

Agenda Item 5.4



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

Report to:	Planning and Regulation Committee
Date:	1 November 2021
Subject:	Horncastle, Various Roads - Proposed Waiting Restrictions

Summary:

This report considers objections received to proposals for waiting restrictions at various locations in Horncastle.

Recommendation(s):

1. That the proposed revocation of double yellow lines on Foundry Street be not proceeded with.
2. That a minor modification is approved to remove the proposed restriction outside No. 67 West Street.
3. That the objection to the proposals on Stanhope Road be overruled.
4. That the objections to the proposals on Bowl Alley Lane and Tudor Park be overruled.

Background

Following correspondence with Horncastle Town Council a number of requests for changes to parking restrictions within the town were investigated and proposals were put forward at the following sites:

- The removal of double yellow lines on Foundry Street outside Nos. 30, 32, 34, 42 and 44 (Appendix A)
- Three additional lengths of No Waiting restriction 8am-6pm on B1191 West Street leading to Langton Hill (Appendix B).
- Double yellow lines on east side of Stanhope Road from Stanhope Terrace to East Street and on the west side from Stanhope Terrace to include the junction with The Becks and at the junctions with Banks Road and East Street (Appendix C).
- Double yellow lines on both sides of Bowl Alley Lane from its junction with Stanhope Road, additional restrictions around the junctions with Tudor Park, and a mandatory School Keep Clear marking to replace the existing advisory marking (Appendix D).

These proposals have been subject to statutory consultation and were publicly advertised from 9th December 2020 to 22nd January 2021. Objections have been received to each proposal and are summarised below:

Objections to the proposed reduction in restrictions at Foundry Street have been received from ELDC and Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue. The junction with Albert Street is very narrow and access for the district council's refuse vehicles will be made more difficult if the restrictions are reduced. A Fire Station is located further south along Foundry Street and the Fire & Rescue Service has raised concerns that additional parking in the vicinity of this junction is likely to hinder fire appliances making their way northwards out of Foundry Street.

Objections have been received to the proposed short length of restriction adjacent to No.67 West Street as this will prevent the resident of that property from parking across their driveway. The proposed restriction was intended to replace an advisory access marking, but is not essential in terms of managing parking in the area.

An objection to the proposed restrictions on Stanhope Road has been received from a resident, citing that on street parking does not currently result in any issues here and they do not support the idea that removing it will improve pedestrian safety or traffic flow. They believe that the school crossing patrol operating on Stanhope Road is sufficient for this purpose and have concerns also about the additional signage which may be required to introduce the restrictions, which will be detrimental to the environment and conservation area.

Five objections have been received to the proposed restrictions at Bowl Alley Lane and its junctions with Tudor Park. The consensus is that parking for staff at the two schools should be provided within the school sites to remove it from Bowl Alley Lane and Tudor Park. There are concerns that vehicles displaced by the restrictions will migrate to Tudor Park causing obstruction for access by emergency vehicles and there is a suggestion that a restriction on parking should extend throughout the whole estate.

Comments

The concerns made by ELDC and Lincolnshire Fire & Rescue regarding the proposed reduction in parking restrictions on Foundry Street are noted and it is recommended that this proposal progresses no further.

In relation to the proposed restrictions at West Street it is recommended that the section adjacent to No.67 is removed from the traffic regulation order as a minor modification. The advisory marking at this location is effective in deterring general parking across the access. No objection has been received relating to the other sections proposed.

The restrictions at Bowl Alley Lane/Tudor park and at Stanhope Road have been proposed to remove parking along narrow sections of carriageway and at junctions where they will facilitate traffic flow and improve forward visibility at all times, not just when parents are in attendance. At Stanhope Road they will also ensure that vehicles displaced by new restrictions elsewhere do not migrate to the area where the school crossing patrol operates. This will ensure this area is clear of parked vehicles so visibility of pedestrians crossing is maintained and safety here will be improved. No signage is required for double yellow lines so where these replace a single yellow line the associated signs can be removed. A reduced width of yellow line will also be used to reduce their visual impact.

Redevelopment of St Lawrence School is scheduled to be complete by September 2023 and will include additional parking for staff and visitors on site. This being the case long term parking on Bowl Alley Lane and at Tudor Park throughout the day is likely to reduce significantly at that time.

Conclusion

These proposals are designed to improve traffic flow and forward visibility at various locations, in particular in the area around the schools where traffic can become congested at certain times. On street parking is to be retained where it is safe to do so and where no obstruction to traffic flow is caused. This is the case in Tudor Park where vehicles park during the school day, and where it has been observed that access is maintained and driveways are generally kept clear.

Consultation

The following were consulted on these proposals:

Lincolnshire Police, EMAS, Lincolnshire Fire & Rescue, RHA, FTA, ELDC, Horncastle Town Council, Horncastle County Primary School, St Lawrence School, Stagecoach, PC Coaches and all directly affected frontagers.

a) Risks and Impact Analysis

None carried out

Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Plan of Foundry Street proposals
Appendix B	Plan of West Street proposals
Appendix C	Plan of Stanhope Road proposals
Appendix D	Plan of Bowl Alley Lane proposals

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
Objections correspondence	Provided on request

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