

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

Report to:	Planning and Regulation Committee
Date:	02 November 2020
Subject:	Lincoln, Broxholme Gardens – Proposed Waiting Restrictions

Summary:

This report considers an objection to the introduction of waiting restrictions which will facilitate access for the local bus service to purpose built bus facilities in the area.

Recommendation(s):

That the objection is overruled and the Order as advertised be introduced.

Background

The bus stop at Broxholme Gardens lies on a slip road parallel to a main route through Lincoln's Ermine East estate and benefits from raised kerbs to facilitate access onto the bus, and a shelter with seating. However, regular parking in the area has resulted in buses being unable to access the slip road and the local bus company was forced to withdraw the service from this location. The service instead stops to set down and pick up passengers where space is available on the main route which causes congestion and poor visibility for general traffic

The extent of the proposed restrictions have been agreed with the local bus company and will enable buses to negotiate the junctions safely and access the bus stop once more.

Appendix A shows the extent of the 24 hour restrictions proposed to keep junctions clear of parked vehicles and a section of part time restriction on Woodhall Drive to apply Monday-Saturday, 8am-7pm.

Following statutory consultation for these proposals its public advertisement took place from 27th February to 26th March 2020.

Objections/comments

One objection has been received following the public advertisement. The objector believes that restricting parking in the area will make it more difficult for residents to park in the vicinity of their properties as demand for parking is already high and some restrictions are already in place. They have suggested that a vehicular access to their property could be installed or that a permit scheme should be introduced to allow residents to park close to home.

Comments

Site visits confirm that vehicles parking close to the junctions of Bloxholme Gardens and Woodhall Drive hinder access by buses into the slip road. The restrictions proposed facilitate access to the bus stop and also improve traffic flow through this section of Woodhall Drive where several junctions connect into it.

In response to the objector's suggested measures of mitigation, the County Council does not fund the construction of accesses to private dwellings. It will be the responsibility of the occupant to apply for and fund such works. Additionally, a permit scheme would not be viable in an area where competition for parking is between residents only, with few, if any, commuters or shoppers occupying on street parking space. In any case permit schemes are installed on a zonal basis and cannot guarantee permit holders the space adjacent to their property.

The restrictions proposed remove a small number of parking spaces and alternative locations for parking are available elsewhere in the vicinity. The part time restriction as proposed helps to maintain traffic flow during busy periods but reverts to an on street parking facility in the evenings and on Sundays.

Conclusion

The restrictions proposed serve to manage on street parking in order to allow for the local bus service to be able to use the purpose built bus stop facility off the main traffic route. It is anticipated that in addition, improvements to pedestrian safety and traffic flow will result following their introduction with low impact on the availability of on street parking.

Consultation

The following were consulted with regard to these proposals: Local member, Lincoln City Council, Lincolnshire Police, Fire & Rescue, East Midlands Ambulance, Stagecoach, PC Coaches, Road Haulage Association Ltd, Freight Transport Association, National Farmers Union and Lincolnshire Co-op.

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	Plan showing extent of proposed waiting restrictions

Background Papers

Document title	Where the document can be viewed
None	

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