

**4<sup>th</sup> July 2013**

**Agenda Item:**

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

### **The Nottinghamshire County Council (A60 Loughborough Road, Swithland Drive and Kingswood Road, West Bridgford) (Prohibition of Waiting) Traffic Regulation Order 2013 (8203)**

## **CONSIDERATION OF OBJECTIONS**

### **Purpose of the Report**

1. To consider the objections received in respect of the proposed Traffic Regulation Order for A60 Loughborough Road, Swithland Drive and Kingswood Road, West Bridgford.

### **Information and Advice**

2. As part of the project to construct a new school on the site of the existing Heymann Primary School it is proposed to introduce no waiting at any time restrictions on adjacent roads in the vicinity.
3. The initial consultation letters relating to the proposals were sent out on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2013, this was followed by formal consultation and public advertisement on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2013. A further updated consultation letter was circulated on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2013 to reflect a design alteration to a proposed lay-by on Swithland Drive. The proposals are shown on accompanying drawings H/04078/1916/200.
4. During the consultation process there were a total of 21 responses received including 4 objections.
5. There were three objections to the proposed no waiting at any time restrictions on both sides of Swithland Drive. Two of these were received from members of the West Bridgford Monarchs Hockey Club who use the playing field of The West Bridgford School for their hockey matches and a further objection from a resident of Loughborough Road. The Hockey Club members currently park on the east to west section of Swithland Drive which leads directly off the A60. All three objections suggested changing the no waiting at any time restrictions to one side of the road only with no parking on the other side at times when pupils are being dropped off or picked up from the new school. The purpose of the proposed no waiting at any time restrictions are to allow fire and rescue

vehicles clear access to the rear of the fire station at all times, it is therefore proposed not to amend the proposals.

6. The fourth objection was received from a resident of Loughborough Road who did not support the proposed no waiting at any time restrictions located to the north of the pedestrian crossing zig-zags on the east side of Loughborough Road. The resident felt that the restrictions would mean that they and their neighbours would have nowhere for their visitors to park. The proposed restrictions at this location are to enable emergency vehicles exiting the fire station a clear path to turn south into Loughborough Road. The properties at this location have long drives with generous off-street parking and it is therefore proposed not to amend the proposals.
7. As a result of other comments received it was decided to alter the design of the parking restrictions. The main changes were to shorten the no waiting at any time restrictions at the junction of Swithland Drive with Cropston Close and change the no waiting at any time restrictions in the turning area of the Loughborough Road service road to no waiting Monday to Friday, 8 – 9.30am, 3 – 4.30pm. Following specific requests it is also proposed to introduce “H” bar markings to the drives at various locations, this is to discourage the obstruction of private accesses.
8. As part of the overall scheme it is also proposed to implement a signalled pedestrian (Puffin) crossing over the A60 Loughborough Road (near Swithland Drive) and to extend the 30mph speed limit along Loughborough Road. These works would be delivered as part of a package of traffic management measures including the no waiting restrictions considered in this report. These speed limit proposals have been subject to the necessary statutory process and no objections received.

## **Other Options Considered**

9. In response to the consultation a number of changes have been incorporated into the design. The proposals as they stand represent a balanced approach to safeguard the highway whilst meeting the needs of local residents as far as is possible.

## **Reasons for Recommendations**

10. The waiting restrictions are being proposed to stop parking in locations that cause visibility or access problems. The waiting restrictions, on the east to west section of Swithland Drive (between A60 and West Bridgford House) are to ensure clear access to both the school and the rear of the fire station at all times. The restrictions on Loughborough Road are to keep the approaches to the Swithland Drive junction and the proposed pedestrian crossing, clear of parked vehicles.

## **Statutory and Policy Implications**

11. This report has been compiled having given due regard to the Public Sector Equality Duty and after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service 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**

12. The scheme is being funded from the Heymann School construction project. The cost of implementing the package of traffic management measures will be in the region of £160,000.

### **Crime and Disorder Implications**

13. Nottinghamshire Police have made no comments on the proposals.

### **RECOMMENDATION/S**

It is recommended that

The Nottinghamshire County Council (A60 Loughborough Road, Swithland Drive and Kingswood Road, West Bridgford) (Prohibition of Waiting) Traffic Regulation Order 2013 (8203) is made as advertised and the objectors informed accordingly.

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### **Constitutional Comments (SHB 25/6/13)**

14. Committee has the power to decide the Recommendation.

### **Financial Comments (IC 25/6/13)**

15. The financial implications are stated in paragraph 12 of the report

### **Background Papers**

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.

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.

**Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected**

Councillor Gordon Wheeler - West Bridgford West