

# Agenda Item 4.3



Report Reference:  
**Regulatory and Other Committee**

<b>Open Report on behalf of Paul Coathup, Assistant Director, Highways &amp; Transportation</b>
---

Report to:	<b>Planning &amp; Regulation Committee</b>
Date:	<b>02 December 2013</b>
Subject:	<b>Tennyson Street, Gainsborough - Proposed Waiting Restrictions</b>

**Summary:**

This report details objections recieved to propsed waiting restrictions on Tennyson Street, Gainsborough.

**Recommendation(s):**

That the objections be overruled and the Order implemented as advertised.

**Background**

Concerns have been raised by Lincolnshire Fire & Rescue Service because vehicles parked on Tennyson Street near its junction with Spital Terrace cause difficulties for their appliance getting into Tennyson Street from Spital Terrace.

Existing Conditions

Tennyson Street is a residential street of the east of Gainsborough town centre (see Appendix A). It runs northwards from Spital Terrace to Tower Street, another residential street. Although waiting is prohibited on the northern side of Spital Terrace, this does not extend into Tennyson Street (see Appendix B), meaning drivers are not discouraged from parking at the junction. As can be seen on Appendix B, the similar junctions of Tower Street with Tennyson Street, North Street and Northolme area already protected by waiting restrictions.

Proposal

In the interests of maintaining traffic flows it is proposed to prohibit waiting at any time on both sides of Tennyson Street for a distance of 12m from its junction with Spital Terrace.

## Objections

The proposals have been advertised and two objections received. Both objectors live on Spital Terrace adjacent to Tennyson Street, and are concerned that the proposals will have a detrimental effect on residents, as on-street parking is at a premium. They point out that they are already unable to park outside their property on Spital Terrace, and the proposals will also prevent them from parking adjacent to their property on Tennyson Street. One of the objectors suggests that prohibiting waiting on only one side of the junction will perform the same function as prohibiting waiting on both sides, and puts this forward as an alternative.

## Comments

Comments from County Councillor Pat O'Connor:-

"Recent developments have put increasing pressure on parking spaces in this area and as this continues parking places will be at a premium. Every single parking place is precious and any proposal that essentially removes more has to be considered very carefully. There are currently no resident's parking schemes in this area of the town in general and I support the concerns of the objectors which have been carefully thought out with regards to local residents and the impact of future development in this area."

## **Conclusion**

The proposals are the minimum necessary to allow larger vehicles such as a fire appliance to turn into the junction without being in conflict with parked vehicles. Members will be aware that the Highway Code states the one should not park within 10m of a junction, and the proposals reflect this advice. Not only does parking too close to the junction increase conflict between traffic flows it can also restrict visibility of and by pedestrians crossing at the junction. One of the objectors suggests that restrictions are placed on only the east side of the junction which would allow them to continue parking in their accustomed place on the west side. However, such an arrangement would not address the main issue of reducing conflict between all road users at the junction, as discussed above, and Members might be minded to reject this suggestion.

## **Consultation**

### **a) Policy Proofing Actions Required**

N/A

## **Appendices**

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report
---

Appendix A	Plan A
Appendix B	Plan B

### **Background Papers**

No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

This report was written by Paul Brookes, who can be contacted on 01522 553036 or [paul.brookes@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:paul.brookes@lincolnshire.gov.uk).

This page is intentionally left blank