

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

Report to:	<b>Planning and Regulation Committee</b>
Date:	<b>4 September 2023</b>
Subject:	<b>Mareham le Fen, Horncastle Road – proposed extension to waiting restrictions</b>

**Summary:**

This report considers objections to proposed additional waiting restrictions at the junction of the A155 and Horncastle Road.

**Recommendation(s):**

That the Committee overrules the objections so that the Order, as advertised, may be introduced.

**Background**

A request has been received for an assessment of waiting restrictions in the vicinity of Horncastle Road at its junction with the A155.

Existing restrictions are in place here but concerns have been raised by the Parish Council relating to additional HGV manoeuvres in connection with planning consent for a renewable energy site at Wood Enderby. The junction is on the designated route to the site and at the recommendation of our Development Management Team, additional restrictions to remove parking will be required at this junction in order to accommodate the swept paths of the increased numbers of HGVs anticipated.

A business is located in the area along with residential properties, all of which have off street parking facilities.

To improve access for large vehicles at this location it is proposed to extend the existing double yellow lines further into Horncastle Road on both sides, as indicated at Appendix B.

**Objections**

Two objections have been received in response to the consultation process.

The nearby business has concerns that further restrictions on parking in the area will inconvenience their customers and result in a negative impact on their business. They also

believe that parking will be displaced onto Main Street and present a hazard to other road users.

A resident has objected on the basis that the restrictions in place are and have been sufficient for a number of years with little impact on access for agricultural and large vehicles resulting from the occasional on street parking which takes place here. They believe that removing parking here will encourage vehicles to turn into Horncastle Road at higher speeds and that parking will be displaced further north where the carriageway narrows. They are also concerned that the introduction of the restrictions will devalue their property as frontage on street parking will be lost.

### **Comments**

The objections received have been noted. However the evidence demonstrates that on street parking at this location can impede the flow of traffic and in particular larger vehicles, and parking generally should be avoided in the vicinity of junctions.

Alternative parking is available further along Horncastle Road and nearby on Main Street. The speed limit is 30mph on Main Street and rather than increasing the potential for danger, the presence of existing on street parking will have a calming effect on traffic speeds.

### **Conclusion**

The restrictions as proposed will enhance vehicular access into Horncastle Road with minimal impact on access to the nearby business and residencies. Any displacement of parking can be accommodated in the surrounding area.

### **Consultation**

The following were consulted with regards to this proposal: Councillor W Gray, Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership, Lincolnshire Police, East Lindsey District Council, Mareham Le Fen Parish Council, Fire & Rescue, East Midlands Ambulance Trust, Traffic Commissioners, Confederation of Public Transport, Stagecoach East Midlands, Road Haulage Association, Freight Transport Association and the National Farmers Union.

Frontagers received a copy of the consultation documents on 30th May 2023.

An advertisement was placed in Horncastle News on Wednesday 31st May 2023 with the objection period ending on 28th June 2023. The documents were also available on the County Council's website.

#### **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	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 and correspondence	Available on request

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