



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

Report to:	Planning and Regulation Committee
Date:	03 October 2022
Subject:	Stamford, St Paul's Street and Star Lane - proposed waiting and loading restrictions

Summary:

This report considers an objection to proposed waiting and loading restrictions at St Paul's Street and Star Lane, Stamford.

Recommendation(s):

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

Background

The former local Member for this area requested a review of the waiting restrictions at St Paul's Street so that parking for vehicles loading and unloading in the area could be managed more effectively, and to improve safety for moving traffic and pedestrians.

St Paul's Street lies within a busy shopping area and includes dedicated parking bays for goods vehicles to load and unload, and for disabled parking. Monitoring in the area has confirmed that vehicles regularly park in the vicinity of the junction with Star Lane, where loading is currently permitted as an exemption to the existing No Waiting at Any Time restriction in force, and where Blue Badge holders may park for up to three hours.

It has been observed that vehicles parked here restrict visibility for both vehicle manoeuvres through this junction and for pedestrians. Proposed changes to restrictions are shown at Appendix B and comprise:

- The addition of a No Loading restriction to apply on the approach to, and opposite the junction with Star Lane, between the hours of 8am and 6pm.
- A No Waiting at Any Time restriction along the south side of St Paul's Street.

There have been four personal injury collisions in this area, two of which involved pedestrians.

An objection has been received from a resident who will no longer be able to park outside their premises during the day for loading purposes should the restriction on loading be introduced. They have asked if a restriction on delivery vehicles only can be applied as an alternative solution so that residents retain this facility.

Regrettably, we will not be able to make a distinction between residents' vehicles and other non-goods vehicles within the traffic order and the restriction will therefore apply to all. There are alternative areas where residents may park temporarily nearby, such as on Star Lane and Broad Lane, and goods vehicles and blue badge holders may use the dedicated bays provided. Before 8am and after 6pm the proposed loading restriction is lifted and the aforementioned bays are available to all, with the disabled bays available on Sundays also.

Conclusion

The proposal introduces the minimum extents of restriction required to achieve the aims of the scheme and it is anticipated that pedestrian safety and traffic flow will improve should they be implemented.

Consultation

The following were consulted with regards to this proposal: Local Member, Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership, Lincolnshire Police, South Kesteven District Council, Stamford Town Council, Fire & Rescue, East Midlands Ambulance Trust, Traffic Commissioners, Confederation of Public Transport, Stagecoach East Midlands, PC Coaches, Road Haulage Association, Freight Transport Association and the National Farmers Union.

Affected frontagers received consultation letters and plans of the proposal on 11th November 2021.

An advertisement was placed in Stamford Mercury on 26th November 2021 with objection period ending on 3rd January 2022. The documents were also available on the County Councils' website.

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 restrictions

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
Assessment information; Consultation documents and correspondence.	Available on request

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