Proposed Decision to be taken by the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Planning on or after 22nd November 2013

Various Roads, Stratford-upon-Avon District Proposed Waiting Restrictions

Recommendations

That the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Planning approves that the Warwickshire County Council (District of Stratford on Avon) (Civil Enforcement Area) (Waiting Restrictions, on Street Parking Places and Residents Parking) (Consolidation) (Variation No 19) Order 2013 be made as advertised.

1.0 Key Issues

- 1.1 Proposals for parking restrictions in various locations in the Stratford-upon-Avon District were published in the Stratford Herald and Alcester Chronicle on 5 September 2013. Minor modifications to those proposals were also published in the Stratford Herald on 26 September 2013. The report considers the objections and comments that were received and recommends how they should be dealt with.
- 1.2 A number of proposals included in the consultation did not receive any objections and it is recommended that these be implemented as advertised.
- 1.3 The proposals which attracted objections are in the following locations:
 - i) High Street, Bidford-upon-Avon Proposed Double Yellow Lines
 - ii) Blackthorn Road, Blue Cap Road, Tower Close and Walkers Road, Stratford-upon-Avon – Proposed Double Yellow Lines and Single Yellow Lines
 - iii) Saxon Close, Stratford-upon-Avon Proposed Double Yellow Lines
 - iv) Baker Avenue, Brookside Road, Brookside Close, Drayton Avenue, Masons Way and Meadow Close, Stratford-upon-Avon Double Yellow Lines
 - v) Springs Crescent, St James Road, St James Crescent and Welsh Road West, Southam Proposed Double Yellow Lines
 - vi) Welsh Road West, Southam Proposed Double Yellow Lines
- 1.4 The comments, suggestions and objections that have been received are discussed below together with the reasons for the proposals. The number of objections received is shown in brackets ().

1.5 The statutory criteria for decisions on making Traffic Regulation Orders/Parking Orders is included as **Appendix G.**

2.0 High Street, Bidford on Avon – Proposed No Waiting At Any Time (Plan in Appendix A)

- 2.1 High Street runs parallel to the Bidford bypass and has a mix of residential and business properties. The road narrows outside the Old Falcon Public House, parked vehicles reduce the road width to a single running lane and this makes it difficult for large vehicles to negotiate. The proposals are designed to keep the narrow section of the road clear of parked vehicles.
- 2.2 The following objections have been received.

Objection (1)

We have no off road parking facilities can you reduce the length of the lines by 3 metres so that we can park our small car outside the house.

Response

The proposals are considered to be the minimum necessary to cover the narrowest section of the High Street. There will continue to be lengths of unrestricted parking available in the road.

Objections (5)

The double yellow lines should not extend along the whole of the street but should be confined to the where the road narrows outside The Falcon.

Response

The proposals are restricted to the narrowest part of the street outside The Falcon.

Objections (2)

Vehicle speeds will increase.

Response

The proposals remove a short section of road side parking; there will continue to be lengths of unrestricted parking which will act as natural calming measures.

2.3 Recommendation

That the proposals shown on the plan in **Appendix A** be implemented as advertised.

- 3.0 Blackthorn Road, Blue Cap Road, Tower Close, Walkers Road Stratfordupon-Avon – Proposed No Waiting At Any Time and No Waiting Mon-Fri 10am-3pm (Plan in Appendix B)
- 3.1 These roads are residential roads situated to the north of Stratford-upon-Avon. There are two schools in the area which produce a considerable amount of traffic movement and parking during the day. Vehicles parking around junctions on the above roads cause obstruction and restrict the free flow of traffic. Non-residents park along Walkers Road causing obstruction to driveways. The proposals are designed to keep the junctions clear of parked vehicles and assist in the free flow of traffic.
- 3.2 The following objections have been received.

Objection (1)

We feel that the proposed lines to the northeast side of Blackthorn Road extend too far. We would ask that double yellow lines are considered for opposite the junction with Blackthorn Road.

Response

The proposals are considered to be the minimum necessary to achieve safer access to and exit from the junction.

Objection (1)

The problems are at school drop off and pick up times the Councils proposals are pointless and a waste of taxpayer's money as you exempt vehicles from stopping to pick up and set down passengers. Most residents have single driveways; households with more than one vehicle will have problems. Residents should have the right to park outside their house. The buses are too big for residential roads and the numbers of passengers are always low.

Response

Drivers are permitted to stop on yellow lines to set down/pick up passengers; this does not allow a driver to park. There will continue to be lengths of unrestricted parking available in the road. There is no right to park on a public road as the highway is for the purpose only of 'passing and re passing'. The scheduled bus service is well patronised, it is at the end of the route and furthest point from town centre so most passengers will have alighted from the vehicle by the time it reaches this point.

