

Portfolio Holder Decision – Bermuda Connectivity - Nuneaton Borough CPE, Traffic Regulation Orders WCC (Borough of Nuneaton & Bedworth) (Waiting Restrictions, on Street Parking Places & Residents' Parking) (Consolidation) (Variation C) Order 2020

Portfolio Holder	Portfolio Holder for Transport and Planning
Date of decision	23 March 2020
	<p>Signed</p> 

Decision taken

That the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Planning approves that The Warwickshire County Council (Borough of Nuneaton and Bedworth) (Waiting Restrictions, On Street Parking Places and Residents' Parking) (Consolidation) (Variation C) Order 2020 be made as advertised.

Reasons for decisions

- Copies of plans numbered TR-10935-WR01 to WR10 detailing proposals for on-street waiting restrictions can be found as Appendix B.
- A copy of the public notice published on 9 January 2020 can be found as Appendix C.
- A copy of the Statement of Reasons for the proposals can be found as Appendix D.
- Objections and comments were received to these proposals; the following tables detail the objections and comments received together with the officers' responses.

Emails/letters	
Total objections	7
Additional comments	4

Ref	Objections received	Total number of responses containing the comment
A	With the removal of the planned shared use footway / cycleway between the Phoenix Centre and Sargasso Lane, parked cars are the only control of traffic flow.	1
B	Bermuda Road, Radley Drive, Cornish Crescent and Redwood Croft are regularly used for on-street parking by staff and visitors to George Eliot Hospital, with instances of parking obstructing driveways. Concerns over additional displacement of vehicles from Bermuda Road, requesting additional restrictions into surrounding roads.	1
C	Concerns over displacement of parked vehicles from Tenlons Road into Shillingstone Drive – alternative facilities for Tenlons Road businesses not provided.	1
D	No-one enforces current dangerous parking practices so restrictions will have little effect.	1
E	Have three cars and insufficient off-street parking provision on Tenlons Road if double yellow lines are implemented, enquiring about financial assistance for creating off-street parking provision.	1
F	Agree with waiting restriction proposals in principle, enquiring about financial assistance for creating off-street parking provision.	1
G	<p>A business on Bermuda Road has an entry and exit on Hazel Way, with access required for HGVs and cars. Restrictions on Bermuda Road may displace trucks onto Hazel Way, compromising working functionality of this access.</p> <p>From further discussions, it is noted that other businesses on Hazel Way have similar concerns.</p>	1

Ref	Officer Comments in Response to Objections
A	<p>A number of speed reducing features are proposed along the route, including vehicle activated warning signs and a series of central islands to narrow the carriageway. Those proposals do not form part of this report. The presence of waiting restrictions along the route is intended to maintain carriageway width to allow unrestricted traffic flow, with speeds controlled by these features.</p>
B & C	<p>It is accepted that there may be limited amounts of displaced parking from newly restricted streets into surrounding areas. However, Radley Drive, Cornish Crescent, Redwood Croft and Shillingstone Drive properties all have off-street parking and there are substantial numbers of dropped kerbs, likely resulting in displaced parking being spread across various nearby streets without significant concentration of parked vehicles in any one area.</p> <p>The effects of any restrictions introduced would be monitored. In the event of further parking issues being identified, revisions to waiting restrictions could be considered under the standard practices of Civil Parking Enforcement in Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough.</p>
D	<p>Most streets in the area are currently unrestricted. Motorists are bound by the terms of the Highway Code which states “You MUST NOT leave your vehicle or trailer in a dangerous position or where it causes any unnecessary obstruction of the road. [Laws CSDPA sect 21 & RTRA sects 5 & 8]” – enforcement is carried out by the Police on an ad-hoc basis in response to specific requests as and when resources allow.</p> <p>Under these proposals, any on-street parking restrictions implemented would be enforced to an appropriate level by the Council’s dedicated Civil Enforcement Officers. The effects of any restrictions introduced would be monitored. In the event of further parking issues, revisions to waiting restrictions could be considered under the standard practices of Civil Parking Enforcement in Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough.</p>
E & F	<p>While Warwickshire County Council as Highway Authority gives due consideration to the provision of suitable and adequate parking facilities on and off the carriageway, and to the desirability of securing and maintaining reasonable access to premises, the overall objective of the Council must be to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic.</p> <p>Tenlons Road is on average 6 metres wide, insufficient to cater for on-street parking and significant traffic volumes of two-way traffic.</p> <p>There are no proposals for financial assistance to create off-street parking facilities. Applications for dropped kerbs can be made to County Highways with each application assessed against standard criteria.</p>
G	<p>Hazel Way is currently unrestricted and is regularly used for parking by cars and HGVs without compromising access. While it is accepted that there may be displacement into unrestricted side roads, motorists would still be bound by the Highway Code with regard to obstructive parking. In addition, consideration could be given to the installation of an access protection marking to highlight the need to keep the access clear.</p>

