



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

Report to:	<b>Planning and Regulation Committee</b>
Date:	<b>06 September 2021</b>
Subject:	<b>Lincoln, Exchange Road - Proposed Waiting Restrictions</b>

**Summary:**

This report considers objections to proposed waiting restrictions at Exchange Road, Lincoln.

**Recommendation(s):**

That the objections are overruled and that the Order, as advertised, is introduced.

**Background**

Exchange Road is an industrial area comprising multiple businesses occupying a variety of units, many of which generate HGV movements daily.

A number of these businesses have raised concerns with regard to traffic safety issues resulting from on street parking in the area. Visits to the site have confirmed that parked vehicles cause obstruction to larger vehicles so in order to manage parking at this location it is proposed to introduce a 24 hour waiting restriction along the lengths shown at Appendix B.

Following statutory consultation, the proposal was publicly advertised from 7 January 2021 to 4 February 2021.

**Objections**

Four objections have been received to this proposal and, whilst it is recognised that access for HGVs can be hindered by parked vehicles, a number of concerns regarding the extent of the proposals have been raised. As the trading units in the estate have limited off street parking availability there will be a negative impact on businesses if much of the current on street provision is removed. As a result parking is likely to be displaced into nearby residential streets, increasing pedestrian footfall in the area. It is suggested that the restrictions should be applied at the junction with Doddington Road only as this is where on street parking can cause issues. A request has also been received for the restrictions to be extended throughout Exchange Close as displaced parking may relocate here.

**Comments**

Site visits have confirmed that vehicles parking throughout Exchange Road result in difficulties for HGV traffic accessing local businesses. Where this is not the case on street parking is to be retained for the benefit of businesses, and further provision is available for parking in the surrounding industrial area. As such it is anticipated that the impact on the residential estate to the north of Doddington Road will be minimal.

The restrictions as proposed at the junction with Doddington Road are such that space will be available for a large vehicle to wait on exiting Exchange Rd, and to wait having turned in off the main route, so further restrictions here will not be required and on street parking can remain.

The request for additional restrictions at Exchange Rd has been noted. This area however is private and the traffic regulation order has not been pursued beyond the highway boundary. As a private road the businesses will be able to apply their own measures in order to manage parking in this street.

A good network of footways and cycleways is provided in the Doddington Road area so additional pedestrian trips resulting from these proposals are catered for.

**Conclusion**

The extents of the proposed restrictions aim to facilitate HGV movements in a predominately industrial/commercial area whilst allowing on street parking where it will not impact on the manoeuvres of larger vehicles, and can be accommodated safely.

**a) Risks and Impact Analysis**

None carried out

The following were consulted with regard to these proposals: The local Member, Lincoln City Council, Lincolnshire Police, Fire & Rescue, East Midlands Ambulance, Stagecoach, Road Haulage Association Ltd, Freight Transport Association, and the National Farmers Union. All properties on Exchange Road, Exchange Close, Low Moor Road and Newlin Business Park were also consulted.

**Appendices**

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

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