

**Regulatory and Other Committee**

**Open Report on behalf of Paul Coathup, Assistant Director Highways and Transportation**

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| Report to: | <b>Planning &amp; Regulation Committee</b>                      |
| Date:      | <b>06 October 2014</b>  |
| Subject:   | <b>Proposed Waiting Restrictions, Wyberton Low Road, Boston</b> |

**Summary:**

This report considers objections received to a proposal to introduce limited waiting restrictions on Wyberton Low Road, Boston.

**Recommendation(s):**

That the objections are overuled and consent is given for the implementation of the waiting restrictions.

**Background**

Wyberton Low Road is an unclassified residential road to the south of Boston town centre and is a two way street which is mainly residential in nature. There is a primary school and a pre-school centre within the length under consideration.

2. There is a School Safety Zone in front of the primary school. The zone extends into the junction of Bayswood Avenue for approximately 30 metres (Appendix B).
3. A request has been received from County Councillor Mrs A Austin to introduce limited waiting restrictions beyond the School Safety Zone (Appendix B). The parking in this area, particularly at school start and finish times, causes a significant safety concern. The parking occurs on a bend where forward visibility is limited and forces vehicles onto the wrong side of the road to pass. Cars regularly mount the footway due to the parking situation and this poses an obvious safety risk to primary school age children.

## Consultation

### **a) Has the Local Member Been Consulted**

Councillor Mrs A Austin was consulted and supports the proposal.

### **b) Boston Borough Council**

Boston Borough Council was consulted. The only comment received was from Councillor Mrs A Austin.

### **c) Lincolnshire Police**

The Chief Constable has been consulted and raised no concerns over the proposal.

## Objections

4. Two objections have been received to the proposal.
5. The first, from a resident of Bayswood Avenue, expressing concern that the parking which already occurs on Bayswood Avenue and other surrounding estate roads at school start and finish times will be increased due to this proposal. They state that residential accesses and junctions are already blocked at these times and is concerned over the passage of emergency vehicles should the situation arise. They suggest that enforcement of vehicles who park within the existing School Safety Zone should be undertaken and that parents should be encouraged to park in safe areas away from the school and then walk with their children to the school.
6. The second objector, a resident of The Old Dairy, understands the reasoning behind the proposals but shares the concern of the first objector that the parking will relocate to other surrounding estate roads, including his own. The objector expresses the same concerns regarding blocked accesses, junctions and the lack of enforcement of the existing School Safety Zone. The objector also expresses concern that the imposition of double yellow lines is inappropriate as the problems only occur at school start and finish time.

## Comments on Objections

7. Following receipt of the objections, the County Councillor for the area has repeatedly tried to discuss the matter with the objectors, but has not managed to do so. A letter/email clarifying the proposal and addressing the concerns raised by both objectors was sent on 5 August, but neither objector has responded.
8. The proposal is to introduce a prohibition of waiting between 8am and 4pm, Monday to Friday only, as opposed to double yellow lines. We fully accept that it is reasonable to assume that the parking which occurs on Wyberton

Low Road will move into adjacent residential areas. It is believed this short period of inconvenience is preferable to the current situation outside the school and the ongoing risk to primary school age children. The School Safety Zone has no formal Traffic Regulation Order with it so is advisory rather than enforceable.

9. An agreement has also been reached with a local land owner, who owns a small parcel of land opposite the pre-school centre to allow the staff of the centre, who currently park on Wyberton Low Road, to park on this land. This will prevent these vehicles migrating into residential streets should the proposal be implemented.

#### **a) Policy Proofing Actions Required**

N/A

#### **Appendices**

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| These are listed below and attached at the back of the report |   |
| Appendix A  | Location Plan                           |
| Appendix B  | Proposed Layout of Waiting Restrictions |

#### **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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