



12th November 2015

Agenda Item: 9

REPORT OF SERVICE DIRECTOR, HIGHWAYS

THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (BELLAMY ROAD, MANSFIELD) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING) TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER 2015 (2185)

Purpose of the Report

1. To consider the objection and petition received in respect of the above Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) and whether it should be made as advertised.

Information and Advice

2. Bellamy Road Estate is a residential area located in the Mansfield District approximately 3km south-east of Mansfield town centre. The residential area comprises of a mixture of houses and flats surrounded by a local distributor road (Bellamy Road) around the perimeter of the estate. There are a number of smaller residential roads leading off Bellamy Road providing access into the estate with parking provision that consists of a mixture of private parking areas and lengths of public highway with no parking restrictions.
3. St Peter's Church of England Primary School is situated on Bellamy Road on the opposite side to the main residential areas close to the Thorpe Road junction. In April 2013 planning permission was granted (application reference 2/2013/0047/ST) for a classroom extension. The planning permission included a condition for a school safety zone review and traffic survey to be undertaken with any consequential mitigation work being carried out.
4. Following the school safety zone review a range of works were identified on the highway that included the installation of new pedestrian barriers and widening of the existing footpath at one of the crossing points to help guide pedestrians to a new pedestrian entrance to the school. To supplement these works and as part of the school safety zone a recommendation was included to modify traffic orders to manage parking around the school. As a result the County Council proposes to introduce no-waiting parking restrictions along part of Bellamy Road near the school and at the junction of Bellamy Road / Thorpe Road to improve visibility and safety for both motorists and pedestrians. These are intended to complement the existing, enforceable 'School Keep Clear' zig-zag markings on Bellamy Road, to provide a comprehensive package of measures to enhance road safety in the vicinity of the school.
5. The statutory consultation and public advertisement of the proposals took place between 15th April 2015 and 6th May 2015 and the scheme layout is shown on the attached drawing M/TM/DAS/TRO2185/2.

Objections Received

6. During the consultation period two responses were received, one in support of the proposals and the other being a 29 signature petition objecting to the proposals. This is considered as an outstanding objection and a response to the petition has been presented to Transport and Highways Committee on the 12th November 2015.

7. Objection – Petition

The petition was presented to a County Council meeting on 17th September 2015 and is considered as an outstanding objection to the proposals. The petitioners object to the proposals on the basis that the restrictions would reduce the availability of on-street parking which they consider will further displace parent parking into Thorney Court. This is an area of private land, which provides parking for residents of Thorney Court only. The petitioner states that the area is already used by parents/carers at school start and finish times and that the proposals will make matters worse.

Response - Petition

The purpose of the proposals is to enable the safe movement of vehicles and pedestrians (particularly schoolchildren) when attending St Peter's School. It is recognised that there is a significant amount of vehicle parking outside schools at arrival and dispersal time. As such, the limits of the restrictions have been kept at a minimum to ensure effective and safe operation of the highway whilst retaining on-street parking away from the school entrance. There are sections of unrestricted parking available along the rest of Bellamy Road and the adjacent Thorpe Road; it is considered that this provides sufficient capacity to meet demand.

The management of parking on private land, such as the erection of warning signs or enforcement, is not a function of the Highway Authority and is solely the responsibility of the landowner, in this case Mansfield District Council. Mansfield District Council raised no objection to the proposals, but noted the residents' concerns.

Other Options Considered

8. Other options considered relate to the length of the waiting restrictions proposed. As identified above the necessity to enhance the safety of vulnerable road users is recognised and so the restrictions are considered to be a reasonable balance between this and the need to ensure intra-visibility along Bellamy Road for the effective and safe operation of the highway.

Comments from Local Members

9. County Councillors Colleen Harwood and Alan Bell were consulted on the proposals and Councillor Harwood responded confirming support.

Reasons for Recommendations

10. The proposals are considered appropriate taking into account a balanced view of the needs of all road users and safety concerns.

Statutory and Policy Implications

11. 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

12. The scheme is funded through the 2015/16 Property Design & Maintenance capital budget at a cost of £3,000.

Crime and Disorder Implications

13. Nottinghamshire Police raised no objections to the proposals.

RECOMMENDATION/S

It is recommended that:

The Nottinghamshire County Council (Bellamy Road, Mansfield) (Prohibition of Waiting) Traffic Regulation Order 2015 (2185) is made as advertised and the lead petitioner advised accordingly.

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Constitutional Comments (SLB 15/10/2015)

14. Transport and Highways Committee is the appropriate body to consider the content of this report.

Financial Comments (GB 16/10/15)

15. The financial implications are set out in paragraph 12 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, West Bridgford.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

Mansfield East ED
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Councillor Colleen Harwood
Councillor Alan Bell