

12th November 2015

Agenda Item:10

REPORT OF SERVICE DIRECTOR, HIGHWAYS

THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (NOTTINGHAM ROAD, CROPWELL BISHOP) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING) TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER 2015 (8227)

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. Cropwell Bishop is a village in the borough of Rushcliffe in Nottinghamshire, 1.2 miles to the east of the A46. Nottingham Road forms part of the main street through the village linking to the A46. The proposals relate to a section of Nottingham Road that provides access to a number of side streets, has residential properties fronting the road, a number of small businesses, a local public house and Methodist church. Not all of the residential properties fronting Nottingham Road have off-street parking provision.
3. The County Council has received requests from local residents, Cropwell Bishop Parish Council and County Councillor Richard Butler to consider introducing waiting restrictions in the village to help alleviate issues with parking patterns causing traffic congestion and conflict. A key problem is that the main route through the village is not wide enough for cars in both directions and as a result the County Council is proposing to introduce 'No Waiting At Any Time' (double yellow lines) along parts of Nottingham Road and at the junctions of Barrett Close and Mill lane.
4. The statutory consultation and public advertisement of the proposals was carried out between 14th May 2015 and 4th June 2015, as detailed on the attached drawing H/8227/TRO2.

Objections received

5. During the advertisement period, five responses were received with four considered to be outstanding objections. Comments were received to lay the new double lines narrower rather than the standard 100mm to maintain the village setting, this request will be incorporated and lines laid in 'primrose yellow' with the narrower 50mm line that is permitted under the traffic regulations and commonly used in conservation areas.

6. Objections

Two objections were received from residents of Barratt Close and two from residents of Nottingham Road. Key issues raised include:

- Suggestions that restrictions are extended along Barratt Close to help accommodate safe access to driveways, footways and aid access for cars travelling on both directions;
- Concern that the proposed restrictions will displace parked vehicles closer or over existing driveways to residential properties blocking access, reduce visibility and increasing the difficulty to manoeuvre from and to the road. It has been suggested that the restrictions should be extended along the south side of Nottingham Road;
- A Nottingham Road resident is concerned that the restrictions will further increase vehicle over-run on the footway outside their property.

Response

It is recognised that there may be an element of displaced parking with all new proposed highway waiting restrictions and the extents were developed in conjunction with the Parish and County Councillor. Prior to advertising it was accepted that there may be requests for further restrictions, but the minimal approach provided opportunities for some parking to be maintained whilst protecting junctions and areas of the road for passing parked vehicles. It is considered that the proposals are the minimum necessary to facilitate the safe and effective operation of the junctions; allowing vehicles to manoeuvre without obstruction.

The demand for on-street parking in residential areas is understood and the scheme has been designed with the aim of maintaining the availability of this facility where possible, without compromising the safe and effective operation of the highway. There is always a balance to be struck between competing demands for a finite resource; it is considered that the proposed scheme offers the best solution improving highway operation with minimal anticipated migration of parking.

An appropriate measure to help alleviate residents' difficulties with vehicle access / egress to properties is the provision of advisory 'H bar markings' and these can be provided in line with the County Council's charging policy (£178) on request from local residents.

With reference to concerns from an objector on Nottingham Road regarding vehicle over-run outside their property, it is considered that the restrictions will not increase this occurrence. This is because the road directly fronting the property is being left unrestricted with double yellow lines proposed on the opposite side of the road. By maintaining parking outside the property this will provide parking opportunities for local residents and visitors. This should reduce the risk of vehicles over running onto the footway at this location due to the presence of any parked vehicle. Sufficient width is maintained for traffic travelling eastbound at this location to pass any parked vehicles on Nottingham Road by using the opposite side of the road with traffic giving way to any oncoming traffic travelling west bound.

Other Options Considered

7. 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 the safe operation of the highway and on-street parking provision.

Comments from Local Members

8. The local County Councillor, Richard Butler was involved in developing the proposals and supports the scheme.

Reasons for Recommendations

9. The proposals are to be introduced to keep the road clear of parked cars in the vicinity of the entrance to the car park assisting the movement of large vehicles.

Statutory and Policy Implications

10. 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

11. This scheme is being funded through the 2015/16 Traffic Management Revenue budget for Rushcliffe with an estimated cost to implement the works and traffic order of £1,500.

Crime and Disorder Implications

12. Nottinghamshire Police expressed no opinion.

RECOMMENDATION/S

It is recommended that:

The Nottinghamshire County Council (Nottingham Road, Cropwell Bishop) (Prohibition Of Waiting) Traffic Regulation Order 2015 (8227) is made as advertised and the objectors advised accordingly.

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Constitutional Comments (SJE 20/10/2015)

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

Financial Comments (TMR 20/10/15)

15. The financial implications are set out in paragraph 11 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 section at Trent Bridge House, Fox Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham.

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

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Councillor Richard Butler