



Open Report on behalf of Andy Gutherson, Executive Director - Place

Report to:	Planning and Regulation Committee
Date:	05 June 2023
Subject:	Billingham, High Street and Bridge Street/Queen Street junction – proposed waiting restrictions

Summary:

This report considers an objection received to the above proposals, the extent of which are shown at Appendix B.

Recommendation(s):

That the Committee overrules the objection and approves the proposals as advertised.

Background

Concerns have been raised by the local Member and Billingham Parish Council regarding on street parking on the section of High Street where the carriageway narrows, resulting in obstruction to the passage of large vehicles. Observations have confirmed this is the case and an extension to the existing 24 hour restrictions is proposed outside Nos.63/65. In addition, there has been a request for restrictions at the junction of Victoria Road and King Street. Assessment of the area has confirmed that restrictions will not be required at this junction as it is wide with good visibility onto Victoria Street despite any parking in this area. Existing waiting restrictions are already in force at some junctions in the village centre, but the opportunity has been taken to consider these at other locations where required. Monitoring of parking at these sites has confirmed the need for some restrictions at the junction of Queen Street and Bridge Street. The proposals are shown at Appendix B.

Objection and comments

Prior to this final proposal more extensive restrictions in the area had been subject to consultation. However, following a number of objections, the extent of these has been reduced and objections have been withdrawn with one remaining. The objector states that congestion does not occur on High Street except when being used by large vehicles which should be using alternative routes available. The potential for an increase in traffic speeds and displaced parking was also a concern, should the restrictions be introduced.

In response to the concerns raised, High Street is a B class road and the main route through the village and therefore should be available to all traffic. Observations have confirmed however that indiscriminate parking here obstructs traffic flow and therefore the short extension of restriction proposed will be required and will not result in large numbers of displaced parked vehicles elsewhere. Traffic speeds are unlikely to increase should the restrictions be introduced, given the residential nature of the area and the remaining on street parking in this location.

Conclusion

The High Street is the main thoroughfare through Billingham and accommodates HGVs and agricultural vehicles which are characteristic of this rural area. The proposed restrictions will facilitate the passage of larger vehicles navigating through the village whilst minimising the displacement of parked vehicles.

Consultation

The following were consulted on these proposals: Local Member, North Kesteven District Council; Billingham Parish Council; Lincolnshire Police; EMAS; Lincolnshire Fire & Rescue; Road Haulage Association; Freight Transport Association; NFU; Bus companies- Stagecoach and PC Coaches.

The local Member is in support of the proposals.

Following statutory consultation, the proposal was publicly advertised from 2nd November 2022 to 2nd December 2022.

Consultation documents were delivered to residents via Royal Mail on 19th October 2022. Site notices were also erected on site on 31st October 2022.

a) Risks and Impact Analysis

None carried out

Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Site location
Appendix B	Detail of proposed waiting restrictions

Background Papers

The following background papers as defined in the Local Government Act 1972 were relied upon in the writing of this report.

Document Title	Where the document can be viewed.
Consultation documents; Correspondence	Available on request

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