

Open Report on behalf of Andy Gutherson, Executive Director for Place

Report to:	Planning and Regulation Committee
Date:	3 June 2019
Subject:	Hartsholme - Scawby Crescent and Carrington Drive, Lincoln - proposed waiting restrictions

Summary:

This report considers objections received to the above proposals which were publicly advertised from 15 November to 13 December 2018.

Recommendation(s):

That the Committee approves the amended proposals as shown in Appendix C and that those proposals are advertised and introduced subject to the consideration of any objections received.

Background

1.1 Residents and local Councillors have raised concerns regarding traffic and parking in the vicinity of Hartsholme Academy for some time. The main areas of concern were Carrington Drive and Scawby Crescent. Investigations into the concerns raised took place between April and September 2018.

Existing Conditions

1.2 Hartsholme Academy was built as part of the Hartsholme Estate and was provided as a primary school for children living in that estate and the Swanpool area. The primary school became an academy and the site has undergone a number of alterations over the past few years. Due to changes in safeguarding the previously used access gates onto Bucknall Avenue have been closed and the Academy is not able to reopen them. Previous highway schemes in the area have seen the introduction of double yellow lines on Carrington Drive to facilitate traffic movements, and also the installation of low level bollards to prevent parking on verges/footways.

Objections

1.3 Objections were received concerning the original proposals on Wyville Walk, Scawby Crescent and also Carrington Drive (shown at Appendix B). The objections to Wyville Walk relate to the proposed double yellow lines being too restrictive to residents who park in the area. Residents of Wyville Walk do not have off street parking and use the turning heads at either end for

parking. One objector suggested a reduction in the operational timing of the proposals, the other the need for them at all.

- 1.4 On Scawby Crescent an objector was concerned that the proposed single yellow line would encourage drivers to fully park on the verge. It was explained that this would still be enforceable by a Civil Enforcement Officer, but objectors thought that drivers would take the chance to park regardless. Two further objectors were concerned about access along the entire length of Scawby Crescent at school times and the haphazard nature of parking. A further suggestion was made to convert the grassed areas on Tothill Close and Barlings Close to allow parking.
- 1.5 Hartsholme Academy asked for small extensions to double yellow lines on Carrington Drive on the opposite side of the road to the school and the provision of a bus stand on the near side. The bus stand would remove existing parking from the frontage of the school. The extra lengths of double yellow lines would create more opportunity for children to cross unimpeded by parked vehicles. The school also asked for the lengths of pedestrian guardrail at both entrances to be extended.

Comments

- 1.6 In response to the objections and comments received a number of amendments to the original proposals are described below and are shown at Appendix C.
- 1.7 The restrictions proposed on Wyville Walk have been amended in the revised proposals and the timing of the restrictions has been changed to apply between 8am and 4pm, Monday - Friday in order to allow greater access to parking for residents.
- 1.8 On Scawby Crescent it is intended to erect a small number of bollards in order to further deter drivers from parking on the verge. Additionally it is proposed to extend the single yellow line proposal for the entire length of Scawby Crescent on the south western side between Ashby Avenue and Morton Drive.
- 1.9 On Carrington Drive it is proposed to introduce a bus stand between the mandatory school keep clear markings in order to facilitate parking close to the school for children to board a bus as may be required for school trips. It is also proposed to slightly extend the existing double yellow lines opposite the school entrance. There are no proposals to extend the lengths of guard rail at present as in some cases it can reduce intervisibility between drivers and pedestrians, especially children of primary school age.
- 1.10 The Park and Stride scheme is now in place and is based on Skellingthorpe Road.

Conclusion

After the meetings with residents and Hartsholme Academy and consideration of the objections and comments received, the original proposals have been amended as shown at Appendix C. The restrictions proposed serve to balance the interests of residents and the school, whilst managing on street parking around the school during busy periods to promote traffic flow and highway safety.

Consultation / Proposals

Statutory consultation and the advertisement of proposals took place from 15 November to 13 December 2018. The proposals consulted upon are shown in Appendix B. Affected frontages on Carrington Drive, Scawby Crescent and Wyville Walk received a copy of the consultation plan and letter at the same time. Officers and County Councillor Fido attended a public meeting organised by District Councillor Bean on Thursday 6 December. In addition to residents in the area and parents with children at the school, members of staff from Hartsholme Academy were invited to attend. A number of issues were raised at the meeting, such as whether a one way traffic scheme on Scawby Crescent or a residents' parking scheme could be considered. These were discounted by officers at the meeting. A number of people present wondered whether the option of re-opening the school gate onto Bucknall Avenue could be explored. Those in attendance at the meeting were informed that if they wished to comment on the proposals they could do so before 20 December 2018.

In January officers attended a meeting with the Head Teacher of Hartsholme Academy where it was confirmed that due to safeguarding concerns they would not be able to open the gate on Bucknall Avenue as had been suggested. However they did mention their intention to pursue a park and stride scheme with assistance from the County Council. The Academy submitted a request to Lincolnshire County Council to ask for the original proposals to be amended to include a bus stand in February 2019.

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Location Plan
Appendix B	Original proposals
Appendix C	Amended proposals

Background Papers

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