



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

Report to:	Planning and Regulation Committee
Date:	16 January 2023
Subject:	Swineshead, Abbey Road - Proposed waiting restrictions

Summary:

This report considers objections received to proposed waiting restrictions at Abbey Road as shown at Appendix B.

Recommendation(s):

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

Background

Following a request from the local county councillor for waiting restrictions in the vicinity of the school on Abbey Road, the area has been monitored and assessed. Site visits have confirmed that during school drop off and pick up times, indiscriminate on street parking results in congestion and reduced forward visibility for drivers and pedestrians. Lack of passing places results in vehicles meeting head on and carrying out manoeuvres to turn around in the carriageway which presents a hazard for children navigating the area.

To manage parking to provide a safer environment a restriction on parking to apply Monday-Friday, between the hours of 8:00 and 9:30am and 2:30 and 4:00pm is proposed, as shown at Appendix B.

One objection has been received to this proposal. The objector believes that the lack of footway provision beyond the area around the school will make it dangerous for parents parking further away, and that they themselves do not have time to walk with their child for the additional distance which would result from these proposals.

The objection is noted. However, although the proposed restrictions will apply for some distance along Abbey Road they are the minimum required to achieve the aims of the scheme. The bend in the road reduces visibility on the western approach to the school and restrictions are required to promote safety for all highway users. Alternative places to park are available a short distance away and these are served by a footway on at least one

side of the road. Given the extent of on street parking which occurs, it is difficult to secure a space close to the school in any case. The potential for a School Crossing Patrol has been considered at this location. The removal of parking in this area will improve safety for that facility so if the restrictions are introduced further work on the potential introduction of a patrol will be carried out.

Conclusion

The extent of the restrictions proposed will serve to improve safety for both drivers and pedestrians by removing on street parking specifically at school start and finish times. They will also enhance the potential for a School Crossing patrol facility at this location.

Consultation

The following were consulted on these proposals: Local Member, Boston Borough Council; Swineshead Parish Council; Lincolnshire Police; EMAS; Lincolnshire Fire & Rescue; Road Haulage Association; Freight Transport Association; NFU; Traffic Commissioners; Confederation of Public Transport; Stagecoach East Midlands. Copies of the consultation documents were delivered to affected frontagers on 8th June 2022.

An advertisement was placed in Boston and Sleaford Standard on 15th June 2022 with an objection period ending on 15th July 2022. The documents were also available on the County Councils' website.

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

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.
Correspondence; Consultation documents.	Available on request.

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