

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

Report to:	Planning and Regulation Committee
Date:	06 October 2014
Subject:	Sandon Close, Grantham - Proposed Introduction of Additional Waiting Restrictions and School Keep Clear Clearway

Summary:

This paper outlines the background to the proposed restrictions and presents findings resulting from the consultation period.

Recommendation(s):

It is recommended that the objections are overruled and the Traffic Regulation Order, as advertised, is confirmed.

1. Background

1.1 Sandon Close is a residential area consisting of 50 bungalows managed by South Kesteven District Council (SKDC) as a retirement/sheltered housing estate with its own community hall. This estate was built in 1987.

1.2 In the vicinity of the residential area are a primary school and school catering for those with special needs. Also within walking distance is another primary school, Kesteven & Grantham Girls' School and Grantham College.

1.3 With the increase in popularity of the nearby educational establishments there has been a notable rise in the number of vehicles using Sandon Close for parking in preference to nearby paid for facilities.

1.4 In addition to the volume of parked cars along Sandon Close, concerns have been raised with regard to the position parked cars have been left in. This has led to the local bus service, a vital service for the residents, to clearly state that should the situation continue they will have no choice but to rescind the service.

1.5 Moreover, should emergency services be required it has been advised that on more than one occasion access would have been impossible.

1.6 As the turning sections of each branch road are the property of SKDC and not public highway, it is also their intention to instigate a free parking permit system

for the residents, enabling sufficient parking for residents and their guests off the public highway. Please see Appendix A.

1.7 The parked cars cause a hazard for parents and children attending the nearby primary school and it is believed that the sheer volume of cars presents a high health and safety concern and obstructs usage of the highway network.

2. Consultation

2.1 Consultation Process

2.1.1 Subsequent to initial meetings between Lincolnshire County Council (LCC) Highways and SKDC Housing regarding the excessive number of cars using Sandon Close, it was decided to propose additional waiting restrictions (LCC) and a Residents Parking Permit Scheme (SKDC).

2.1.2 An 'Exhibition of Proposals' was held on 25 February 2014 at the Sandon Close Community Centre, to which all residents and potentially affected parties were invited (letter drop by SKDC on 12 February 2014). Those attending the Exhibition were invited to voice their opinions and any concerns. From this meeting, attended by the local councillor, the specific times and extent of the proposed restrictions were agreed.

2.1.3 Following the agreement of times and areas of the order, public notices were displayed on site during the period 6 June 2014 to 4 July 2014, the proposed alterations were presented in the Grantham Journal on 6 June 2014.

2.1.4 Multiple responses were received during the Exhibition of Proposals which were accepted and incorporated into the final proposal, and agreed upon by the local councillor. One response was received during the public consultation stage.

2.2 Objections Received

2.2.1 St Mary's Catholic Primary School, represented by Councillor Morgan, whilst in favour of the proposals Councillor Morgan states that they would prefer alterations to the times of the restrictions, from 9.00am – 10.00am to 11.30am – 12.30pm to permit parents to undertake mass with their children at the school, and the ability to rescind the application of the orders for specified events.

3. Conclusion

3.1 The Committee is requested to overrule the suggested alteration to the times of the morning waiting restriction, from 9.00am – 10.00am to 11.30am – 12.30pm. The original times having been agreed at the Exhibition with attendees and the local councillor to reduce, as far as practicable, parking by local students who have accessible parking elsewhere.

3.2 It is the intent of Lincolnshire County Council (LCC) to ensure access over public highway to emergency vehicles and public transport vehicles. Moreover

LCC will continue to work in conjunction with SKDC to ensure the safety of residents and school children in the vicinity.

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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