

Proposed Decision to be taken by the Portfolio for Transport and Planning on or after 20 February 2015

Various Roads, Rugby Borough - Proposed Waiting Restrictions, On-Street Parking Places and Residents' Parking Permits

Recommendations

That the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Planning approves that the 'The Warwickshire County Council (Borough of Rugby)(Permitted Parking Area) (Waiting Restrictions, On Street Parking Places & Residents' Parking) (Consolidation) (Variation No. 20) Order 2015' be made as advertised with the exception of the Pope Street/Addison Road junction side which should be partly withdrawn (see 2.4).

1. Introduction

1.1 Proposals for waiting restrictions in various locations in Rugby Borough were advertised on 18 December 2014. Objections to the following proposals have been received.

- **Pope Street, Rugby** – Double Yellow lines
- **Somers Road, Rugby** – Footway Parking Ban

1.2 A number of other proposals were included in the advertisements with no objections being received. It is recommended that those proposals be implemented as advertised.

1.3 The comments, suggestions and objections that have been received are discussed below together with the reasons for the proposals. The numbers of objections received are shown in brackets [].

1.4 The statutory criteria for decisions on making Traffic Regulation Orders are included as **Appendix A**.

1.5 Drawings showing published restrictions which have attracted objections are found in **Appendix B**.

1.6 Copies of objections received in **Appendix C**.

2. Pope Street – Proposed Double Yellow Lines (Plan 1 in appendix B).

2.1 Pope Street is a residential road which, along with Addison Road and Somers Road, make up a staggered crossroads.

2.2. The following objections/comments have been received.

Objection [1]

... The new restrictions would mean we cannot park outside the front of our house and visitors to us and our neighbours would have to find parking elsewhere as there would be no room for us and another car near the house. There is no reason why the restrictions need to be put in place as in the 8years we have lived here, there has been no problems at all regarding parking..... I also feel it would reduce the resale appeal ability of our home when we decide to move in the future.

2.3 **Response**

The original request was for the reinstatement of bollards to prevent overrunning by HGV's which was passed on to County Highways at the time. Taking into consideration the objection and local knowledge contained in it the original proposal should be amended so that the restriction is on Somers Road and the North-west side of Addison Road only, this will address the concerns of the objector and neighbouring properties as there would not be any restrictions outside the properties.

2.4 **Recommendation**

Withdraw Pope Street and South-east side of Addison Road.

3. **Somers Road – Footway Parking Ban (Plan 2 in appendix B).**

3.1. Somers Road is the main road through Somers Road Industrial Estate. Vehicles including cars and HGV's park either fully or part on the footway, causing an obstruction to vulnerable pedestrians travelling towards a Play Centre on the estate.

3.2. The following objections/comments have been received.

Objections [4] Comments [1]

Objection 1

Whilst I recognise that parking is a major problem on this industrial estate I feel that your proposal will cause other problems.

Being an industrial estate there are many lorries coming in and going out of the estate, making deliveries and collections. By forcing cars to be parked directly on the road and not mounting foot paths it will make it impossible in many cases for traffic to pass each other going in opposite directions.

The same amount of cars will still need to park but with this proposal the available road space will be narrowed.

Objection 2

...we only have space for 2 vehicles to be parked inside the yard without causing disruption to other businesses.....Due to the narrowness of the road, all of our company vehicles are generally parked partially on the path and partially on the road. Without doing this, these vehicles would be at great risk of being damaged by the large amount of lorries entering and leaving the estate.

Objection 3

.....we are located at the junction towards the back end of the estate and if people park their cars near that junction then lorries (HGV's) can't get around the corner because they do need both sides of the road to get round safely.....having cars parked on the road will only make this situation escalate around the estate.....customers will be put off visiting businesses on this estate and in return Somers Road will see more businesses close or move on.

I think that the footway parking ban is a good idea but feel that the knock on effect of congestion will escalate even more through any vehicle parking fully on the road.

Objection 4 Received after the closing date

.....the proposed footway parking ban will mean that some vehicles will just park on the road, which in my opinion will just cause potential road blockages, accidents and damage.

Comment 1

....I wish to lodge my support for your proposals.....As a business on Somers Road, we have lost a lot of trade as a result of the parking problems on this estate and the sooner your proposals are enforced the better.

