



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

Report to:	Planning and Regulation Committee
Date:	15 March 2021
Subject:	Skellingthorpe Swallow Avenue, Magpie Close, Mallard Close and Martin Close - Proposed Waiting Restrictions

Summary:

This report considers an objection to a proposed Traffic Regulation Order to introduce waiting restrictions at Swallow Avenue, Magpie Close, Mallard Close and Martin Close, Skellingthorpe.

Recommendation(s):

That the Committee overrules the objection so that the Order, as advertised, may be introduced.

Background

Following concerns raised by the Local Highways Manager with regard to parking in the vicinity of the village school, visits to the area took place to investigate the issues raised.

A School Safety Zone has been in place on Swallow Avenue for several years. This advises a 'no stopping' restriction on the zig zag markings at school times and is generally well observed. However, at school drop off and pick up times parking takes place beyond the zone close to the junctions of Magpie Close, Mallard Close and Martin Close. Observations confirm that this can result in obstruction to footways, private accesses and traffic flow and reduce visibility for vehicles negotiating these junctions.

Measures to manage parking in the area are proposed via the introduction of a 24 hour waiting restriction to remove parking at the junctions and a restriction to apply between the hours of 8.30am to 9.30am and 2.30pm to 3.30pm, Monday to Friday on Swallow Avenue, as shown at Appendix A.

Following statutory consultation, these proposals were publicly advertised from 15th October to 12th November 2020.

Objection/Comments

One objection has been received citing that the No Waiting at Any Time restrictions are inappropriate for a village location, that they will de-value and affect the sale of properties,

and that delivery and visitor parking will be affected as well as pick up/drop off outside homes.

Comments

Site visits have confirmed that parked vehicles on Swallow Avenue results in obstruction to footways, traffic flow and private accesses and those parked close to and on the junctions can result in vehicles having to reverse onto Swallow Avenue in order to allow traffic to exit, at a location where visibility for oncoming traffic is limited.

Irrespective of the village location the purpose of restricting on street parking is to facilitate traffic flow and promote the safety of all Highway users.

Although there will be some reduction in available on street parking should these restrictions be imposed much of the area remains unrestricted and available for visitor parking. An exemption allowing vehicles to park whilst dropping off or collecting goods or passengers will be contained with the traffic order so these activities will not be affected.

Conclusion

The restrictions proposed aim to manage on street parking on roads and junctions in the vicinity of the local school which can become congested at school start and finish times. It is anticipated that following their introduction, improvements to traffic flow will result and that pedestrian safety, particularly that of school children, will be improved.

Consultation

a) Risks and Impact Analysis

None carried out

The following were consulted with regard to these proposals: Cllr Michael Thompson, North Kesteven District Council, Skellingthorpe Parish Council, Lincolnshire Police, Lincolnshire Fire & Rescue, East Midlands Ambulance Service, The Holt Primary School, Stagecoach, PC Coaches, Brylaine, Centrebus, Delaine Buses, Graycroft, Sleafordian Coaches, Road Haulage Association Ltd, Freight Transport Association, National Farmers Union.

Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Plan showing extent of proposed waiting restrictions

Background Papers

The following background papers as defined in the Local Government Act 1972 were relied upon in the writing of this report.

Document title	Where the document can be viewed
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None	None
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