



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

Report to:	<b>Planning and Regulation Committee</b>
Date:	<b>15 April 2024</b>
Subject:	<b>Grasby, Vicarage Lane and Main Street – Proposed waiting restrictions and bus stand</b>

**Summary:**

This report considers objections to proposed waiting restrictions and a bus stand at the above location.

**Recommendation(s):**

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

**Background**

Concerns have been raised by Grasby Parish Council regarding ongoing issues relating to on street parking in the area around the local primary school. A site meeting with their representatives and the local Member identified where parked vehicles can result in obstruction and potential danger to other highway users. A school bus currently parks on the advisory school keep clear marking as an alternative location close to the school is generally unavailable.

Waiting restrictions are proposed where the carriageway adjacent to Manor Farm is too narrow to support parking, and at a number of junctions to improve visibility and traffic flow. A bus stand to apply during weekdays between 8am and 4pm is proposed to provide a dedicated space for the bus and therefore remove the need for it to wait on the school keep clear marking.

The extents of the restrictions and provision for buses are shown at Appendix B.

**Objections**

Four objections have been received to these proposals. There are concerns that the restrictions will displace parking elsewhere causing further problems and obstruction of private accesses. A reduction in parking opportunity in the vicinity of the school will result

in more parents parking further south off Church Hill, from where there is no formal footpath available up to the school. There is a view that high levels of on street parking is a transient issue and does not merit the restrictions proposed, and that these will have a negative impact on church attendees as well as vehicles associated with weddings and funerals. There is an objection to the introduction of a bus stand on the basis that it is in a dangerous location and will cause intrusion and pollution.

### **Comments**

The objections received have been noted. The restrictions proposed are at junctions and where the carriageway is narrow, so where on street parking may result in reduced visibility and obstruction to traffic flow at any time, not just when there is high demand for on street parking. Alternative parking will be available on Main Street from where footways to the school are provided. The remaining unrestricted areas will be available for events connected with the church given that these will in the main take place when school parking is less of an issue. The bus stand will be in use for very limited periods, and will be available for general parking before 8am and after 4pm, and at the weekend.

### **Conclusion**

The aim of these proposals is to manage the increase in on street parking demand at school start and finish times, and to provide a safe location for a school bus to wait as required.

The extents of restriction proposed will promote safety for drivers and pedestrians at junctions at all times, whilst mitigating the impact on residents and the church.

### **Consultation**

The following were consulted with regard to these proposals: Local Member, West Lindsey District Council; Grasby Parish Council, Lincolnshire Police; EMAS; Lincolnshire Fire & Rescue; Road Haulage Association; Freight Transport Association; Area Traffic Commissioners; Confederation of Public Transport; Stagecoach East Midlands; PC Coaches.

The scheme was advertised in January and all residents and businesses in the vicinity of the proposals were in receipt of the consultation documents.

#### **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 proposals

## 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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