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DECISION RECORD ¹

Subject: The Hertfordshire (Offley Road, Moormead Close, St Andrews Place, Lyles Row and Storehouse Lane, Hitchin) (Restriction Of Waiting) Order 2017

Staff Contact: Steve Gregory

Executive Member: Terry Douris

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Portfolio: Highways

1. Decision

To proceed with the implementation of waiting restrictions on Offley Road, Moormead Close, St Andrews Place, Lyles Row and Storehouse Lane, Hitchin.

2. Reasons for the decision

Issues reported and observed showed vehicles parking on Offley Road, Moormead Close, St Andrews Place, Lyles Row and Storehouse Lane restricting visibility and hindering access along the road, to the extent that road safety is compromised.

Informal consultation was undertaken from 2nd September to 23th September 2016; the formal (public noticing) took place from 26th January to 16th February 2017.

Offley Road junction with Moormead Close

Response to the informal consultation was both low and mixed. Of the three responses received from the 27 residential properties consulted, two supported, or partially supported, the proposal and one opposed.

- Support:

Whilst happy with the proposal there was concern there may come a time soon when people will park around the close necessitating the need for permit parking as there is little space for anyone living here to have guests parking.

- Oppose:

Strongly opposed to the changes proposed which are believed to be an unnecessary restriction on parking in this area. On previous occasions a welcome tendency to listen and take into account the views of local residents has been shown.

- Partial support:

The resident acknowledges that from a road traffic perspective, imposing waiting restrictions at the entrance to Moormead Close makes sense, though, rather than in isolation would like to see further control measures to both restrict parking on both sides of the carriageway and deter pavement parking.

St Andrews Place, Lyles Row and Storehouse Lane

Of the two responses received from the 16 residential properties consulted, one partially supported the proposal and one opposed.

- Oppose

Though recognising the need to make the roads safe, consider the proposed waiting restrictions are a step too far and will make parking for local residents more difficult.

The objection further raised issues which relate to the recent loss of on-street parking due to the new development and restricted visibility due to vegetation.

- **Partial Support**

In terms of partial support; concern regarding how the short-term delivery or collection of goods for residents of Storehouse Lane will be permitted to take place under the proposed restrictions but does agree with the concerns generally about visibility and access.

3. Alternative options considered and rejected ²

The formal consultation returned one response of support for each location.

One objection for each location, not previously resolved at the informal consultation stage, was further considered.

The measures are consistent with The Highway Code (Rule 243) which states (in part) that "Do not stop or park: 'anywhere you would prevent access for Emergency Services, opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction'; no other alternatives were considered.

4. Consultation

(a) Comments of Executive Member ^{3 4}

Consulted on 24th February 2017 and confirmed agreement for proposed decision and for scheme to proceed via e-mail on 24th February 2017.

(b) Comments of other consultees ⁵

Hertfordshire Constabulary have no objections to the proposals and no other comments or objections were received from other consultees. North Herts District Council will be informed when the restrictions come into force to allow enforcement to take place. They were asked to comment on the proposals.

County Councillor Derrick Ashley, having fully considered the grounds for objection and the responses to them prepared by the designer and officer, the decision to overrule the two objections carried forward was supported by the local member on 22nd February 2017.

Following consultation with, and the concurrence of the Executive Member, I am proceeding with the proposed decision.

Signed:

Title: Hi

Date: 9TH MARCH 2017

6. Copies

- All cons
- Chairman, and Vice-Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- hard copy (for public inspection) Assistant Head of Member Services - Room 214 County Hall.

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¹ for guidance see Chief Legal Officer's note "Taking Decisions"

² details of any alternative options considered and rejected by the officer at the time the decision was made

³ record any conflict of interest declared by any Executive Member consulted. Also record any dispensations granted by the Council's Standards Committee

⁴ If the matter has general significance for the Council and/or is, or is likely to be, controversial, then the officer shall consult the appropriate Executive Member before proceeding. In some cases it will be necessary to consult more than one Executive Member, and in some cases the Leader of the Council will need to be consulted

⁵ If the matter has local significance, but no general significance for the Council and no controversial aspects, the officer shall consult or inform the local member in writing (or by e mail) and proceed. It is essential that all officers responsible for delivering services ensure that local members are kept well briefed on issues affecting their areas.