

Regulatory and Other Committee

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

Report to:	Planning & Regulation Committee
Date:	16 January 2017
Subject:	Sutton on Sea, Alford Road (A1111) Proposed Parking Restrictions

Summary:

This report details an objection received during the public advertising of proposed parking restrictions along Alford Road at Sutton on Sea.

Recommendation:

That, after considering the report and the objection received, the objection be overruled and the proposal as advertised and shown on the plan attached at Appendix B to this report is implemented.

1. Background & Existing Conditions

1.1 Officers have been approached to investigate concerns relating to visibility when exiting Mason Court at Sutton on Sea. Mason Court contains 7 flats that are inhabited primarily by elderly residents and they all have rear car parking.

1.2 The elderly residents are concerned that the adjacent roadside parking close to the entrance restricts their visibility when turning out and with the volume of through traffic on the Alford Road being high, especially at peak holiday times, they raise this as a safety issue following some recent near misses and all have signed a letter requesting action.

1.3 The entrance to Mason Court is off Alford Road, which is the A1111 at Sutton on Sea. It is situated approx. 40 metres south east of the mini-roundabout junction with Station Road, which is the A52 as shown on Plan B. Both roads carry a large volume of traffic. The road width at this point is approx. 7.5 metres.

1.4 This stretch of road has mainly residential properties of all different styles with a mixture of off-street and on-street parking and there are existing parking restrictions in place as shown on Plan B.

2. Proposal

2.1 Immediately to the east of the entrance to Mason Court is space for two vehicles to park and it is this that causes the visibility issues. As such, officers have consulted and advertised a proposal which would remove these two vehicles by extending the existing length of parking restriction as shown by approx. 15 metres.

2.2 All residents of Mason Court support the proposal as they have off street parking available at the rear of Mason Court and so they do not park on the road.

2.3 No objections have been received from any of the statutory consultees.

2.4 The local County Councillor, Steve Palmer is generally supportive of the proposal, but does have some concerns that the area in the vicinity of the mini-roundabout lacks on street parking provision and that this impacts on the resident that raises the objection.

3. Objections

3.1 One objection has been received from a resident who lives nearby on Station Road and who uses this location to park his vehicle. He does not consider that the parking outside Mason Court causes an issue and that visibility can be gained along the rear of the parking and he has supplied photographs indicating this. He also states that holiday makers and shoppers make use of this location and so the proposal may impact on trade and that the only other alternative would be to park opposite Mason Court on the northern side of Alford Road.

4. Comment & Conclusion

4.1 It may be the case that visibility can be gained along the rear of parked vehicles, but this largely depends on the type of vehicles that are parked and the positioning of drivers exiting Mason Court. Added to this is the fact that parking can take place on the western side of the entrance and this can sometimes affect the positioning of the exiting vehicle.

4.2 In addition, Alford Road can sometimes be busy with through traffic and this also adds to the overall problem especially with traffic approaching from the mini-roundabout and overtaking the parked vehicles. These vehicles are not clearly visible.

4.3 The proposal removes two on street parking spaces, but there are other nearby locations, including the opposite side of the road, where parking can take place.

4.4 Bearing the above in mind and in conclusion, the proposal has been put forward to provide a road safety improvement for the residents of Mason Court as well as through traffic on Alford Road. On balance it is therefore felt that the benefits of the proposal far outweigh the disbenefit raised by the objector and it is therefore recommended that the proposal is implemented.

5. Consultations

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

- County Councillor Steve Palmer generally supports the proposals.
- Mablethorpe & Sutton Town Council support the proposals.
- East Lindsey District Council supports the proposals.
- Road Safety Partnership/Chief Constable supports the proposals.
- Lincolnshire Fire & Rescue support the proposals.
- The Freight Transport & Road Haulage Associations support the proposals.
- The bus companies raise no objections.

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	Detailed Plan B
Appendix C	Photographs

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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