Objection (1)

I know of four people in Walkers Road who need visits from care services and family.

Response

The majority of properties have off road parking sufficient enough to accommodate several vehicles. There will continue to be lengths of unrestricted parking available in other areas.

Comment

Prior to the formal advertisement of the proposed waiting restrictions County Councillor Lloyd conducted a parking survey to gauge the response of residents, the majority supported the proposals.

3.3 Recommendation

That the proposals shown on the plan in **Appendix B** be implemented as advertised.

4.0 Saxon Close, Stratford-upon-Avon – Proposed No Waiting At Any Time (Plan in Appendix C)

- 4.1 Saxon Close is a residential Road situated to the south of the River Avon. Due to its close proximity to the town the road is used by non-residents for unrestricted parking. The road width is reduced to single lane running over a long distance which causes problems for vehicles accessing the road. The proposals are designed to assist in the free flow of traffic.
- 4.2 The following objection has been received.

Objection (1)

The proposals do not go far enough for looking after the interests of all residents. Vehicles will move parking deeper into the close which will impede any emergency service vehicle if needed and driveways. The proposal will not remove the bend hazard.

Response

The proposals are intended to improve access into Saxon Close for all residents. The nature and layout of the road and driveways limits the available areas for vehicles to park. It is noted that existing double yellow lines around the bend do not extend as far as they should, this will be rectified. The position of driveways will further discourage parking in the area of the bend.

4.3 Recommendation

That the proposals shown on the plan in Appendix C be implemented as advertised.

- 5.0 Baker Avenue, Brookside Road, Brookside Close, Drayton Avenue, Masons Way and Meadow Close Stratford upon Avon Proposed No Waiting At Any Time (Plans 1&2 in Appendix D).
- 5.1 These roads are residential roads situated on the west side of Stratford upon Avon. Parked vehicles around the junctions are causing obstruction and prevent the free flow of traffic. The proposals are designed to keep the junctions clear of parked vehicles.
- 5.2 The following objection has been received.

Objection (1)

I want to park outside my flat; I am willing to pay for a residents permit.

Response

The proposals are considered to be the minimum necessary to achieve safer access to and exit from the junctions. There will continue to be lengths of unrestricted parking available.

5.3 **Recommendation**

That the proposals shown on plans **1&2 in Appendix D** be implemented as advertised.

- 6.0 Springs Crescent, St James Road, St James Crescent and Welsh Road West, Southam Proposed No Waiting At Any Time (Plan in Appendix E).
- 6.1 These roads are residential roads situated to the northwest of Southam Town. The roads are in close proximity to Southam Primary School and drivers park vehicles around the junctions causing obstruction. The proposals are designed to keep the junctions clear of parked vehicles.
- 6.2 The following objection has been received.

Objection (1) From Southam Town Council

The proposals will have a detrimental effect on the Grahams Adams Centre/Southam & District Children's Centre; users will not be able to find anywhere to park. No Waiting should apply during the hours of 0830-0930 and 1445-1600 and residents should be exempt by a permit scheme.

Response

The proposals are considered appropriate for the road layout to achieve safer access to and exit from the junctions at all times.

Objection (1)

We understand the reasons for the restrictions; we are greatly concerned that this will affect the safety of families using the Children's Centre. We feel that this will mean more vehicles will park outside the centre and in their car park particularly during school drop off and pickup times. We would like to suggest that the restrictions are extended to the end of the road so that the users of the centres are also safer.

Response

The proposals are considered appropriate for the road layout to achieve safer access to and exit from the road junctions at all times. A Senior Road Safety Officer is actively working with the school to try and resolve parking issues.

6.3 **Recommendation**

That the proposals shown on the plan in Appendix E be implemented as advertised.

7.0 Welsh Road West, Southam – Proposed No Waiting At Any Time (Plan in Appendix F).

- 7.1 Welsh Road West is situated to the northwest of Southam Town. Southam Leisure Centre is situated on the north side of the road between the junctions of Mill Road and Hillyard Road. At certain times when the car park is full visitors to the centre park along Welsh Road West causing obstruction. This proposal is designed to keep the access clear of parked vehicles.
- 7.2 The following objection has been received.

Objection (1) From Southam Town Council

Unless No Waiting At Any Time is applied to both sides of the road then the issue will not be resolved.

Response

The extent of the proposed restriction is considered appropriate to prevent vehicles from obstructing the access.

7.3 Recommendation

That the proposals shown on the plan in Appendix F be implemented as advertised.