Response

Vehicles parking partially on the footway are causing an obstruction/danger to vulnerable pedestrians travelling towards a Children's Centre on the estate. This restriction will allow Civil Enforcement Officers, acting for Warwickshire County Council to issue PCNs to drivers parking either partially or fully on the footway. This restriction does not stop vehicles parking on the carriageway and it is the responsibility for drivers to park in a location where they would not cause a danger/obstruction or impair visibility. Failure to do so will contravene the Highway Code and the Police under their powers could issue penalty notices, and in certain circumstances remove the vehicle from that location. If vehicles park in accordance with the Highway Code there will be sufficient carriageway width to facilitate the passage of traffic.

3.3. **Recommendation**

Implement as advertised

4. Background Papers

None

5. Financial Implications

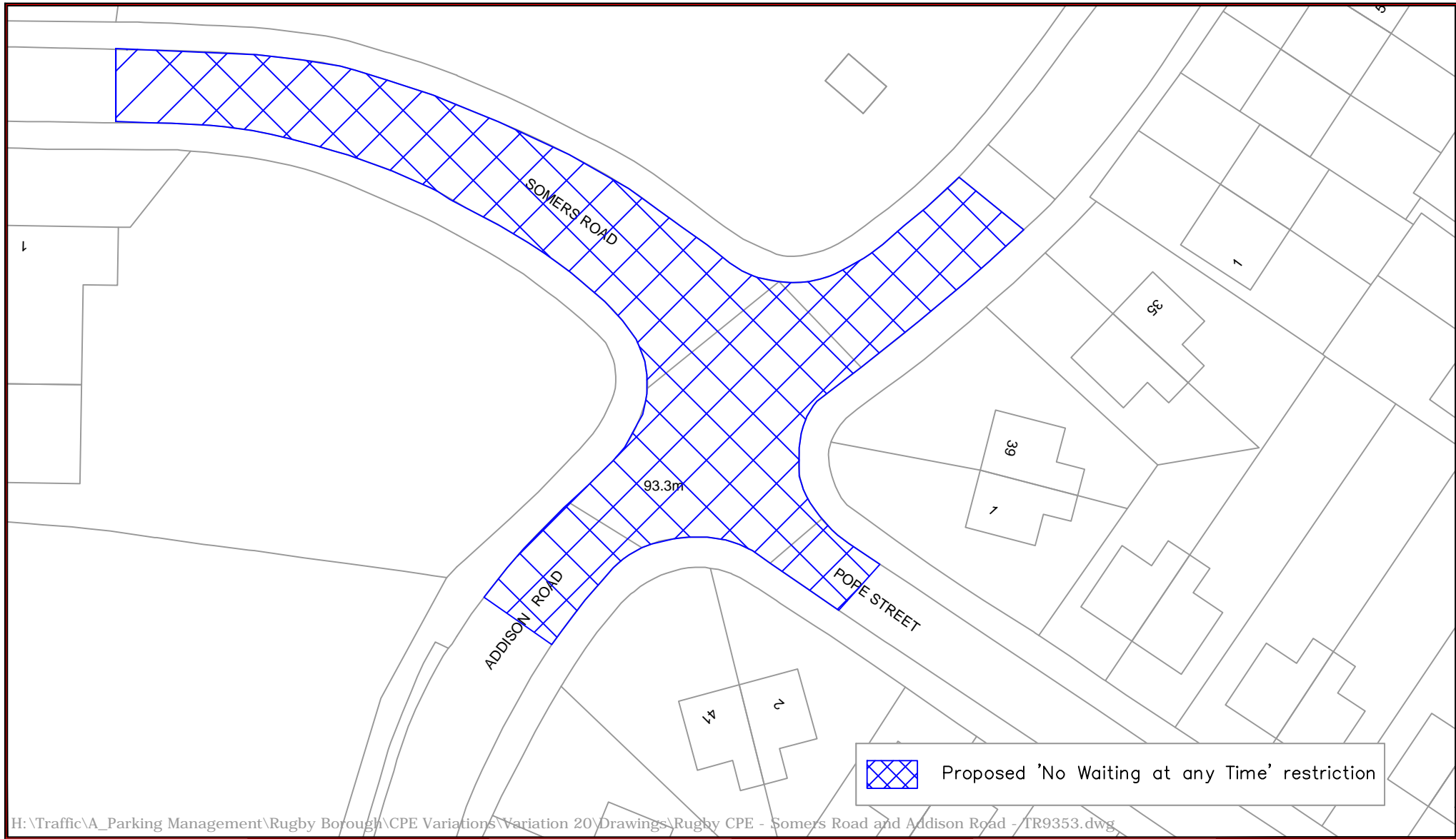
5.1 All works will be carried out from within existing 2014/15 budget allocations.

