

17th March 2016

Agenda Item: 8

REPORT OF SERVICE DIRECTOR, HIGHWAYS

THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (STANLEY ROAD, MANSFIELD) (STATIC RESTRICTIONS AND PROHIBITIONS) ORDER 2016 (2190)

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. Stanley Road is a residential cul-de-sac located in Mansfield which is accessed from the A60 Nottingham Road. The road comprises of approximately 80 properties, most of which do not have off-street parking and at the end of Stanley Road there is also a small residential development called Fuller Close. Properties in Fuller Close generally have driveways, but there is no on-street parking availability. There is a car rental garage (Europcar) on the junction with Stanley Road and the A60 Nottingham Road. Along Stanley Road there is a resident parking scheme operating Monday to Saturday 8am to 6pm with parking bays marked along both sides. This scheme provides a mixture of restrictions, including:
 - 5 bays operating residents only parking bays
 - 3 bays operating unrestricted parking bays
 - 2 bays operating limited 2 hours waiting with no return within 1 hour
3. Nottinghamshire County Council has received requests from local residents to amend the residents parking scheme on Stanley Road. A number of different views have been expressed; these include requests to remove the scheme entirely and requests to extend the operating times of the scheme. Comments were received regarding pressure on parking as a result of non-resident's parking on the street in the evening. Whilst these vehicles are parking legitimately on Stanley Road outside of the residents parking scheme's operating times they are making it difficult for residents to park within a reasonable distance of their homes. A parking survey was proposed to determine parking patterns and assist in developing an appropriate scheme to respond to any problem. On Friday 18th July 2014 the County Council undertook the parking survey between the hours of 2pm and 9pm. This survey recorded vehicle locations every half an hour. The results of this survey are summarised as:

- 54 vehicles parked on Stanley Road after 6pm - of these, 33 displayed a residents' permit;
- Of the 21 non-residents that parked on Stanley Road, 5 had left by 6.30pm, one stayed for less than half an hour and two stayed for less than an hour;
- 13 vehicles without permits were recorded parking for more than an hour and a half between 6pm and 9pm - of these, 8 were parked throughout this period;
- Only 2 vehicles without a permit were parked in the permit-only bays after 6pm.;
- The unrestricted bays were often full or close to capacity.

Based on the survey results it is estimated that throughout the 7-hour survey period vehicle parking did not exceed 70% of the available capacity at any time. It is considered that the results of the parking survey suggest that extending the duration of the residents' parking scheme won't have any effect at all. It was noted, however, that the permit holders-only bay on the south side nearest to the Mansfield Road junction was left unused for the duration of the survey with the exception of 1 vehicle which parked illegally for less than half an hour.

4. Nottinghamshire County Council proposes the modification of the existing residents' parking scheme by converting the 22 metres of permit holders-only bay located at the south-eastern end of Stanley Road to unrestricted parking as this change in designation is likely to increase its use. This bay is closer to the retail and restaurant/leisure premises on the A60 Nottingham Road, so parking is expected to migrate from unrestricted bays further along Stanley Road, which are closer to residential properties and during the survey were recorded as full or close to capacity. This will provide additional parking capacity near residential properties, whilst providing convenient parking for customers accessing local shops and services
5. The statutory consultation and advertisement was carried out between 6th January 2016 and 29th January 2016. The document packages were held at Mansfield Library and County Hall with copies of the notice erected at a number of locations in the area. All the residents that could be affected were also consulted.
6. The scheme layout is shown on the attached drawings numbered 60471650/2190/400 and 60471650/2190/401.

Objection Received

7. During the consultation and advertisement period, 8 responses were received, of which 6 are considered to be outstanding objections to the proposals.
8. Objection – Loss of permit parking spaces for residents
All objectors referred to the loss of permit parking spaces, stating that there are insufficient permit spaces for all the residents' cars at present, before the proposed modification.

Response - loss of permit parking spaces for residents

The parking survey results shows that during the hours of operation of the residents parking scheme demand by residents for parking along the street is not sufficient to utilise all available residents' parking spaces. However, a need was identified for an increase in the provision of unrestricted parking near the A60 and it is considered that the proposed alteration should not affect local residents.

9. Objection- additional unrestricted parking is not required

Two objectors stated that the additional parking was not required by local businesses and that only Europcar will benefit. The objectors suggest that hire vehicles will be parked in the bays during the day and overnight restricting the available parking for residents, in addition the parking of Europcar vans and lorries will restrict visibility entering and existing Stanley Road.

Response- additional unrestricted parking is not required

The parking survey showed that the permit holders-only bay near the junction of Nottingham Road was unused by residents throughout the 7-hour survey period. However, the unrestricted bays that are located towards the middle of Stanley Road were often full or close to capacity. The alteration of the unused bay from permit only to unrestricted parking is expected to increase use of this bay and reduce pressure on unrestricted bays further along the road, nearer residential properties. Therefore residents should be unaffected by this alteration.

The parking bay is situated 10 metres from the junction of the A60 which ensures visibility (even when vehicles are parked within this bay) for those vehicles exiting and entering Stanley Road.

10. Objection– times of operation of residents parking scheme

The residents' parking scheme does not cover the peak demand times during the evening and the scheme should be extended to cover this. The highest demand for parking is experienced outside the operating hours of the current residents' parking scheme.

Response– times of operation of residents parking scheme

The parking survey confirms that Stanley Road is used for non-permit holder parking during the evenings after the restrictions end, however most of these vehicles use the unrestricted bays, rather than the permit holder-only bays, even though they would be legally permitted to use these after 6pm. The survey showed only 2 visitor vehicles parked in permit holder bays after 6pm, out of a total of 21 non-permit vehicles parked on the street as a whole.

The parking survey showed that the highest number of vehicles counted on Stanley Road after 6pm was 45, suggesting that there was space available for a further 23 vehicles even at the busiest time. Throughout the 7-hour survey, the number of vehicles parked on Stanley Road did not exceed 70% of the available parking capacity at any time. It is considered that extending the hours of operation is unnecessary as there is sufficient kerb space to meet on-street parking demand for residents.

Other Options Considered

11. Other options considered relate to the number of parking bays which could have been modified, either to become unrestricted, limited waiting or permit holder only. The restrictions are considered to be a reasonable response to the parking patterns demonstrated on the street and recorded by the recent parking survey.

Comments from Local Members

12. The local County Councillors Stephen Garner and Andy Sissons did not comment on the proposals.

Reason for Recommendation

13. The recommendations represent the most appropriate action to make the best use of the highway space available and meet the needs of differing users.

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 funded from the Local Transport Plan budget for 2015/16. The cost of implementing the scheme including works and the traffic order will be in the region of £2,000.

Crime and Disorder Implications

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

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is **recommended** that:

The Nottinghamshire County Council (Stanley Road, Mansfield) (Static Restrictions and Prohibitions) Order 2016 (2190)

is made as advertised and objectors advised accordingly.

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Constitutional Comments (SLB 16/02/2016)

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

Financial Comments (GB 17/02/16)

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 Trent Bridge House, West Bridgford.

Electoral Division and Members Affected

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Councillor Stephen Garner
Councillor Andy Sissons