



17th November 2016

Agenda Item: 6

**REPORT OF CORPORATE DIRECTOR, PLACE
THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (WINGFIELD AVENUE,
WORKSOP) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING) TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER
2016 (1196)**

CONSIDERATION OF OBJECTIONS

Purpose of the Report

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

Information and Advice

2. Wingfield Avenue is the main access road on the Prospect housing estate, located between the A60 Carlton Road and the B6045 Blyth Road. The road is primarily residential in character, except for two community buildings; a Church and a Community Centre. The Prospect housing estate is also located in close proximity to Bassetlaw District General Hospital.
3. The proposed Traffic Regulation Order relates to the eastern end of Wingfield Avenue where concerns have been raised by the local County Councillor and residents regarding inconsiderate and obstructive parking where the road curves towards its junction with Gloucester Road. Parking on both sides of the road in this area restricts visibility for oncoming vehicles and forces motorists to cross the centre line to pass parked vehicles, which puts them into conflict with oncoming vehicles making the same manoeuvre. In response to these concerns and to improve the operation of the highway, the County Council proposes to introduce additional 'No Waiting At Any Time' (double yellow lines) on the northern side of Wingfield Avenue. These additional restrictions (approximately 36m), will connect the existing restrictions west of the junction with Gloucester Road and around the junction of Monmouth Road preventing parking at all times on this section of the road.
4. The statutory consultation and formal advertisement of the proposal were carried out between 16th September and 21st October 2016. The document packages were available on-line, and were held at Worksop Library and County Hall with copies of the notice erected at a number of locations in the area. The scheme layout is shown on the attached drawing number NJG/TRO/1196/Win.

Objections Received

5. Thirteen responses were received to the consultation. Of these, two were fully supportive of the proposals and the remaining eleven expressed a range of opinions, from partially supportive to negative responses; as such all eleven are considered to be outstanding objections to all or part of the proposed scheme. A range of comments were received from all respondents; the most frequently expressed include:

- Comments that all-day commute parking by staff from Bassetlaw District General Hospital cause inconvenience to residents and highway congestion;
- Concerns that additional restrictions will result in parking migration further into the estate;
- Concerns that parked vehicles on the main road restrict visibility and impair safety for vehicles emerging from side roads onto Wingfield Avenue;
- Requests for additional waiting restrictions on Wingfield Avenue and other estate roads;
- Safety concerns regarding vehicles travelling at inappropriate speeds on Wingfield Avenue;
- Request to repaint faded markings such as h-bars which protect crossing points on Wingfield Avenue;

6. Objection – Parking migration/ non-resident parking

Five residents objected and referred to the volume of non-resident commuter parking on the estate, concern was expressed that the additional restrictions will result in parking migration further into the estate. Three of these respondents requested that faded markings such as H-bars which protect the crossing points on Wingfield Avenue and 'private parking' markings on Wessex Avenue be repainted.

Response – Parking migration / non-resident parking

The section of Wingfield Avenue identified for waiting restrictions was requested by local residents and the County Councillor. The scheme seeks to address concerns regarding the safe movement of vehicles and pedestrians where forward visibility is restricted by the curve of the road.

It is recognised that there may be an element of displaced parking with all new proposed highway waiting restrictions. With that consideration in mind the proposals have been kept to the minimum considered necessary to facilitate the safe and effective operation of the highway.

This is intended to keep any displacement of parking to a minimum.

Where H-bars have faded on Wingfield Avenue the opportunity will be taken to refresh these markings, however the requests to repaint 'private' on parking areas on Wessex Avenue cannot be undertaken at public expense because this is on the site where a garage block previously stood and is therefore private land, not public highway.

Nottinghamshire County Council worked with Doncaster and Bassetlaw District Hospitals NHS Trust to establish a travel plan for the organisation in 2006; which focussed on reducing single occupancy vehicle trips to the hospital and promoting sustainable transport options for both staff and visitors. The national NHS policy is to "limit free and subsidised car parking at all its sites" and to encourage people to undertake more active and low carbon travel such as public transport, cycling and walking. The County Council is unable to work with as many organisations on travel planning as it would like but the hospital will be contacted to discuss the progress and implementation of its travel plan.

