

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

Report to:	Planning & Regulation Committee
Date:	07 September 2020
Subject:	Claypole, Rectory Lane, School Lane and Main Street - Proposed Waiting Restrictions

Summary:

This report considers objections to waiting restrictions proposed at the above location following statutory consultation carried out last year and public advertisement earlier this year.

Recommendation(s):

That the Committee approves the public advertisement of the amended proposals as shown at Appendix B.

1. Background

1.1 A request was received for restrictions on parking to be considered in the vicinity of the school and on Main Street at Claypole. The school is situated off Rectory Lane and School Lane which form a loop to the north of Main Street. The width of these roads varies between 5.0 and 5.5 metres. The roads are residential with the majority of properties having off street parking. An advisory school keep clear marking is in place opposite the school. Investigations indicate that indiscriminate on street parking on these streets restricts visibility and access for pedestrians and can disrupt the flow of through traffic. Similarly, along the more narrow sections of Main Street, parking can obstruct traffic flow. The initial proposals sought to mitigate the effect of parking on these streets by installing double yellow lines to improve visibility at a number of junctions and to restrict parking where the carriageways reduce in width. A clearway marking and bus stand are also proposed adjacent to the school.

1.2 These proposals, shown at Appendix A, were subject to statutory consultation last year and were advertised last March.

Objections

1.3 Objections were received from a number of residents who raised concerns that the restrictions proposed were either too extensive and would affect residents

adversely by restricting parking for them and their visitors, or that they were insufficient and should be applied on both sides of School Lane and Rectory Lane, and over a greater length on Main Street. Several believe that removing on street parking will result in higher traffic speeds and suggestions relating to a 20mph speed limit, traffic calming, one way orders and permit parking have been put forward as alternative measures.

It should be noted that five comments in support of the proposals have also been received.

Comments

1.4 The scheme as originally proposed aims to retain a level of on street parking which will be of benefit to residents and manage parking associated with the school and it includes a wider area in order to mitigate the impact of vehicles displaced by the restrictions. A full time restriction is favoured as no traffic signs will be needed so it is less obtrusive, requiring road markings only. Additionally double yellow lines tend to be self-enforcing which is an important consideration in remote areas where enforcement will not be as regular as in urban locations. Concerns relating to traffic speed are noted. The presence of parked vehicles has the effect of reducing speed however owing to a driver's perceived level of risk being raised. For this reason traffic on one way streets tends to speed up as there is no expectation of oncoming traffic, so this is not a scheme we would generally pursue in the vicinity of schools. Our observations do not suggest that there is a speeding issue on School Lane or Rectory Lane currently and this being the case neither traffic calming or a 20mph speed limit will be considered at this time. Requests for a permit scheme cannot be supported as the policy criteria are not met.

1.5 In recognition of the concerns raised by residents the extents of the restrictions have been reconsidered and some minor reductions are proposed. In addition, where the fulltime restriction has been proposed on both sides of Rectory Lane, this has been relaxed so that on the western side it will apply from 8:30 to 16:00 hours, Monday to Friday only, enabling residents with no off street parking to use this area outside those times.

2. Conclusion

The revised proposals take account of residents' concerns whilst maintaining on street parking where traffic flow is unimpeded and it is safe to do so. The restrictions provide areas of improved visibility for pedestrians crossing these roads and for vehicles negotiating various junctions off Main road. It is considered that they are the minimum intervention required to achieve the aims of the scheme which are to improve pedestrian safety and manage parking, particularly during busy periods.

3. Consultation

The following were consulted with regard to these proposals: Local Members; Claypole Parish Council; South Kesteven District Council; Lincolnshire Police;

EMAS; Lincolnshire Fire & Rescue; Road Haulage Association; Freight Transport Association; Claypole CofE Primary School; affected frontagers.

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

No

b) Risks and Impact Analysis

n/a

4. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Consultation Plan
Appendix B	Amended Proposals Plan

5. Background Papers

Written objections.

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