



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

Report to:	Planning and Regulation Committee
Date:	09 May 2022
Subject:	Grantham Poplar Farm - Proposed Waiting Restrictions

Summary:

This report considers two objections to a proposed Traffic Regulation Order to introduce waiting restrictions at Pennine Way, Penrhyn Way and Arundel Drive, Grantham.

Recommendation(s):

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

Background

A request was received from the local County Councillor for an assessment of issues relating to on street parking generated during drop off and pick up activities associated with Poplar Farm Primary School.

Site visits have confirmed that vehicles parking around the school access results in obstruction to traffic flow and potential danger to pedestrians in the area. School associated parking is also taking place at the junction of Arundel Drive with Penrhyn Way and Pennine Way as a footpath/cycleway route to the school is located at this point.

In order to manage parking at these locations it is proposed to introduce a no waiting at any time restriction and a mandatory school keep clear marking on Helmsley Road (to apply 8.15am to 9.15am and 2.45pm to 3.45pm) to protect the accesses to the school car park, as shown at Appendix C. Further waiting restrictions are proposed on Arundel Drive, Penrhyn Way and Pennine Way to facilitate traffic flow and improve visibility at the junction, as shown at Appendix B.

Following statutory consultation, the proposal was publicly advertised from 8th October to 12th November 2021 and affected frontages received copies of the consultation documents on 4th October 2021.

Objections

Two objections specific to the proposed restrictions at the junction with Arundle Drive have been received. The concern is that these will prevent parking outside properties and negatively affect residents and their visitors.

Comments

Currently parking at this location obstructs traffic flow through this junction and restricts visibility at the junction with Arundle Drive. Pedestrian crossing points are also obstructed presenting a hazard to pedestrians. The extent of the proposed restrictions here are the minimum required to ensure vehicles can safely navigate past the two pedestrian refuges and through the junction utilising the dedicated right turn lane. The restrictions apply over a short length of frontage development and potentially affect a small number of residents, all of whom have off street parking facilities available. Unrestricted on street parking remains available a short distance away.

Conclusion

The restrictions proposed serve 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

N/A

Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Site Locations
Appendix B	Extent of proposed restrictions at Arundle Drive, Pennine Way and Penrhyn Way
Appendix C	Extent of proposed restrictions at Helmsley Road

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 correspondence	Available on request

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