

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

Cabinet Portfolio Holder taking the decision	Cllr Peter Butlin Transport and Planning
Date of Decision	03/03/2015

Decision Taken

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2015' be made as advertised with the exception of the Pope Street/Addison Road junction side which should be partly withdrawn.

Reasons for Decisions

A decision of the Portfolio Holder was required for this order following the receipt of objections made during the consultation stage.

Background Information

Pope Street – Proposed Double Yellow Lines

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

The following objections/comments were 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.

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.

Recommendation

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

Somers Road – Footway Parking Ban

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.

The following objections/comments were 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.

Recommendation

Implement as advertised

Financial Implications

None direct

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Checklist

Urgent matter?	Yes/No – if yes, please state reasons for urgency.
Confidential or Exempt? (State the category of exempt information)	No
Is the decision contrary to the budget and policy framework?	No

List of Reports considered

Link to published proposed decision report:

<https://democratic.warwickshire.gov.uk/cm5/CalendarofMeetings/tabid/128/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/645/Meeting/3128/Committee/548/Default.aspx>

List of Background Papers - please include a contact for access to background papers

None

Members and officers consulted or informed – please include any comments

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