



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

Report to:	Planning and Regulation Committee
Date:	13 May 2024
Subject:	Woodhall Spa, King George Avenue and Coronation Road – Proposed One Way Order

Summary:
This report considers objections received to a proposed one-way order at the above location.

Recommendation(s):
That the Committee overrules the objections so that the Order, as advertised, may be introduced.

Background

Concerns have been raised by Woodhall Spa Parish Council regarding traffic issues at King George Avenue and Coronation Road. Both carriageways are narrow and two-way traffic results in significant edge damage from overrunning by vehicles. These are routes regularly used by pedestrians and as no footways are in place, pedestrian safety is also a concern.

To mitigate these issues a one-way system northbound along King George Avenue and north and westbound on Coronation Road has been proposed, as shown in Appendix B.

Objections

Six objections have been received to these proposals. Currently vehicular access into this area is via both Spa Road and Stixwoud Road and there are concerns that restricting this to Spa Road only will result in more traffic being drawn into the central area of the village, including larger delivery vehicles and coaches, thereby creating more congestion. It is suggested that the majority of traffic arrives at businesses on Coronation Road via Stixwoud Road. Traffic using Spa Road will also be intensified to the detriment of residents and safety, as this route is narrow and larger vehicles have to mount the footway to pass oncoming vehicles.

Objectors have asked how vehicles will enter the area should Spa Road be closed for works or events. Some have suggested that the funding for this scheme should be spent on widening and resurfacing the carriageways to carry two-way traffic flow as this would improve safety for all road users.

It is also suggested that vehicle speeds will increase if a one-way system is introduced as proposed, posing a risk to pedestrians and cyclists.

For information, we have received sixteen emails in support of the proposals.

Comments

The concerns raised are noted. In terms of traffic volume, a recent weeklong survey has confirmed that of the average of 742 vehicles per day navigating these roads, two thirds of it uses Spa Road to both access and exit the area. This would suggest that the use of Stixwould Road is somewhat less than is perceived so there will be less congestion in the village centre resulting from this scheme than has been suggested. The restriction of access from Stixwould Road will therefore result in some increase in traffic using Spa Road, but overall this will be reduced as the exit from the area will be via Stixwould Road only.

A system of temporary traffic management will be installed to manage traffic flow into the area via Stixwould Road when access via Spa Road is restricted owing to works or events.

A scheme to resurface carriageways here is being developed and the decision on this matter will inform the extent of those works. If the one-way order is approved the space available within the highway boundary will provide an opportunity to include footway provision.

For information, there have been no recorded accidents in the last 5 years on King George Avenue and Coronation Road.

Conclusion

The desire to reduce damage to the highway and danger to pedestrians resulting from two-way traffic using Coronation Road and King George Avenue is the rationale behind this scheme. The one-way order as proposed will control traffic flow and provide the opportunity for dedicated facilities on these roads for use by other highway users, encouraging modal shift and improving their safety.

Consultation

The following were consulted with regard to these proposals: Local Member, East Lindsey District Council; Woodhall Spa Parish Council, Lincolnshire Police; EMAS; Lincolnshire Fire & Rescue; Road Haulage Association and Freight Transport Association. The local Member is in support of the scheme.

The proposals were advertised in February 2024 and all residents and businesses in the area were in receipt of the consultation documents.

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
Consultation documents and correspondence; survey information.	Available on request

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