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Statutory Criteria for Decisions on Making Traffic Regulation Orders and Parking Orders

1. The Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 enables the Council to implement Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) for one or more of the following purposes:-
 - (i) avoiding danger to persons or traffic;
 - (ii) preventing damage to the road or to buildings nearby;
 - (iii) facilitating the passage of traffic;
 - (iv) preventing use by unsuitable traffic;
 - (v) preserving the character of a road especially suitable for walking and horse riding;
 - (vi) preserving or improving amenities of the area through which the road runs;
 - (vii) for any of the purposes specified in Section 87(1)(a) to (c) of the Environment Act 1995 in relation to air quality.
2. TROs are designed to regulate, restrict or prohibit the use of a road or any part of the width of a road by vehicular traffic or pedestrians. Permanent TROs remain in force until superseded or revoked.
3. TROs must not have the effect of preventing pedestrian access at any time, or preventing vehicular access for more than 8 hours in 24, to premises on or adjacent to the road. This restriction does not apply if the Council states in the order that it requires vehicular access to be limited for more than 8 hours in 24.
4. The Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 also enables the Council to make orders authorising the use of part of a road as a parking place without charge, for the purpose of preventing or relieving congestion, and enables the Council to make orders designating parking places on highways with a charge. In determining what parking places are to be designated, the Council shall consider both the interests of traffic, and those of the owners/occupiers of adjoining property and in particular:-
 - (i) The need for maintaining the free movement of traffic;
 - (ii) The need for maintaining reasonable access to premises; and
 - (iii) The extent to which off-street parking is available in the neighbourhood.
5. In deciding whether or not to make any order, the Council is required to have regard to the matters set out in section 122 of the 1984 Act. Section 122(1) requires the Council to exercise the functions conferred on it by the 1984 Act as (so far as practicable, having regard to the matters specified in Section 122(2)) to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians), and the provision of suitable and adequate parking facilities on and off the highway.
6. The matters to which the Council must have regard are:-

- (i) The desirability of securing and maintaining reasonable access to premises;
 - (ii) The effect on the amenities of any locality affected, and the importance of regulating and restricting the use of roads by heavy commercial vehicles so as to preserve or improve the amenities of the areas through which the roads run;
 - (iii) The national air quality strategy prepared under Section 80 of the Environmental Protection Act 1995;
 - (iv) The importance of facilitating the passage of public service vehicles and of securing the safety and convenience of persons using or desiring to use such vehicles;
 - (v) Any other matters appearing to the Council to be relevant
7. Therefore, whilst the overall objective of the Council must be to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular traffic, this will sometimes need to give way to the objectives in Section 122(2), and a balance has to be achieved between the overall objective and the matters set out in Section 122(2).



