



23<sup>rd</sup> April 2015

Agenda Item: 6

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

### **THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (B6023 ALFRETON ROAD/FONTON HALL DRIVE SUTTON IN ASHFIELD) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING) TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER 2015 (4156)**

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

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

#### **Information and Advice**

2. Fonton Hall Drive is a modern (late 1990s) residential cul-de-sac located approximately 2km south-west of Sutton-in-Ashfield town centre, comprising detached and semi-detached houses, all of which have off-street parking. Fonton Hall Drive is accessed directly off the B6023 Alfreton Road which is a main distributor road between Sutton-in-Ashfield and the A38. There are terraced houses situated on Alfreton Road directly opposite the junction with Fonton Hall Drive, most of which have no off-street parking provision.
3. The County Council has received requests from local residents via local County Councillor Tom Hollis for parking restrictions to alleviate issues of obstructive parking at the junction of Fonton Hall Drive and Alfreton Road that restrict visibility and are causing access / egress issues. This includes reports that emergency vehicles have been unable to get further along Fonton Hall Drive due to parked vehicles.
4. In response to these concerns the County Council proposed to introduce 'No Waiting At Any Time' (double yellow lines) around the B6023 Alfreton Road / Fonton Hall Drive junction to improve visibility and safety for both motorists and pedestrians.
5. An initial consultation took place between 5th November 2014 and 26th November 2014 as shown on drawing A/TM/DAS/TRO4156/1. During this consultation period five responses were received, all of which were considered to be objections to all or part of the proposal. In response to comments raised the scheme was revised to extend the proposed double yellow lines 47m along the north-eastern side of Fonton Hall Drive to prevent obstructive parking and maintain an unobstructed traffic lane into the cul-de-sac from the main road. These revised proposals were advertised between 16th December 2014 and 7th January 2015 and are shown on the attached plan A/TM/DAS/TRO4156/2.

## Comments Received

6. During both rounds of consultation, responses were received from five local residents, two of which reiterated their objections irrespective of the revised proposals during the public advertisement period. Replies have been sent direct to respondents and all five responses are considered to be outstanding objections.
7. Objection – Alfreton Road  
A resident of Alfreton Road is objecting on the basis that the restrictions would further reduce the availability of on-street parking in the area.

### Response – Alfreton Road

The purpose of the junction protection is to ensure sufficient carriageway is available at the specified junctions to enable the safe movement of vehicles and pedestrians and thereby the efficient operation of the junction. Following consultation the extension of the double yellow line (No Waiting at Any Time) restriction along the eastern side of Fonton Hall Drive was proposed in response to concerns regarding potential conflict between vehicles travelling in opposite directions around the junction radius and access difficulties.

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 extents considered possible to ensure effective and safe operation of the highway.

8. Objections – Fonton Hall Drive  
Four objections were received from residents along Fonton Hall Drive on the basis that the original and revised restrictions were not extensive enough and that the double yellow lines should be introduced on the western side of Fonton Hall Drive. The objectors suggest that all vehicles parking on this stretch of road are obstructive and cause a safety hazard for vehicles travelling along the road.

### Response – Fonton Hall Drive

The original proposal was amended to take these views into account and the revised plan introduces No Waiting At Any Time restrictions on the inbound lane travelling into Fonton Hall Drive from Alfreton Road. It is considered that this addresses the problem regarding forward visibility between vehicles, balanced against maintaining the availability of the public highway for on-street parking if required.

## Other Options Considered

9. 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 intra-visibility along Fonton Hall Drive for the effective and safe operation of the highway and on-street parking provision.

## **Comments from Local Members**

10. County Councillor Tom Hollis was involved in the development of both the original and revised proposals.

## **Reasons for Recommendations**

11. The proposals are considered appropriate taking into account a balanced view of the needs of all road users and safety concerns.

## **Statutory and Policy Implications**

12. 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**

13. The scheme is funded through the 2015/16 Traffic Management revenue budget (Ashfield) at a cost of £3,000.

## **Crime and Disorder Implications**

14. Nottinghamshire Police raised no objections to the proposals.

## **RECOMMENDATION/S**

It is recommended that the Nottinghamshire County Council (B6023 Alfreton Road / Fonton Hall Drive, Sutton in Ashfield) (Prohibition of Waiting) Traffic Regulation Order 2015 (4156) is made as advertised and objectors advised accordingly.

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## **Constitutional Comments (SJE 20/03/2015)**

15. This decision falls within the Terms of Reference of the Transport & Highways Committee to whom responsibility for the exercise of the Authority's functions relating to traffic management has been delegated.

## **Financial Comments (TMR 19/03/15)**

16. The financial implications are set out in paragraph 13 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**

Sutton in Ashfield West ED

Councillor Tom Hollis