

Regulatory and Other Committee

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

Report to:	Planning and Regulations Committee
Date:	6 June 2016
Subject:	Proposed Extension of Waiting Restrictions – East Street, Crowland near the junction with Hall Street

Summary:

The purpose of this report is to consider the objection received during the formal consultation to extend the existing No Waiting At Any Time Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) by 18 metres in East Street, Crowland near the junction with Hall Street (past the front of the Abbey Hotel).

Recommendation(s):

That the Committee agrees that the objection be overruled and that the order be confirmed as proposed at consultation.

1. Background

1.1 A request was received from Crowland Parish Council to investigate the possibility of extending the existing waiting restriction along the south side of East Street in the centre of Crowland. They raised concerns about the proximity of parking near the junction with Hall Street in a relatively narrow street and how this parking affects visibility, traffic flows and access.

1.2 East Street carriageway measures just 4 metres wide at the section to be affected by the proposed waiting restrictions. It has footways along both sides.

2. Proposal

2.1 The proposal is to extend the current waiting restrictions – No Waiting At Any Time, from a point 11 metres from the junction of East Street with Hall Street for a distance of 18 metres to end just past the vehicular access to the Abbey Hotel (Appendix A).

3. Consultations

3.1 The local Member, Councillor Nigel Pepper, was consulted initially on 4 September 2015 (Appendix B & Bi). No comments were received.

3.2 The second phase of the consultation process was carried out on 20 October 2015 (Appendix C) and responses were received from Crowland Parish Council and District Councillor Jim Astill supporting the proposal.

3.3 The public consultation was then carried out (Appendix D) and one response was received from a member of the public who objects to the proposal.

4. Objection

4.1 A letter of objection was received on 7 March 2016 from a member of the public. The objection states that when the properties in the location were built there were no motor cars and therefore no provision was made for off-road parking. At times when the Abbey Church has events, visitors arrive by car and park in the local streets having no care for the effect this has on local residents. Any restrictions on parking would have a detrimental effect on local residents and we should therefore offer local residents a residents parking scheme.

5. Comments on Objection

5.1 The proposed waiting restrictions are for any time and not limited to infrequent times when the local church and Abbey hold events. There is a car parking facility at the Abbey Church and if this is insufficient for the amount of visitors that are expected to an event this is a matter for the event organisers to address. Lincolnshire County Council does not operate resident parking schemes. This is a District Council function and South Holland District Council do not currently operate a residents parking scheme within their area.

6. In Support

6.1 Email dated 6 November 2015 from District Councillor Jim Astill confirming that he fully supports this proposal.

6.2 Email dated 11 November 2015 from Crowland Parish Council confirming that they are happy with the proposal.

7. Conclusion

7.1 Whilst the objection issues have been noted it is recommended that the objection is overruled on this occasion. The proposal has been made upon highway safety grounds and to reduce as far as practicable the likelihood of an incident occurring.

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	Consultation Letter
Appendix Bi	Consultation Plan
Appendix C	Second Phase Consultation Letter
Appendix D	Public Notice
Appendix E	Photograph

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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