

**PLANNING AND REGULATION COMMITTEE
16 JANUARY 2023**

PRESENT: COUNCILLOR I G FLEETWOOD (CHAIRMAN)

Councillors Mrs C L E Vernon (Vice-Chairman), P Ashleigh-Morris, T R Ashton, S A J Blackburn, I D Carrington, Mrs M J Overton MBE, N H Pepper, N Sear, P A Skinner and T J N Smith

Councillors: M Brookes, C Matthews and A N Stokes attended the meeting as observers

Officers in attendance:-

Jeanne Gibson (Programme Leader: Minor Works and Traffic), Martha Rees (Solicitor) and Rachel Wilson (Democratic Services Officer)

52 APOLOGIES/REPLACEMENT MEMBERS

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A M Austin, A M Hall and R P H Reid.

53 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest at this point in the meeting.

54 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND REGULATION COMMITTEE HELD ON 5 DECEMBER 2022

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 5 December 2022 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

55 TRAFFIC ITEMS

56 SUTTON ON SEA, HIGH STREET AND CROMER AVENUE - PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO WAITING RESTRICTIONS

Consideration was given to a report which detailed objections received to the proposed amendments to waiting restrictions in Sutton on Sea, High Street and Cromer Avenue. The proposal had been publicly advertised from 27 April to 27 May 2022.

The Programme Leader: Minor Works and Traffic introduced the report and shared a presentation which detailed the areas under consideration.

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Councillor C Matthews was in attendance as the local member and spoke in support of the proposal, commenting that there was a variety of shops on the main street of Sutton on Sea, and that the free parking did get abused. He also commented that this proposal would help the commercial properties and as well as helping to keep the High Street vibrant.

On a motion proposed by Councillor I G Fleetwood and seconded by Councillor C L E Vernon, it was

RESOLVED (unanimous)

That the objections be overruled and the proposals as advertised be approved.

57 GRANTHAM, VARIOUS ROADS - PROPOSED RESIDENTS PARKING SCHEME

Consideration was given to a report which detailed objections to a proposed Residents Parking Scheme Zone 1A in the vicinity of the train station in Grantham. Following statutory consultation, this proposal had been publicly advertised from 14 October to 16 November 2022.

The Programme Leader: Minor Works and Traffic introduced the report and shared a presentation which detailed the area under consideration.

Councillor A N Stokes was in attendance (via Microsoft Teams) as the local member and spoke in support of the proposal, commenting that this scheme had been discussed for many years, and it was pleasing that it had reached this position, and it would make it better for residents to be able to go about their daily business. Councillor Stokes had been contacted regularly by residents as they had been unable to park during the daytime.

Members commented that they were familiar with the area, and the only concern raised was in relation to a common theme of objections for schemes such as this, which was the issue of carers being able to park and it was queried whether there was anything which could be done to allow them to park without the use of a permit. Officers advised that within the policy, carers were treated as visitors and so could be eligible for a visitors permit. However, there was no specific provision for carers, and a change to the policy would be required for such an amendment.

On a motion proposed by Councillor P A Skinner, seconded by Councillor T R Ashton, it was

RESOLVED (unanimous)

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

58 EAST HECKINGTON A17 - PROPOSED 40MPH SPEED LIMIT

The Committee considered a report which detailed a request for the existing 50mph speed limit on the A17, East Heckington, to be reduced to 40mph as shown at Appendix D to the

report. It was highlighted that this had originally been brought to the Committee on 7 November 2022, with a proposal for a 40mph speed limit as set out in Appendix B of the report. The recommendations were considered by the Committee but concerns were raised that reducing the speed limit over such an extended length of the A17 would impact negatively on traffic flows. Members resolved that, as this was a borderline case, further information was required from officers on the nature of and number of collisions under the current speed limit, so a more informed decision could be made.

Detailed information on the 15 reported injury accidents which have occurred over the last five years on this stretch of the A17 within the 40mph originally proposed was provided at Appendix C to the report. As a result of reassessment, a revised proposal shown at Appendix D of the report, which focused the speed limit reduction around a central area of activity where a number of collisions have occurred, was proposed.

The Programme Leader: Minor Works and Traffic introduced the report and shared a presentation which detailed the area under consideration.

Councillor M Brookes addressed the Committee as a neighbouring member and supported the revised proposal.

Members commented that they were happy to see this come forward in its revised form and confirmed that the traffic survey was accurate. Officers were thanked for revising the scheme and providing the additional information regarding accidents. It was also commented that the revised proposal would give protection to people using the services and those people travelling in and out of East Heckington.

On a motion by Councillor T R Ashton, seconded by Councillor P A Skinner, it was

RESOLVED (unanimous)

That the revised extent of reduction in speed limit proposed at Appendix D to the report be approved, so that the necessary consultation process to bring it into effect may be pursued.

59 SWINESHEAD, ABBEY ROAD - PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS

Consideration was given to a report which detailed objections to proposed waiting restrictions at Abbey Road, Swineshead, as shown in Appendix B to the report.

The Programme Leader: Minor Works and Traffic introduced the report and shared a presentation which detailed the area under consideration.

Councillor M Brookes was in attendance as the local member and spoke in support of the proposal, commenting that indiscriminate on street parking had been a problem for a number of years, resulting in problems with traffic movements. He was pleased to note that following a meeting with the Highways Manager and the Lincolnshire Road Safety

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Partnership that a school crossing patrol would follow the introduction of these waiting restrictions. He noted that he did understand why there was an objection, but the safety of children and pedestrians in the area was the most important consideration.

Members were supportive of the proposal and agreed that the restrictions were sensible. It was also noted that it needed to be accepted that as Lincolnshire was a rural area it was unavoidable that some children would be taken to school by car and that increased parking around schools was something which needed to be managed.

On a motion proposed by Councillor T R Ashton, and seconded by Councillor I D Carrington, it was

RESOLVED (unanimous)

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

The meeting closed at 10.56 am