



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

Report to:	<b>Planning and Regulation Committee</b>
Date:	<b>13 February 2023</b>
Subject:	<b>Grantham, Gonerby Hill Foot, Gonerby Road and Stephenson Avenue - Proposed waiting restrictions and bus stop clearways</b>

**Summary:**

This report considers objections received to proposed waiting restrictions and bus stop clearways at the above locations.

**Recommendation(s):**

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

**Background**

Gonerby Road is a B class road and, as it provides a route into Grantham to and from the A1, it is subject to heavy traffic flow. On street parking occurs close to its junctions with Stephenson Avenue and Pretoria Road and on nearby verges resulting in obstruction to traffic flow and visibility.

Following a request for waiting restrictions to be introduced, consultation has taken place for a scheme promoting a No Waiting at Any Time restriction along Gonerby Road and at its junctions with Stephenson Avenue and Pretoria Road, along with the provision of bus stop clearways, as shown at Appendix B.

**Objections**

Three objections to the proposals have been received. There is concern that the restrictions will impact negatively on residents of Ladysmith and Kimberley Terraces, situated on the south side of Gonerby Road. Residents, including some who are disabled, will be forced to park further away from their properties causing inconvenience and stress. It is suggested that alternative parking provision should be provided for these residents in the form of laybys or permit parking. There is a belief that residents are being penalised for the actions of non-residents who park too close to junctions in the area.

### **Comments**

The concerns of residents are noted. The proposed restrictions will reduce available on street parking in the immediate vicinity but there is alternative parking opportunity nearby on Pretoria Road, Maltings Lane, New Road and Cliffe Road, and on Stephenson Rd beyond the proposed bus stop clearways. Blue badge holders will be able to park on the restrictions for up to three hours, where it is safe to do so. I regret that currently funding is not available for the construction of laybys as requested and with regard to permit schemes, these are considered where residential areas are subject to high levels of on street parking associated with commuters and/or shoppers, so will not be viable at this location.

### **Conclusion**

The restrictions proposed aim to promote highway safety and traffic flow. They are the minimum required to achieve this at this location and alternative on street parking will be available nearby.

### **Consultation**

The following were consulted with regards to these proposals: Local Member, South Kesteven District Council; Lincolnshire Police; EMAS; Lincolnshire Fire & Rescue; Road Haulage Association; Freight Transport Association; Stagecoach; Centrebus; affected frontagers on Gonerby Road, Stephenson Avenue and Pretoria Road. The local Member is supportive of the proposals.

Following statutory consultation, the proposals were publicly advertised from 12 November to 10 December 2021.

#### **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 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
Assessment record; Consultation documents; correspondence	Available on request

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