available in off-street car parks managed by Ashfield District Council, local charges apply and nearby streets have no parking restrictions.

11. Objection – restrictions reduce the availability of parking

Four objections stated that increasing the length of time that vehicles can park would effectively reduce the availability of parking. Concerns have been expressed that this will have a detrimental effect on their businesses and additional parking bays should be provided.

Response – restrictions reduce the availability of parking

The greater proportion of the responses received from the first consultation exercise was for vehicles to be allowed to park for a maximum of two hours. The scheme was modified to accommodate the view of those businesses and residents located along the road that have responded; the comments received demonstrate the competing views and demands along the same section of road. The amount of space available is the same and whilst the increased time in theory reduces availability it is considered that the increased time provides greater flexibility for visitors and in reality vehicles only park for the time required. The location and length of the parking bays provided is determined by a number of factors; including the available road width, the access for buses along the route and maintaining safe traffic flow along the road.

The proposed traffic order relates to the extents of the current parking bays only. Along this specific section of road no additional bays could be provided due to the location of junctions and accesses.

Other Options Considered

12. Other options were considered that relate to the length of time that vehicles can park in the limited waiting bays.

Comments from Local Members

13. County Councillor John Wilkinson promoted and supports the revised proposals. Councillors Alice Grice and John Wilmott did not comment on the proposals.

Reason for Recommendation

14. The recommendations represent the most appropriate action to satisfy competing requirements in the area.

Statutory and Policy Implications

15. 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

16. The scheme is funded from the Local Transport Plan (Integrated Transport Measures) budget for 2015/16 and the works will cost in the region of £2,000.

Crime and Disorder Implications

17. Nottinghamshire Police has raised no objection to the proposals.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

The Nottinghamshire County Council (Annesley Road, Hucknall) (Parking Restrictions) Traffic Regulation Order 2015 (4154) is made as advertised and objectors advised accordingly.

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Constitutional Comments (LMcC 27/05/15)

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

Financial Comments (GB 26/05/15)

19. The financial implications are set out in paragraph 16 of this 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 and Members Affected

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Councillor John Wilkinson
Councillor Alice Grice
Councillor John Wilmott