 Proposed 'No Waiting at any Time' restriction

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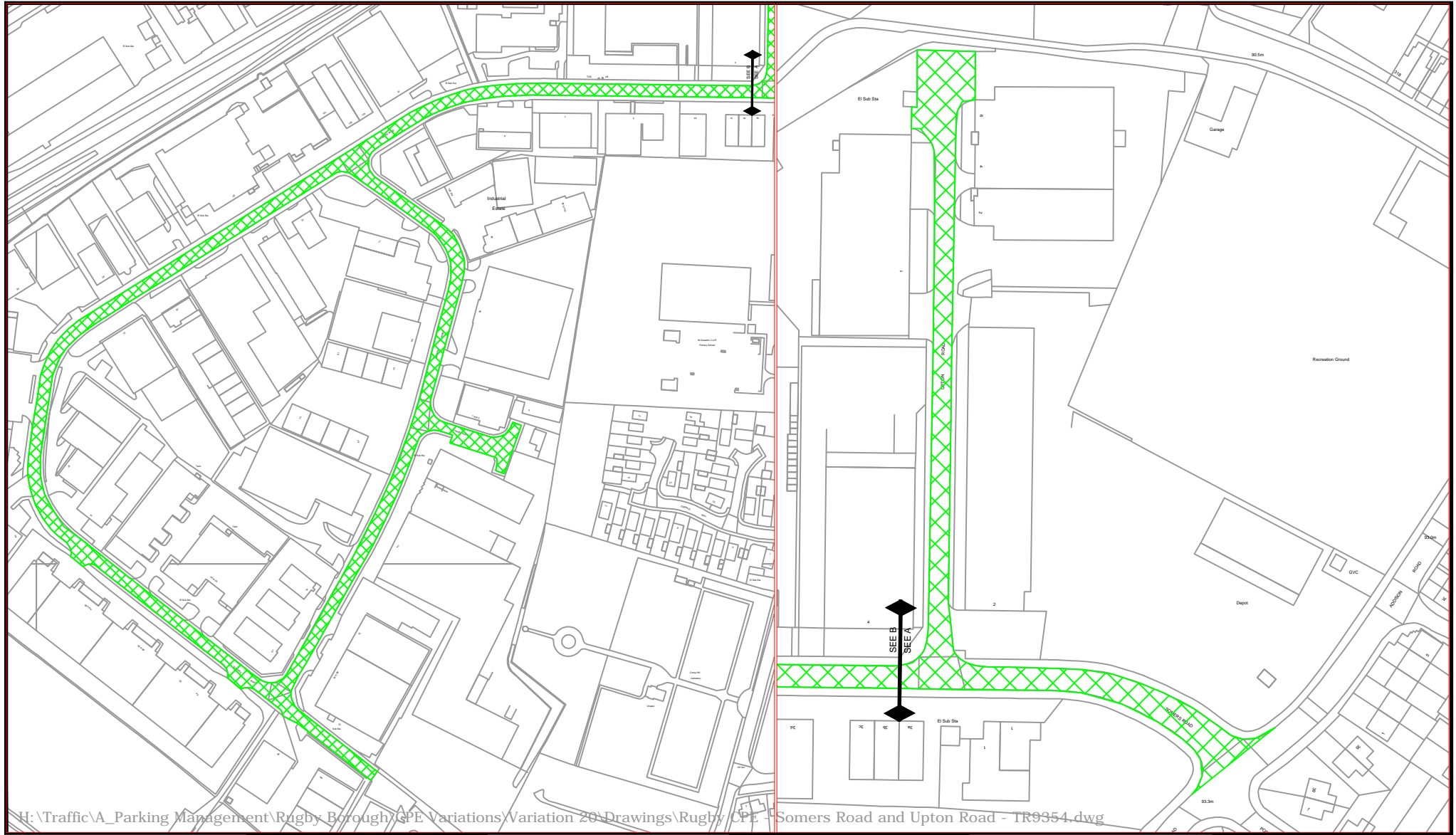
Somers Road/Addison Road/Pope Street

Appendix B Plan 1

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
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Appendix B Plan 2

 Extents of the proposed footway parking ban

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Fwd: Objection to proposed planning restrictions TR9353

1 message

2 January 2015 at 08:10

Dear Jane Williams,

I live at [redacted] and would like to object to the new parking restrictions that will effect parking outside of our house (Somers road and Addison road - TR9353). The new restrictions would mean we cannot park outside the front of our house and visitors to us and our neighbours would have to find parking elsewhere as there would be no room for us and another car near the house, There is no reason why the restrictions need to be put in place as in the 8years we have lived here, there has been no problems at all regarding parking. However there is a problem with people parking on the corner of Steele street during the school run hours, but nothing has been done about this. I also feel it would reduce the resale appeal ability of our home when we decide to move in the future.

Best regards



Civil Enforcement <civilenforcement@warwickshire.gov.uk>

PROPOSED 'NO FOOTWAY PARKING' - DRAWING NUMBER TR 9354 - SOMERS ROAD, RUGBY

1 message

23 December 2014 at 15:37

To: civilenforcement@warwickshire.gov.uk

I refer to your letter dated 18th December 2014 in relation to the subject above.

Whilst I recognise that parking is a major problem on this industrial estate I feel that your proposal will cause other problems.

Being an industrial estate there are many lorries coming in and going out of the estate, making deliveries and collections. By forcing cars to be parked directly on the road and not mounting foot paths it will make it impossible in many cases for traffic to pass each other going in opposite directions.

The same amount of cars will still need to park but with this proposal the available road space will be narrowed.

It is with this problem in mind that I bring this to your attention.

I trust that this email is an acceptable means of informing you of our objections?

Regards

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5th January 2015

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Communities Group (Traffic PAS)
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Ref: Parking Restrictions on Somers Road, Rugby, CV22 7DH

Dear Jane,

I write in reference to the above consultation on changes to parking restrictions on Somers Road, Rugby, CV22 7DH.

We, as a business wish to formally object to the proposed changes in particular the restriction to footway parking.

We share an enclosed yard with 2 other businesses on Somers Road, all of which have a number of deliveries throughout the day, as well as our own lorries for the purpose of transporting forklifts. We only have space for 2 vehicles to be parked inside the yard without causing disruption to the other businesses.