7. Objection – Additional waiting restrictions required / obstructive parking

Six residents objected on the basis that the double yellow lines proposed were not extensive enough. Requests were made for additional double yellow lines at a number of locations to prevent parking in close proximity to driveways and garages and to improve visibility turning out of side roads and private accesses. These areas included 140m on the southern side of Wingfield Avenue to Primrose Way, Wessex Road and Primrose Way. Other suggestions included for pay and display parking along Wingfield Avenue and for a residents' parking scheme for the estate.

Response – Additional waiting restrictions required / obstructive parking

The purpose of the proposal is to safeguard carriageway width and visibility on the section of Wingfield Avenue where the road curves and the presence of parked vehicles force vehicles to cross the centre line to pass them. Where forward visibility is restricted by the curvature of the road this can result in vehicles coming into conflict with oncoming traffic.

The proposed extents for the scheme were carefully considered; taking into account the demand for on-street parking, the potential for parking migration and the need for highway safety. If all parking was removed from both sides of Wingfield for the distance requested this would exacerbate parking migration into residential cul-de-sacs and is likely to significantly increase traffic speeds. The parking acts as a vehicle speed suppressant, as it reduces the effective carriageway width and supports driver perception of the area being residential in nature, rather than a distributor road.

The concerns expressed by residents of Primrose Way and Wessex Avenue are understood but this must be weighed against the negative effects of additional waiting restrictions. It is considered that the extent of the restrictions proposed provides the best balance between addressing the problem of forward visibility whilst maintaining the availability of on-street parking. As such it was not considered appropriate to extend the restrictions further.

Nottinghamshire County Council does not currently charge for on-street parking so the introduction of this measure on Wingfield Avenue is not considered appropriate. As the majority of properties on the Prospect estate have access to off-street parking; either in the form of a driveway or a garage, the estate would not meet the Nottinghamshire County Council criteria for the introduction of a residents' parking scheme.

8. Objection – increased speeds on Wingfield Avenue

One resident objected on the basis that the proposals did not address the issue of vehicles travelling at inappropriate speed on Wingfield Avenue. The objector suggests that the scheme should include the introduction of safety cameras.

Response – increased speeds on Wingfield Avenue

If all parking was removed from both sides of Wingfield for a significant distance this would both exacerbate parking migration into residential cul-de-sacs and is likely to significantly increase traffic speeds, as such the restrictions were kept to the minimum considered necessary to support the safe operation of the highway.

There has been one serious accident on this part of Wingfield Avenue in the last three years, however this was not speed related and involved a single vehicle, leaving a car park and the

driver losing control of their vehicle due to circumstances beyond the control of the Highway Authority. As such Wingfield Avenue does not meet the criteria for the introduction of a safety camera.

Other Options Considered

9. Other options considered relate to the length of the waiting restrictions proposed, which could have been greater. The proposed restrictions are considered to be the minimum required to ensure the safe operation of the highway.

Comments from Local Members

10. County Councillor Alan Rhodes requested the scheme initially and made no further comment during the consultation.

Reason for Recommendation

11. The recommendation represents the most appropriate action to reduce / prevent danger to highway users, and for facilitating the safe and efficient passage of traffic having had regard to all feedback received.

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 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 being funded by the 2016/17 Bassetlaw Traffic Management Revenue budget and will cost in the region of £1,500.

Crime and Disorder Implications

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

RECOMMENDATION/S

It is **recommended** that:

The Nottinghamshire County Council (Wingfield Avenue, Worksop) (Prohibition Of Waiting) Traffic Regulation Order 2016 (1196)

is made as advertised and objectors notified accordingly.

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Constitutional Comments (SLB – 24/10/2016)

15. Transport and Highways Committee is the appropriate body to consider the content of this report.

Financial Comments (RWK – 26/10/2016)

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, Fox Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 6BJ.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

Worksop North East and Carlton ED

Councillor Alan Rhodes