

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

Report to:	Planning and Regulation Committee
Date:	07 October 2019
Subject:	South Road, Bourne (A15) - Proposed Waiting Restrictions

Summary:

The report considers objections received to the above named proposals.

Recommendation(s):

That the Committee overrules the objections received and that the Order as advertised is confirmed and introduced.

1. Background

- 1.1 The County Council received a petition in 2018 asking for traffic issues to be investigated at a number of locations outside schools in Bourne. One of the locations concerned as the A15 South Road, Bourne, in the vicinity of the Grammar School. Concerns here relate to on street parking causing congestion and queuing at school start and finish times.

Existing Conditions

- 1.2 The A15 South Road is a principal road passing through the town of Bourne. The proposed restrictions sit within a residential area which includes both a SEN school and a secondary school, as well as a supermarket and other businesses. In the morning buses dispatch pupils on the south bound A15 on the eastern side, at the bus stop just south of Austerby. Buses also stop opposite Austerby on the northbound side, to drop off pupils. In the afternoon the majority of school buses park within the Grammar School grounds.

There have been 4 reported injury collisions in the past five years, one of which occurred during school start and finish times at the junction of South Road with Austerby.

Proposals

- 1.3 A scheme was proposed to reduce the impact of inconsiderate parking at this location as shown at Appendix A. This introduces a 'No Waiting at Any Time' restriction along stretches of the A15 and side roads, and formalises the bus stops near to the junction with Austerby by way of bus stop clearways.

Consultation with local bus companies indicated that the originally proposed times of operation for the bus stop clearways should be extended to 6am – 9am daily. This amendment was agreed and the revised proposal is shown at Appendix B. Furthermore, as a result of the consultation process the no waiting restriction on the east side of South Road was extended adjacent to the Manor House to aid visibility for motorists exiting Austerby.

The public advert for the amended proposals was advertised in the local press and on site between 24 May and 21 June 2019.

Objections

- 1.4 Objections were received to the proposals advertised and refer to the omission of new restrictions outside Nos. 21 - 25 South Road. The objectors believe that removing parking in this location would further improve traffic flow and have a positive impact upon the safety of both motorists and pedestrians.

Comments

- 1.5 It is proposed to retain on street parking outside Nos. 21 – 25 South Road (see Appendix C) as removing it is likely to encourage drivers to overtake stationary buses at the designated stop. This could lead to overtaking manoeuvres occurring on the approach to the pedestrian crossing further south. By maintaining parking at this location the road is visually narrowed over a longer length and as a result drivers are less likely to proceed past a waiting bus.

2. Conclusion

The restrictions as proposed will improve traffic flow through this section of South Road and enable bus services to run more efficiently. The option to retain on street parking can in certain circumstances serve to enhance road safety as described above.

3. Consultation

a) Have Risks and Impact Analysis been carried out??

No

b) Risks and Impact Analysis

n/a

Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Bourne A15 South Road - proposed waiting restrictions (original)
Appendix B	Bourne A15 South Road - proposed waiting restrictions (revised)
Appendix C	View of area referred to in objections

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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