

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

Report to:	Planning and Regulation Committee
Date:	05 September 2022
Subject:	Mount Street, Grantham - Proposed waiting restrictions

Summary:

This report considers objections received to proposed waiting restrictions at Mount Street, Grantham

Recommendation(s):

That the Committee overrules the objections and approves the proposals as advertised.

Background

Mount street is a cul de sac serving a number of residential properties, private garages and a business. A request has been received for an extension to the existing waiting restrictions here to remove on street parking which affects vehicular access in and out of the street at its junction with the A52, Barrowby Road roundabout. A high volume of traffic passes through this roundabout and site visits have confirmed that parked vehicles on Mount Street close to the junction cause obstruction to traffic flow, and impair visibility for vehicles entering and exiting the street.

Our initial proposal was to restrict parking throughout the street but following consultation with residents in the area the limited availability of on street parking for them became apparent. We therefore amended the proposal to remove a short length of the restriction on the west side away from the junction to allow parking for two/three vehicles. The revised extent of the restrictions is shown at Appendix B. and further consultation took place with statutory consultees and residents. The proposal was publicly advertised from 25th March to 21st April 2022.

A number of objections to the revised proposal have been received. There are concerns that retaining some parking on Mount Street will continue to cause obstruction to larger vehicles using the road to access business premises along it. There is a perception that vehicles parked here will obscure visibility of pedestrians crossing over the junction and that the tree on the west side causes a similar problem.

The above concerns are noted. However, the extent of the proposed restriction ensures that visibility for vehicles exiting the junction is maintained and observations have confirmed that the tree is sufficiently set back to allow approaching traffic on the roundabout to be seen. There has been one reported injury accident at this junction over the last five years which involved a cyclist travelling eastwards at speed along the footway and into the path of a vehicle turning off the roundabout. This suggests that there is no ongoing issue for pedestrians in relation to the presence of the tree within the mouth of the junction. Visibility of pedestrians crossing from west to east may be obscured to some extent by retaining parking as proposed, but the carriageway widens here so vehicles are set back, and both the volume and speed of vehicles making their way out of Mount Street are low. The potential for parking in Mount street to obstruct the passage of larger vehicles travelling along it is reduced by the extent of the restrictions proposed on the west side.

Conclusion

The restrictions proposed are the minimum required to manage on street parking effectively in Mount Street whilst retaining some on street parking provision for residents. It is considered that traffic flow and visibility for all highway users will be improved by the introduction of these restrictions, as well as access for larger vehicles negotiating the junction.

Consultation

The following were consulted on these proposals: Local Member, South Kesteven District Council; Lincolnshire Police; EMAS; Lincolnshire Fire & Rescue; Road Haulage Association; Freight Transport Association; Residents of Mount Street. The local Member is in support of the proposals.

a) Risks and Impact Analysis

None carried out

Appendices

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

Background Papers

No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

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