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Agenda Item: 6

REPORT OF SERVICE DIRECTOR, HIGHWAYS

THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (CHURCH STREET AND RATCLIFFE STREET, EASTWOOD) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING) TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER 2015 (5207)

CONSIDERATION OF OBJECTION

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. Eastwood is a former mining town located approximately 13 km north-west of Nottingham City Centre on the border between Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire. The proposals mainly relate to the introduction of waiting restrictions on Church Street, Ratcliffe Street and Ivy Lane which are located to the south of Eastwood town centre.
3. Church Street is a key route into the town centre from the south, carrying annual average daily traffic flows of around 3,050 vehicles. Church Street is a mixture of residential properties and small business or service providers; such as a doctors' surgery, care home and dental practice. The adjacent side roads included in this proposal; Ratcliffe Gate and Ivy Lane are predominantly residential in character. There are currently no parking restrictions along these sections of Church Street, Ratcliffe Street and Ivy Lane.
4. County Councillor Keith Longdon requested that consideration is given measures to address obstructive parking at the junctions on this stretch of Church Street and to assist disabled patients attending the surgery following requests from local constituents. In order to address the concerns raised proposals have been developed to improve visibility and safety for pedestrians and drivers at junctions, improve access to the doctors' surgery for disabled users and manage on-street parking to ensure traffic flow is maintained.
5. The proposed scheme includes the implementation of "No Waiting At Any Time" (Double Yellow Lines) along parts of Church Street, Ratcliffe Street and Ivy Lane plus "No Waiting Monday to Friday 8am – 6pm" (Single Yellow Lines) further along Church Street, Eastwood. The scheme layout is shown on the attached drawing number H/04078/2122.

6. The statutory consultation and advertising were carried out between 4th June 2015 and 3rd July 2015. The document packages were held at Eastwood Library and County Hall with copies of the notice erected at a number of locations in the area.
7. During the advertisement period thirteen responses were received, two of which were fully supportive of the proposals. Of the remaining eleven, four were generally supportive but a range of comments were received from all respondents, these include:
 - That restrictions are further extended along Ratcliffe Street and Church Street to help accommodate safe access to drive ways, footways and aid access for cars travelling in both directions;
 - The proposals will displace parked vehicles closer or over existing driveways to residential properties blocking access, reducing visibility and increasing the difficulty to manoeuvre from and to the road;
 - The proposals are too extensive and prohibitive and the loss of on-street parking will adversely affect the economic viability of the local health providers;
 - That the proposals do not include comparable provision of an advisory disabled parking bay near the dental practice as is proposed for the doctors' surgery;
 - Request that the proposed single yellow line restriction be made into one-hour limited waiting parking bays.
8. As a result of comments raised, proposals have been revised to take a balanced view of competing demands in this area. All respondents to the consultation have been informed of the revised proposals that include the following amendments:
 - The reduction to the extents of the proposed single yellow line on Church Street - this is to increase the amount of on-street parking available and reduce parking migration to Ratcliffe Street;
 - A two-car advisory disabled bay is proposed outside the dental practice; to facilitate access to this and the care home and reduce the likelihood of patients using the disabled bay on Ratcliffe Street, which was introduced some time ago for a local resident.
9. The revised proposals are shown on drawing number H/04078/2122 Rev A and detailed in the recommendation.

Objection Received

10. Whilst these revisions are considered to resolve many of the issues raised, eight responses (either partially or in their entirety) are being reported as outstanding objections.
11. Objection - further restrictions required on Church Street and Ratcliffe Street.
Whilst supporting the proposed parking restrictions in principle, six local residents' views are considered as outstanding objections as they have requested that restrictions are extended along both Ratcliffe Street and Church Street. In addition several respondents requested that all waiting is prohibited on double yellow lines.

Response - further restrictions required on Church Street and Ratcliffe Street

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 junctions; allowing vehicles to manoeuvre without obstruction.

The demand for on-street parking 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.

The County Council does not consider that additional loading restrictions are required to prevent no stopping on the parking restrictions. This would prevent disabled drivers legally parking on double and single yellow lines in safe locations and also restrict any necessary loading activities in the area.

It should be noted that where pavement parking constitutes an obstruction, the Police, are empowered to enforce on this matter. 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.

12. Objection - Restrictions are too onerous and will affect business viability

Two respondents that are the local doctor and dental practices, whilst supporting the restrictions in principle, consider that the proposals are too restrictive and should be reduced in duration and extent or changed to limited waiting. This would be to maintain a level of convenient on-street parking they suggest necessary to maintain patient numbers at their practices.

Response - Restrictions are too onerous and will affect business viability

It is recommended that the advertised restrictions are reduced to balance the needs and competing demands in the area. This include reducing the lengths of proposed "No Waiting Monday to Friday 8am – 6pm" (Single Yellow Lines) on Church Street opposite to number 11 and directly outside the dental practice between the existing zebra crossing and junction protection proposed on Ivy Lane.

It is considered that the reduction in length of the single yellow line further north along Church Street can be achieved as the road widens out at this point. In addition the section removed outside the dental practice will be replaced with an advisory disabled parking bay, this increases disabled parking provision in the area close to medical facilities.

Other Options Considered

13. 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

14. The local County Councillor, Keith Longdon was involved in developing the proposals, supports the scheme and the revised proposals.

Reason for Recommendation

15. The recommendations represent the most appropriate action to reduce / prevent danger to highway users, and for facilitating the passage of traffic, incorporating the majority view and having had regard to all feedback received.

Statutory and Policy Implications

16. 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

17. The proposals are funded through the 2015/16 Traffic Management Revenue budget for Broxtowe and the cost of implementing the scheme including works and the traffic order will be in the region of £2 ,000.

Crime and Disorder Implications

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

RECOMMENDATION/S

It is **recommended** that:

The Nottinghamshire County Council (Church Street and Ratcliffe Street, Eastwood) (Prohibition Of Waiting) Traffic Regulation Order 2015 (5207) is made as advertised with amendments and objectors advised accordingly. Amendments are:

- Reduce the length of “No Waiting Monday to Friday 8am – 6pm” (Single Yellow Lines) on Church Street north of Ivy Lane from 49m to 30m;
- Reduce the length of “No Waiting Monday to Friday 8am – 6pm” (Single Yellow Lines) on Church Street south of Ivy Lane from 13m to 3m to accommodate a new advisory disabled parking bay.

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Constitutional Comments (SJE 14/12/2015)

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

Financial Comments (SES 07/12/2015)

20. The financial implications are set out in paragraph 17 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

Eastwood ED

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