



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

Report to:	Planning and Regulation Committee
Date:	14 February 2022
Subject:	Grantham, Garden Close - Proposed Waiting Restrictions

Summary:

This report considers objections to proposed waiting restrictions at Garden Close in Grantham.

Recommendation(s):

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

Background

Residents of Garden Close raised concerns regarding on street parking resulting in difficulties for vehicles accessing the Close, particularly at its junction with Beacon Lane. Grantham College and a number of schools are located nearby, and this generates demand for on street parking in the surrounding area. Observations have shown that parking close to the junction with Beacon Lane and along the straight section into the estate obstructs traffic flow and vehicular accesses. A proposal to extend waiting restrictions into the development as shown at Appendix B has been subject to statutory consultation and public advertisement. The effect of these will be to restrict parking at all times on the west side of the access road and at the junctions at either end. A lesser restriction is proposed on the east side of the access road and further into the development, to deter daytime parking during weekdays.

There have been two objections to these proposals. There are concerns that the private drive outside No.s 1-4 Garden Close will attract parking displaced from the restricted areas, as the public will not realise that it is not a public highway. Residents' access will be obstructed, and this will lead to abuse and intimidation of those affected should the perpetrators be challenged over the matter. A request has been made for signage to be erected by the highway authority stating that the area is private land. A request for the restrictions to be extended throughout the whole development to restrict all parking has also been received.

The concerns relating to the private drive have been noted. However, it has been pointed out that the owners of that land may install signage to confirm the status of the drive or physical measures to restrict access, but this must be at their expense, and it will not be the responsibility of the county council to fund this. The suggestion that parking is restricted throughout the development

is not supported as this could adversely affect those residents who do not have sufficient off-street parking available for their own or visitors vehicles.

Notwithstanding the above, should the proposed restrictions be introduced, the consequences in terms of displaced on street parking will be monitored with a view to taking further action should this be required. A section of carriageway at the southern end of Garden Close has been left unrestricted to provide space for up to six vehicles to mitigate the likelihood of displaced parking issues.

Conclusion

The restrictions as proposed will serve to protect vehicular access to and from Garden Close and maintain visibility at the junctions and in the vicinity of the play area. Some on street parking will be permitted on the main route into the estate which will assist in the management of vehicle speeds.

Consultation

a) Risks and Impact Analysis

None carried out

The following were consulted with regards to this proposal: Local Member; Lincolnshire Police; Lincolnshire Fire & Rescue; EMAS; SKDC; Grantham Charter Trustees; CPT; RHA; FTA; North Eastern Area Traffic Commissioners; NFU; all residents of Garden Close; Beacon lane Day Nursery.

The local Member is in support of this proposal.

Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Site location
Appendix B	Detail plan of 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
Consultation documents and objections	Available on request

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