

# Agenda Item 4.1



## Regulatory and Other Committee

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

Report to:	<b>Planning and Regulation Committee</b>
Date:	<b>4 November 2019</b>
Subject:	<b>Lincoln, Proposed Residents Parking Scheme extensions at Burton Road, Chestnut Street, James Street and Union Road and new Residents Parking Scheme Zone 4G at Church Lane and Northgate</b>

#### **Summary:**

This report considers objections received following public consultation and advertisement of proposed residents' parking bays in the above streets.

#### **Recommendation(s):**

That the Committee overrules the objections and agrees that the Order is made operative with the inclusion of the proposed minor modification.

#### **1. Background**

- 1.1 Following a request from the City of Lincoln Council for consideration to be given to an expansion of the existing residents' parking scheme in the uphill area in the streets listed above, the County Council provided advice with regard to how this could be progressed in accordance with the policy currently in force. Criteria relating to kerbside road space (established through on site surveys) and residents' support (ascertained via a questionnaire sent to all residents and businesses within the zone proposed) were met and a scheme for the required traffic regulation order was drawn up.

#### **Existing Conditions**

- 1.2 Burton Road, Chestnut Street and Union Road are each on the periphery of existing residents' parking zones within uphill Lincoln. James Street is a narrow residential cul-de-sac on the northern side of Eastgate. The first 6 properties have little off street parking and on street parking is at a premium due to restrictions on waiting already in place on Eastgate and Bailgate. Church Lane and Northgate are close to the shopping and tourist areas of uphill Lincoln and as such attract a significant amount of on street parking throughout the week.

## **Proposals**

- 1.3 New residents parking bays are proposed at location shown at Appendix A which depicts all the zones under consideration in the uphill area. Details of each location are described below.
- The proposed new Zone 4G (Appendix D) introduces residents' parking bays within existing unrestricted areas of Church Lane and Northgate.
  - The extension to existing Zone 4C (appendix E) proposes a residents' parking bay within the currently unrestricted section of James Street off Eastgate.
  - The extensions to existing Zone 4B (Appendices B, C and F) are proposed at Chestnut Street and Union Road. On Chestnut Street the bays are again proposed where no restriction currently applies. At Union Road it is proposed to replace the existing limited waiting bay and a section of the existing 'No waiting 8am–6pm, Mon–Sat' with residents' parking bays. This will increase the current provision for on street parking at this location.
  - Whilst standard residents parking bays to apply 8am – 6pm, Mon – Sat are proposed at the above locations Burton Road supports many small businesses which currently rely on the existing 2 hour limited waiting bays for customer parking. It is therefore proposed that the bays here remain available to all for a 2 hour period, but for an unlimited period for permit holders, and are in effect dual purpose.

## **Objections/Comments**

- 1.4 A number of objections have been received in response to the public advertisement of these proposals.
- 1.5 In relation to Appendix D an objection to the proposed length of double yellow line on Church Lane was received and a request that this is reduced put forward. This would enable a resident to park across their own driveway. Concerns are also raised that the introduction of this new residents' parking zone on Church Lane will increase parking on Stonefield Avenue (half of which is a private road) and take away the option for residents here, who are not included in the scheme, to park on Church Lane.
- 1.6 In relation to Appendix B an objection to the proposed dual use bays has been received from a local business citing that the commercial viability of a number of businesses will be affected if sharing the bays with permit holders results in a significant loss of limited waiting space available for customers.
- 1.7 In relation to Appendix E an objector suggests that the proposals on James Street are unnecessary as the proposal will only benefit a small number of

people. A resident of James Street has contacted us to emphasise their strong support of the proposals.

## **Comments**

- 1.8 In response to the objection in relation to the length of the proposed double yellow lines it is considered that a 4m reduction to the length of the restriction will not significantly impact on its desired effect and this can therefore be accommodated in the order as a minor modification. This is annotated at Appendix D. The concerns raised by a resident of Stonefield Avenue are noted. However all residents in this street have access to off street parking and are likely to be able to park on the carriageway within the private area of this street.
- 1.9 The inclusion of James Street as an extension to Zone 4C was at the request of the City of Lincoln Council. Residents responded very positively to the questionnaire survey and a parking bay can be accommodated. The remainder of the highway on James Street will remain subject to a 24 hour waiting restriction.
- 1.10 Residents of Burton Road are currently using the limited waiting bay and have the inconvenience of needing to relocate their vehicles periodically. Permit holders will also have access to the bays in the remainder of Zone 4B (Willis Close area and Upper Long Leys Rd) which should reduce the pressure for parking on Burton Road. Additional 2 hour bays are available in these areas for visitors should the bays on Burton Road be fully occupied. The car park at The Lawns has spaces available for longer term parking on most days.

## **2. Conclusion**

- 2.1 The increasing incidence of parking by commuters and shoppers in the uphill area has displaced available on street parking for residents during the day. The bays are proposed in streets where the majority of residents have no access to off street parking and it is becoming more difficult for them to find somewhere to park. The residents' parking scheme extensions proposed aim to address this.

## **3. Consultation**

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

No

### **b) Risks and Impact Analysis**

n/a

3.1 The Local Members were consulted for their view on the proposals in February 2019. Statutory consultation took place from 28 February 2019 to 29 March 2019. All residents and businesses within the proposed zones were made aware of the proposals via the questionnaire distributed prior to formal consultation. In addition to the statutory consultees, Lincoln BIG and businesses within The Lawns were also consulted at this stage. The proposals were advertised on site and in the local press from 20 June 2019 to 18 July 2019 inclusive.

## Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Lincoln - Proposed uphill RPS extensions over view plan
Appendix B	Lincoln - Burton Road (Zone 4B extension)
Appendix C	Lincoln - Chestnut Road (Zone 4B extension)
Appendix D	Lincoln - Church Lane/Northgate (Zone 4G)
Appendix E	Lincoln - James Street (Zone 4C)
Appendix F	Lincoln - Union Road (Zone 4B extension)

## 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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