8.0 Background papers

8.1 Various letters and emails.

9.0 Financial Implications

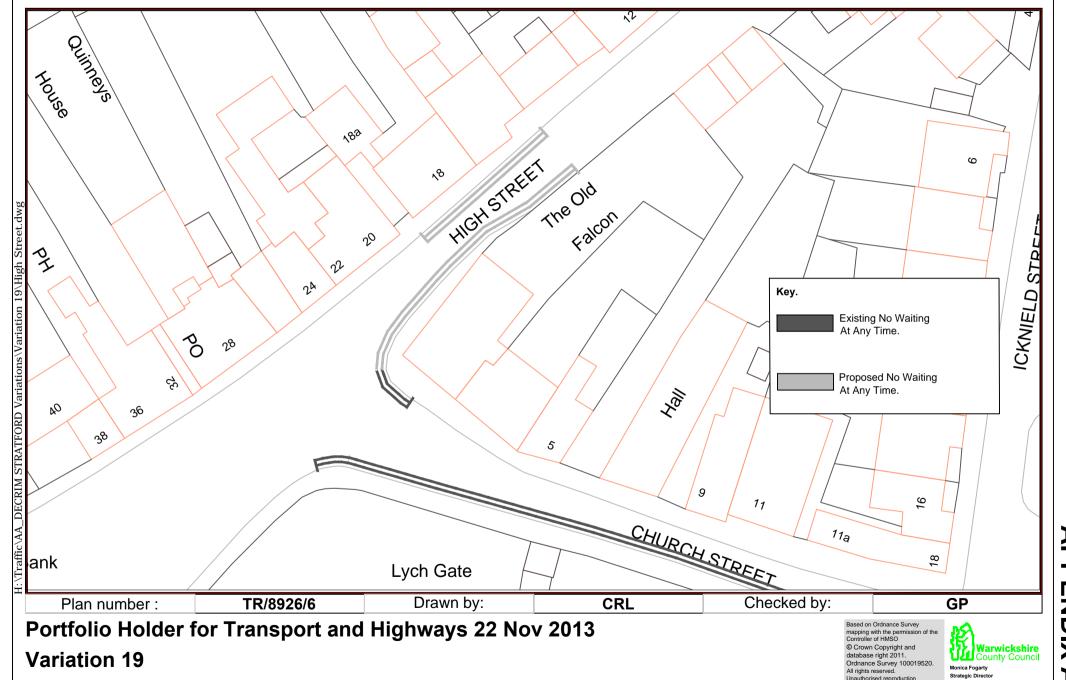
9.1 All changes will be implemented from within existing budgets.

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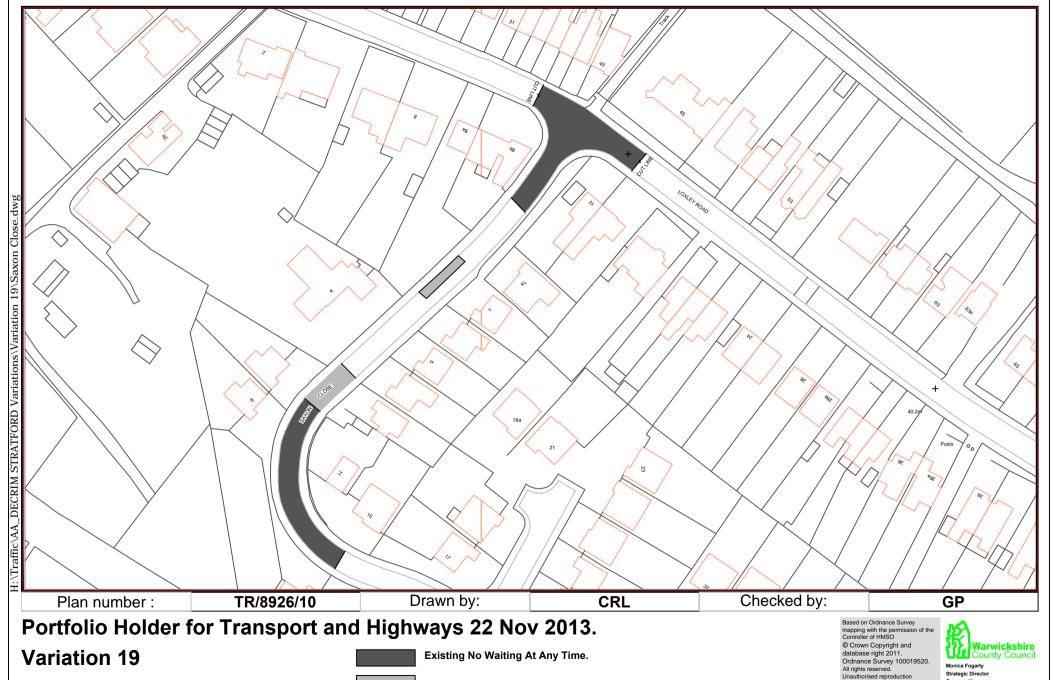
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