

Regulatory and Other Committee

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

Report to:	Planning & Regulation Committee
Date:	6 June 2016
Subject:	Navenby, High Street Area – Proposed Waiting Restrictions

Summary:

This report details the comments and objections received during the consultation and public advertising of proposed parking restrictions along the High Street and adjacent junctions at Navenby.

Recommendation:

That, after considering the report and the comments / objections received, the objections are overruled and the proposals as advertised and shown on the plan attached at Appendix B to this report are implemented.

1. Background & Existing Conditions

- 1.1 Officers have investigated conditions within Navenby following general concerns relating to on-street parking primarily along the main High Street (A607), but also the side road junctions where traffic enters or leaves the High Street. The Parish Council have inspected the site with officers prior to these proposals being put forward.
- 1.2 Parking along the High Street can, on occasions, cause issues by restricting turning out of the side roads and accesses.
- 1.3 The High Street at Navenby is the main A607 running between Lincoln and Grantham and as such carries a significant amount of traffic including HGVs and buses. There are a number of shops and businesses and these obviously attract pedestrian traffic in the area. In addition the carriageway width varies significantly, but at its narrowest is approx. 8 metres wide.

- 1.4 There is a length of double white line system running either side of the Chapel Lane junction. However, parking still takes place adjacent to this on occasions as there are no formal parking restrictions and drivers are clearly unaware of the legal requirement not to park adjacent to these lines. In addition, there is a zebra crossing just north of the Maiden Well Lane junction.

2. Proposal

- 2.1 Navenby High Street Area – Proposed Waiting Restrictions All of these issues have been discussed with the Parish Council and the proposals as outlined on Plan B have been drawn up following consideration of all of these comments and investigations.
- 2.2 The proposal as outlined aims to address the issues raised and it is proposed to introduce parking restrictions at areas around the junctions as well as the length of road adjacent to the double white line system.
- 2.3 The proposal has been consulted upon and also publicly advertised.
- 2.4 No objections have been received from any of the statutory consultees. Stagecoach Bus Company have responded in support stating that inconsiderate parking here can cause unnecessary difficulties for buses travelling through Navenby and so parking restrictions would be welcomed.
- 2.5 The local County Councillor, Marianne Overton MBE is supportive of the proposals.

3. Objections

- 3.1 There have been many comments made regarding these proposals, but the general feeling by the majority is that the proposals are supported. However, there is a feeling that more restrictions are required on the eastern side of High Street as well as additional lengths on Church Lane and East Road.
- 3.2 Specifically, additional restrictions have been suggested so that all of the eastern side of the High Street between Chapel Lane and the zebra crossing just north of the Maiden Well Lane junction is covered. In addition, some residents of Maiden Well Lane have raised issues regarding restricted visibility when turning out of the junction and that the view to the south is particularly poor due to parking in the adjacent parking bay which is close by.
- 3.3 There have been a couple of comments made about the fact that enforcement of the existing restrictions is low and that if restrictions are proposed then enforcement needs to be increased so that drivers comply with them, otherwise they will be ignored and there will be no real benefit to safety.

- 3.4 A resident of North Lane has raised concerns that more parking restrictions in the village centre may force drivers to park at other locations and there is concern that this may spread into North Lane.

4. Comment & Conclusion

- 4.1 The proposals are generally supported and seen as a good starting point even though there are requests for more. The village centre has a mixture of residential properties and businesses and so the proposals have been put forward to address the main safety issues but also maintain some parking in this busy area. Generally, the proposals are seen as striking a good balance between the need for some on street parking and the need for improved visibility and overall safety.
- 4.2 Further restrictions can be considered once these proposals have been implemented and monitored. To amend the proposal now would mean that the whole process of consultation and advertising would have to begin again. This has been discussed with the Parish Council and their view is that the current proposals be implemented first and monitored.
- 4.3 The proposed restrictions adjacent to the double white line system are to emphasise and clarify the existing fact that parking is already unlawful here and those proposed around the junctions are to ensure that access can be carried out more safely and visibility improved.
- 4.4 Officers have assessed the issues regarding the visibility adjacent to the Maiden Well Lane junction and there are other improvements that are possible that would not require a traffic order and these can be implemented at the same time as the parking restrictions.
- 4.5 The concerns regarding additional parking in North Lane can be monitored although this road is quite a distance away from the main village centre. The road is quite wide near its junction with High Street and so parking would not cause a significant issue, but it is unlikely that shoppers would use this particular lane as there are other locations that are closer.
- 4.6 The issue of enforcement can be addressed and certainly increased in the short term to ensure that the restrictions are adhered to. The location is one that is not seen as a high priority area due to its rural location. However, it can be visited on occasion to ensure that compliance is maintained.
- 4.7 On balance, it is felt that these proposals should be introduced and monitored given the fact that there is general support for them.

5. Consultations

- 5.1 Consultations have taken place and the results are as follows:

- County Councillor Marianne Overton MBE supports the proposals.
- Navenby Parish Council supports the proposals.
- North Kesteven District Council raises no objection to the proposals.
- Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership/Chief Constable supports the proposals.
- Lincolnshire Fire & Rescue support the proposals.
- The Freight Transport & Road Haulage Associations support the proposals.
- Stagecoach welcome the proposals for ease of passage

a) Policy Proofing Actions Required

n/a

Appendices

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

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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