We currently employ 6 engineers who all have company vans and all attend our premises on Somers Road all day or for parts of the day.

We also employ 8 office staff who all travel to work in their own vehicles and park these on Somers Road. Due to the narrowness of the road, all of our company and staff vehicles are generally parked partially on the path and partially on the road. Without doing this, these vehicles would be at great risk of being damaged by the large amount of lorries entering and leaving the estate.

We do not have any provision for any other parking for our staff and are not prepared to put their and our own company vehicles at risk by parking fully on the road, we also believe that this will cause an obstruction for vehicles travelling in to and out of the estate, not to mention emergency vehicles when/if required.

Please do not hesitate to contact myself should you have any further queries.

9th January 2015

To Jane Williams.

Ref: Footway Parking Ban (Somers Road)

I am writing this letter in reference to your letter dated 19th Dec 2014 and the Footway parking ban that is due to be imposed on Somers Road. I have some concerns that I would like you to look at with regards to this ban of which I shall detail below. We as a business have actively tried to minimise the way some people park outside our business because as you know we are located at the junction towards the back end of the estate and if people park their cars near that junction then lorries (HGV's) can't get around the corner because they do need both sides of the road to get around safely. We have been very active in making this happen to the degree that I spend more time managing the parking then managing my business, something that other businesses don't seem to do. We also highlight this on our website. The problem we have is whilst we are talking to our customers and explaining to them why they can't park there we have no control over other people parking there and they will just ignore the signs that we put out, so when one starts to park there then everyone will follow suit and in return HGV's become stuck. Thus having cars parked fully on the road will only make this kind of situation escalate around the whole of the estate. I think the main concerns are HGV's parking up for long periods of time without moving, as I write there are a number of HGV's that have been parked up for over 4 days which must become frustrating for people as you can't see around a HGV but at least you can see around a car. My personal belief is that customers will be put off visiting businesses on this estate and in return Somers road will see more businesses either close or move on. Our busiest time is mainly [redacted] and without those being busy we would not survive. Customers want to drop children off for parties etc so maybe you might think about relaxing the enforcement at weekends, we are the only business open on Sundays and I think there are only a handful open Saturdays. [redacted]; we ask customers to use the carpark that is situated just off Somers road (by the park) but as it is not signposted no-one knows it is there so maybe the council could highlight this parking.

Have highways thought about taking a footpath out all together on one side around the estate and have this as parking bays, you still have a footpath all around the estate and you also have sensible parking. There are no DIY trade shops on retail parks in rugby at the moment due so a lot of the retailers/trade shops on Somers road are enjoying the uplift in trade from this but depending on how your enforcement team deal with the parking issues depends on whether they would return in the future. I think the footway parking ban is a good idea but I feel that the knock on effect of congestion will escalate even more through any vehicle parking fully on the road. I hope that you consider this and thank you for taking the time to read.

- If all vehicles park fully on the road then without doubt congestion and frustration will set in
- People being put off visiting the estate once tickets are issued (maybe advisory first)
- Signage for the Public carpark
- I think HGV's are the main issue as the photos indicate.

Kind Regards,



Civil Enforcement <civilenforcement@warwickshire.gov.uk>

Somers Road, Rugby Traffic Scheme

i message

15 January 2015 at 18:08

To: civilenforcement@warwickshire.gov.uk

F.A.O: Jane Williams.

Can I please make the following comments in relation to the proposed traffic schemes for Somers Road.

I assume the 'no waiting at any time restriction' will be enforced by double yellow lines ?

If this is the case have you considered extending the double yellow lines for the entire estate. I feel this would benefit the estate because

1. our dropped kerbs and driveways are continusly blocked by parked vehicles and
2. the propsed footway parking ban will mean that some vehicles will just park on the road, which in my opinion will just cause potential road blockages, accidents and damage.

Yellow Lines on the entire estate seems sensible to me, especially with the amount of large delivery wagons on the estate.

I welcome your comments

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Somers Road Parking

1 message

23 December 2014 at 14:38

To: civilenforcement@warwickshire.gov.uk

FAO Jane Williams

Further to my telephone conversation with Phil today, following receipt of your letter dated 18/12/14, I wish to lodge my support for your proposals.

As a business on Somers Road, we have lost a lot of trade as a result of the parking problems on this estate and the sooner your proposals are enforced the better.

I would also like to ask what is happening about the lorries being parked on Somers Road overnight, there have been a number of instances when I have had to use the post box on Somers Road and then to "dare" to pull out as the lorries have parked so closely.

Regards