

21st May 2014**Agenda Item:9****REPORT OF SERVICE DIRECTOR, HIGHWAYS****THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (FERN STREET /
STONEFORD ROAD, SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD AND LINDLEYS LANE,
KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING) TRAFFIC
REGULATION ORDER 2014 (4130)****CONSIDERATION OF OBJECTIONS****Purpose of the Report**

1. To consider the objections received in respect of the Lindleys Lane, Kirkby-in-Ashfield element of the above Traffic Regulation Order and whether the order is to be made as advertised.

Information and Advice

1. Lindleys Lane is an unclassified road in Kirkby-in-Ashfield with the only point of access off B6020 Urban Road / Station Street close to the town centre and the offices for Ashfield District Council. The road serves a residential area and also a small print factory, the southern end of the road is also being developed with new residential accommodation. At the northern end close to the junction with Urban Road there is also a vehicular access to the car park of a local supermarket.
2. The local member, Councillor Rachel Madden, has received complaints from residents of Lindleys Lane regarding restricted visibility that is experienced when turning in or out of the junction with Urban Road / Station Street due to parked vehicles. As a result of the issues raised, the County Council has consulted on proposals to restrict parking for a short section of Lindleys Lane close to the Urban Road junction. The restriction will allow vehicles clear access turning into Lindleys Lane from the B6020, provide turning vehicles additional visibility turning out onto the B6020 and enable turning traffic to wait in the correct traffic lane without blocking vehicles turning into the road.
3. The Lindleys Lane junction is 90 degrees at its junction with Urban Road / Station Street and both roads are straight and level at this location. There have been no accidents involving injury reported at the junction. The south side of Station Street has waiting restrictions but also has laybys providing limited waiting parking places for the town centre area (Monday to Saturday, 8am – 6pm).

4. The proposal, which can be seen on the enclosed drawing no. NJG/Lind, was consulted on and publicly advertised between July and August 2013. Three objections were received, two from members of the public and one from an Ashfield District Council Councillor. Four comments in support of the proposals were received from members of the public.

Objections Received

5. Objection 1

A resident suggests that the proposal will not have any effect and that a mini-roundabout is needed to slow down traffic on Urban Road and Station Street to make it easier for drivers to exit Lindleys Lane.

Response

The proposals are designed to keep the section of Lindleys Lane near to the Urban Road / Station Street junction clear of parked vehicles to aid visibility and remove conflict between turning vehicles. Whilst a mini-roundabout at this junction may be viable this is outside the scope of the proposals and accident data suggests that a larger scale improvement at the junction is not required.

6. Objections 2 and 3

A local resident is concerned about the migration of parking causing residents further problems and says that they already suffer from indiscriminate parking by people working in Kirkby. The objector suggests that Lindleys Lane be made subject to a Residents Only parking scheme.

Ashfield District Council member for Kirkby Central, Councillor Cheryl Butler, is also concerned that the proposal will move parking farther down Lindleys Lane causing more problems for residents.

Response

Due to the proximity of this section of Lindleys Lane to the town centre it is possible that parking by local workers / visitors may occur and be displaced farther down the road. However, limited waiting parking bays are available close to the junction with Urban Road / Station Street together with additional off street parking facilities elsewhere in the town centre.

The introduction of a residents' parking scheme is outside the scope of these proposals, but may be subject to future consideration.

In addition to the inclusion on a future works programme any residents' parking scheme proposals are also subject to questionnaires to local residents with the criteria for the introduction being 35% of questionnaires returned with 65% of these in favour of a scheme. Furthermore it is the County Council's policy that a charge should be made for permits issued for use in residents' parking schemes. The charge is to cover the administration and management of the permit scheme and the direct costs of the permits. Parking permits would cost £25 each and will usually be valid for 12 months, with 100% discount concessions for Blue Badge Holders and residents 75 years old and over.

Other Options Considered

7. Various lengths of restriction were considered though it was felt that those represented by the proposal most suited the solution to the problems being experienced.

Comments from Local Members

8. The local County Councillor, Rachel Madden, initially requested that restrictions were considered and supports the proposals. However, the Councillor has expressed concern about the possible impact on residents and has asked for consideration of the part of the road fronting properties numbered 2 to 14 being made Residents' Only Parking. As stated the request for a Residents' Parking Scheme may be considered for inclusion in a future year's capital programme.

Reasons for Recommendations

9. The waiting restrictions are being proposed to prevent congestion and to improve visibility at the junction of Lindleys Lane and Station Street / Urban Road.

Statutory and Policy Implications

14. 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

15. The scheme is being funded by the 2014/15 Traffic Management Revenue budget – Ashfield, the cost of implementing the scheme will be in the region of £1,000.

Crime and Disorder Implications

16. Nottinghamshire Police made no comments on the proposals.

RECOMMENDATION/S

It is recommended that

The Nottinghamshire County Council (Fern Street / Stoneyford Road, Sutton-In-Ashfield and Lindleys Lane, Kirkby-In-Ashfield) (Prohibition of Waiting) Traffic Regulation Order 2014 (4130) is made as advertised and the objectors informed accordingly.

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Constitutional Comments (SLB 30/04/2014)

17. Committee have power to decide the Recommendation.

Financial Comments (TMR 28/04/2014)

18. The financial implications are set out in paragraph 15 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 Bevercotes House, Ollerton.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

Kirkby-in-Ashfield South ED

Councillor Rachel Madden