



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

Report to:	Planning and Regulation Committee
Date:	4th December 2023
Subject:	Metheringham, Drury Street and St Wilfrid's Close – Proposed waiting and loading restrictions

Summary:

This report considers objections to proposed waiting and loading restrictions at Drury Street, Metheringham.

Recommendation(s):

That the objections are overruled so that the order as advertised may be introduced.

Background

Concerns have been raised with regard to on street parking in Drury Street resulting in obstruction to access into Church Walk and the doctor's Surgery. The area was assessed and parking issues identified. Subsequently a proposal to introduce 24 hour waiting restrictions to apply on both sides of the road for a distance of 45m was the subject of public consultation. Many objections were received to this scheme owing to its impact on residents' ability to park as some properties are without off street parking facilities. The scheme was therefore revised as shown at Appendix A whereby the extent of the restrictions is reduced on the east side, and the proposed restriction on parking and loading on the west side is to apply on week days during the daytime only, when demand for parking associated with the surgery is high. In response to feedback from residents, further restrictions are proposed around the junction into Wilfrid's Close to maintain a clear route for traffic and pedestrians.

Following further consultation and public advertisement, objections have been received to the revised proposals.

Objection and comments

The four objections received raise concerns that the restrictions will reduce space for residents to park, some of whom have no off street parking and are elderly or disabled. The restrictions opposite Church Walk are deemed unnecessary and parked vehicles will be displaced causing obstruction to garages and accesses elsewhere in Drury Street. A

request has been received for additional restrictions or a permit parking scheme in St Wilfrid's Close to remove displaced parking from this area.

These comments are noted. However the purpose of this scheme is to manage parking in order to maintain access into the surgery car park, Church Walk and St Wilfrid's Close and to ensure clear visibility for traffic and pedestrians at these points. The minimum extent of restriction has been proposed to mitigate displacement and therefore much of Drury Street will remain unrestricted and available for residents to park. The proposal acknowledges that a bus route uses Drury Street on weekdays and therefore will also manage on street parking to minimise disruption to the passage of vehicles.

Restrictions are not proposed within Wilfrid's Close as there is capacity here for a small number of vehicles to park on street. A permit parking scheme will not be applicable in these circumstances.

Conclusion

The restrictions proposed serve to manage on street parking on Drury Street and it is anticipated that improvements to vehicle and pedestrian safety, particularly around the access to Church Walk, will result following their introduction.

Consultation

The following were consulted with regard to these proposals: Local Member and District Councillors; Metheringham Parish Council; North Kesteven District Council; Lincolnshire Police; EMAS; Lincolnshire Fire & Rescue; Road Haulage Association; Freight Transport Association; Residents of Drury Street and Church Walk including the surgery.

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 and detail of proposal

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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