



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

Report to:	Planning and Regulation Committee
Date:	17 April 2023
Subject:	Grantham, St Catherine's Road and Welham Street - proposed amendments to waiting restrictions

Summary:

This report considers an objection to proposed amendments to waiting restrictions in the vicinity of the Health Centre, Cinema and Multi-Storey Car Park.

Recommendation(s):

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

Background

Various timed restrictions on parking currently apply on St Catherine's Road which results in confusion for the public and difficulties in enforcement. The area has been reviewed and given the close proximity of the signalised junction with St Peter's Hill/London Road/Wharf Road, an initial proposal to introduce No Waiting at Any Time along the full length of the northern side of St Catherine's Rd was subject to consultation. Feedback on this however suggested that during the evening when traffic flows are much reduced, there is capacity to allow evening and overnight parking along this length. This being the case the proposal was amended to promote sections where parking would be unrestricted after 6pm and before 8am, in line with the restriction on the southern side of the road. The revised proposal put forward a 24-hour restriction at the junctions with the private access road and Welham Street, and adjacent to a dropped kerb for private parking for the cinema, which is frequently obstructed by parked vehicles. The extents of these restrictions are shown at Appendix B.

Objection and comments

One objection to the proposals has been received. The objector believes that there is sufficient space on St Catherine's Road for parking to be permitted at all times on the north side to benefit residents in the area and that the existing restrictions should be

revoked. They consider that restricting parking here will encourage traffic speeds to increase and will displace parking to other streets in the area.

These comments are noted. The proposed restrictions will align with time periods currently in place on St Catherine's Road. They aim to strike a balance between maintaining traffic flow during the day and providing on street parking overnight for residents and visitors to the night time economy. Double yellow lines will ensure visibility is protected at the junctions with the health centre access and at Welham Street where the multi-storey car park is situated.

Traffic speeds are unlikely to increase given the proximity of the busy, signalised junction at the western end of St Catherine's Street.

Consultation

The following were consulted with regard to these proposals: Local Member, South Kesteven District Council; Grantham Charter Trustees; Lincolnshire Police; EMAS; Lincolnshire Fire & Rescue; Road Haulage Association; Freight Transport Association; National Farmers Association; Stagecoach; PC Coaches; Centrebus; Health Centre; Cinema. Following statutory consultation, the proposal was publicly advertised from 9 September 2022 to 7 October 2022.

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
Consultation documents and correspondence	Available on request

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