Ref	Additional Comments Received
A	<p>Comment - Concerns over access for HGVs from Bermuda Road. Current practice has a banksman assisting HGVs drivers to reverse onto a loading area off Bermuda Road, increases in traffic volumes relating to the re-opening of Bermuda Bridge will have an effect on health and safety of staff.</p> <p>Officer's response – this is beyond the scope of this report into the Traffic Regulation Orders associated with the Bermuda Connectivity project, and was considered at the planning stage.</p>
B	<p>Comment - Businesses off Bermuda Road and on Hazel Way were not contacted directly.</p> <p>Officer's response – Notices were published in the local press (Nuneaton News) and consultation carried out in line with statutory process. Notices were posted on street, with additional comprehensive coverage appearing as a news item in the Coventry Telegraph on 8 January 2020.</p>
C	<p>Comment - Radley Drive is used as a rat run to avoid the Bermuda Road / Heath End Road junction.</p> <p>Officer's response - this is beyond the scope of this report into the Traffic Regulation Orders associated with the Bermuda Connectivity project, and was considered at the planning stage.</p>
D	<p>Comment – Street lighting is insufficient in Radley Drive</p> <p>Officer's response - this is beyond the scope of this report into the Traffic Regulation Orders associated with the Bermuda Connectivity project.</p>

Background information

- Warwickshire County Council has previously consulted on and received planning approvals for a major project to re-open the bridge across the A444, Nuneaton to connect Griff Island to the south of Nuneaton with Heath End Road to the west. Original proposals, as designed and opened to initial consultation, showed double yellow lines along the entire route connecting Griff Island with Heath End Road.
- Taking into account feedback received, a full investigation into parking provision along the route has been carried out which has resulted in proposals for a combination of parking places, single and double yellow lines along the route. These were advertised and consulted upon in accordance with statutory procedure in December 2019-January

2020.

- The statutory criteria for decisions on making Traffic Regulation Orders is included as **Appendix A**.
- Copies of plans numbered TR-10935-WR01 to WR10 detailing proposals for on-street waiting restrictions are included as **Appendix B**.
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- A copy of the Statement of Reasons for the proposals is included as **Appendix D**.
- Copies of objections and comments received can be found in **Appendix E**.

Financial implications

The Bermuda Connectivity scheme has a total Capital scheme budget of £8.9 million and is financed as follows :

Funding Source	£million
WCC Capital Growth	3.202
WCC Capital Investment	4.198
Coventry & Warwickshire Local Enterprise Partnership	1.500
Total funding	8.900

The last Project Board finance statement (dated February 2020) reported actual and committed expenditure of £2.3 million.

All costs associated with the advertising and implementation of Traffic Regulation / Parking Orders (approximately £14k) are to be met by the Bermuda Connectivity scheme funding outlined above.

Environmental implications

An Environmental Impact Assessment has been carried out for the wider Bermuda Connectivity project and concluded that the Scheme would not have a significant adverse effect on air quality even on the roads experiencing an increase in traffic. However, it is projected that residential properties at certain locations will be adversely impacted by increased noise levels. These findings were reported to WCC Cabinet and full Council in 2018.

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Urgent matter?	<i>No</i>
Confidential or exempt?	<i>No</i>
Is the decision contrary to the budget and policy framework?	<i>No</i>

List of background papers
Letters and email objections along with large scale plans that can be produced if required.

Members and officers consulted and informed
<p>Portfolio Holder – Councillor Jeff Clarke</p> <p>Corporate Board – N/A</p> <p>Legal – Ian Marriott and Serena Cammish</p> <p>Finance – Virginia Rennie</p> <p>Equality – Keira Rounsley</p> <p>Democratic Services – Paul Williams</p> <p>Councillors – Councillors Clarke, Cockburn, Fradgley, Holland, Kondakor and Shilton</p> <p>Local Member(s): Councillor Golby</p>