

Regulatory and Other Committee

Open Report on behalf of Richard Wills, Executive Director for Environment and Economy

Report to:	Planning and Regulation Committee
Date:	06 October 2014
Subject:	Grantham Station Road East - Proposed Waiting Restrictions

Summary:

In order to maintain road safety and access for service vehicles, it is proposed to extend the No Waiting At Any Time on Station Road East.

Recommendation(s):

That the objector's comments are noted but it is recommended that the objections are overruled and the proposal as advertised is implemented.

1. Background

1.1 Station Road East links London Road and Saint Augustin Way via the private (but accessible) railway land. It has shown increasing volumes of through traffic and on street parking in recent years. It also provides a through road for Centrebus services between the Railway Station and Grantham town centre.

1.2 The area surrounding the railway and its adjacent car park is mainly terrace houses, most of which have no off street parking. The increasing number of cars parking on Station Road East has decreased visibility for motorists and pedestrians alike.

1.3 The road width in this location has been measured at 8.4m. However, due to the presence of parked cars on both sides of the road this is significantly reduced to 4.7m, which is far below the National Design guidelines which recommend a minimum of 6m for a 2-way road of this type. In this instance, removing parking on the south side will increase the useable road width to an acceptable 6.4m, whilst retaining available free parking on the northern side of the carriageway.

1.4 Therefore, in order to maintain road safety and access for service vehicles, it is proposed to extend the No Waiting At Any Time on Station Road East.

2. Consultations

2.1 Consultation Process

2.1.1 Consultations for this scheme took place with statutory consultees between 26 February 2014 and 31 March 2014.

2.1.2 The proposal was then publicly advertised between 8 June 2014 and 4 July 2014.

2.1.3 During this time one objection was received from a local resident.

2.2 Objections Received

2.2.1 The objector who lives on Norton Street nearby, wrote two letters detailing his concerns.

2.2.2 They believe that the streets surrounding the Railway Station car park are being utilised by rail users and this is leading to a shortage of on street parking for local residents and that the introduction of the proposal will further aggravate the situation.

2.2.3 They do not believe that cars parked on both sides of Station Road East constitute a road safety issue and considers that there is a lack of need for further restrictions.

2.2.4 They would like affordable and subsidised car parking for rail users to ease the situation for local residents.

2.2.5 They have also, in the past, submitted a petition to request the introduction of a residents parking scheme in the area, which members will be aware is a matter the District Council would need to promote.

2.3 Comments on Objections

2.3.1 The waiting restrictions are being proposed as the carriageway width, with cars parked either side, is reduced to 4.7m which is insufficient to allow safe passage of 2-way traffic.

2.3.2 The objector has previously requested a residents parking scheme here. South Kesteven District Council are currently progressing a residents parking scheme in Stamford and, once this is implemented, they intend to consider similar schemes in the Grantham area.

2.3.3 The car park itself is privately owned by Network Rail and Lincolnshire County Council are unable to dictate the pricing policy.

3. Conclusion

3.1 That the objectors' comments are noted but it is recommended that their objections are overruled and the proposal as advertised is implemented.

a) Policy Proofing Actions Required

N/A

Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Location Plan
Appendix B	Site Plan

Background Papers

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

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