

7 February 2019**REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR, PLACE****THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (PADGE ROAD, BEESTON)
(PROHIBITION OF WAITING) TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER 2018 (5254)****CONSIDERATION OF OBJECTIONS****Purpose of the Report**

1. To consider the objections received in respect of the above proposed Traffic Regulation Order and whether it should be made, as advertised with amendments as detailed in the recommendation and shown on drawing H/SLW/2744/03.

Information

2. Nottinghamshire County Council has received requests for measures to prevent obstructive parking along Padge Road in Beeston which affects visibility for highway users and inhibits the ability of larger vehicles, such as HGVs, to access and egress from premises on the road.
3. Padge Road is a cul-de-sac access road to a mixed use industrial area; comprising of light industry units and also office premises, one of which is Prospect House, a Nottinghamshire County Council property. There is a Royal Mail depot located at the end of the road.
4. There is significant demand for on-street parking on Padge Road, from both employees and visitors to premises. In response to the reports received regarding obstructive parking, the County Council proposes to introduce 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions (double yellow lines). The aim of these is to prevent obstructive parking, primarily focussed on preventing parking on both sides of the road, around site entrances and opposite these entrances. This will facilitate the safe and efficient movement of pedestrians and vehicles on the highway.
5. The statutory consultation and public advertisement of the proposals, as detailed on plan H/SLW/2744/01, was carried out between 12th June and 13th July 2018.
6. Seven responses were received to the consultation, all of which were objections to the proposals. The objections were primarily focussed on the loss on on-street parking on Padge Road, which is used by employees and visitors. After consideration of the responses a revised proposal was devised, as detailed on plan H/SLW/2744/03.
7. There is limited scope to alter or reduce the proposed parking restrictions whilst still retaining their effectiveness in addressing problems with obstructive parking. However, it is considered

possible to remove a short section of the proposed restriction opposite Prospect House, reducing the proposed restrictions at this location to one side of the road only. This alteration would retain approximately 27m (approximately 5 vehicles) of on-street parking, whilst retaining protection from parking for junctions. One respondent, a Prospect House employee with responsibility for the management of the building on behalf of staff, has confirmed that they are happy with this amendment and it is therefore considered that this objection has been resolved.

8. There are considered to be 6 outstanding objections to part or all of the proposals.

Objections Received

9. Objection – loss of parking / parking displacement

All respondents objected to the proposed double yellow lines on the grounds that the availability of on-street parking on Padge Road will be reduced and / or parking will be displaced to other streets. All respondents were Nottinghamshire County Council staff, working in a building on Padge Road. All stated that parking in close proximity to their workplace was important for them to carry out their duties; which included social work and occupational therapy. Five of the respondents requested that the extent of the proposed restrictions be reduced.

10. Response – loss of parking / parking displacement

The existing parking patterns have an adverse effect on vehicle flow and the safe operation of adjacent junctions. Vehicles are regularly parked obstructively on Padge Road and this is preventing larger vehicles and HGVs from accessing / egressing premises and travelling along the road. Whilst it is acknowledged that there is existing demand for on-street parking on Padge Road the provision of on-street parking must always be secondary to maintaining the safe and efficient operation of the highway. The need to maintain sufficient unobstructed carriageway means restrictions are required opposite site entrances and also at locations where otherwise parking would occur on both sides of the road. A revised proposal has been developed, which will reduce the extent of the proposed restriction opposite Prospect House, thereby retaining a further 27m of on-street parking.

11. Nottinghamshire County Council currently promotes flexible working at its offices and staff have access to information and support to identify opportunities to use sustainable transport modes or virtual travel. Prospect House has private off-street parking, providing 26 spaces for staff and visitors and the organisation has the opportunity to manage their off-street parking spaces to ensure that those who require a space close to the premises, including visiting services users, have access to one.

12. It is recognised that there is likely to be some element of displaced parking with any new highway waiting restriction. However existing parking and waiting restrictions on adjacent highway locations are already in place to prevent the obstruction of junctions and key routes by parked vehicles. It is considered that these existing restrictions will facilitate appropriate parking patterns on the wider highway network.

13. The proposals have been revised to maximise the availability of on-street parking whilst maintaining the safe and efficient operation of the highway and therefore are considered an appropriate proposal to address the issues identified.

Other Options Considered

14. Other options considered relate to the length of the waiting restrictions proposed, which could have been either lesser or greater. The proposals are considered to strike a reasonable balance between the need to maintain the safe operation of the highway and recognition of the demand for on-street parking.

Comments from Local Members

15. County Councillor Foale made no comment on the proposals as part of the statutory consultation.

Reasons for Recommendations

16. It is considered that the proposed scheme presents a reasonable balance between the needs of all highway users, including non-drivers, who access the area.

Statutory and Policy Implications

17. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance, finance, human resources, human rights, the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, smarter working, sustainability and the environment and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Crime and Disorder Implications

18. Nottinghamshire Police made no comments on the proposal. No additional crime or disorder implications are envisaged.

Financial Implications

19. The scheme is being funded through the 2018/19 Traffic Management Revenue budget for Broxtowe with an estimated cost to implement the works and traffic order of £1,500.

Human Rights Implications

20. The implementation of the proposals within this report might be considered to have a minimal impact on human rights (such as the right to respect for private and family life and the right to peaceful enjoyment of property, for example). However, the Authority is entitled to affect these rights where it is in accordance with the law and is both necessary and proportionate to do so, in the interests of public safety, to prevent disorder and crime, to protect health, and to protect the rights and freedoms of others. The proposals within this report are considered to be within the scope of such legitimate aims.

Public Sector Equality Duty implications

21. As part of the process of making decisions and changing policy, the Council has a duty 'to advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not' by thinking about the need to:
- Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation;
 - Advance equality of opportunity between people who share protected characteristics (as defined by equalities legislation) and those who don't;
 - Foster good relations between people who share protected characteristics and those who don't.
22. Disability is a protected characteristic and the Council therefore has a duty to make reasonable adjustments to proposals to ensure that disabled people are not treated unfairly.

Implications for Sustainability and the Environment

23. The proposed waiting restrictions are designed to facilitate the safe operation of Padge Road and access junction to premises for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians. Improving the environment for vulnerable highway users, such as pedestrians and cyclists, may encourage modal shift to sustainable modes of transport.

RECOMMENDATION/S

It is **recommended** that:

- 1) The Nottinghamshire County Council (Padge Road, Beeston) (Prohibition of Waiting) Traffic Regulation Order 2018 (5254) is made as advertised, subject to the following amendment, and the objectors informed accordingly.
- Reduce the length of 'No Waiting At Any Time' restrictions on the south-east side of Padge Road by 27m as shown on drawing H/SLW/2744/03.

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Constitutional Comments (SJE – 24/12/2018)

24. This decision falls within the Terms of Reference of the Communities & Place Committee to whom responsibility for the exercise of the Authority's functions relating to the planning, management and maintenance of highways (including traffic management) has been delegated.

Financial Comments((SES 28/12/18)

25. The financial implications are set out in paragraph 19 of the report

Background Papers and Published Documents

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 section at Trent Bridge House, Fox Road, West Bridgford, and Nottingham.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

Beeston Central and Rylands ED

Councillor Kate Foale