



Decision Ref. No.

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DECISION RECORD ¹

Subject: Parsonage Lane - Bishop's Stortford PTRO	
Staff Contact: Neil Richardson	Executive Member: Terry Douris
Tel: (01992 555794) 25794	Portfolio: Highways

1. Decision:

- To proceed with the implementation of "No waiting at any time" waiting restrictions as advertised on parts of Parsonage Lane, Heath Row, Goldings and Church Manor.
- To proceed with the implementation of "No waiting 8.00am to 9.00am and 3.00pm to 4.00pm Monday to Friday" restrictions on part of Parsonage Lane.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- The proposals are to introduce No waiting at any time and timed waiting restrictions following concerns received about the current on-street parking causing reduced forward visibility and obstructing access at various junctions and locations identified.

The proposed scheme was designed to:

- Maintain access and visibility for both pedestrians and vehicular traffic,
- Ensure free flow of traffic and
- Discourage inconsiderate parking.

2.1 Informal consultation stage (28th July - 19th August 2016)

Consultees' consulted: 12
Replies: 1
Support: 1
Object: None

Residents consulted: 68
Replies: 7
Support: 2
Object: 2
Support/object: 3

2.2 Formal consultation stage (1st - 22nd December 2016)

Consultees' replies: 1
Support: 1
Object: None
Residents' replies: 4
Support: 3
Object: 1

Residents/businesses that were informally consulted were informed of the consultation results, and the scheme was to progress to formal consultation with a section of proposed double yellow lines changed to single yellow lines no waiting Mon – Fri between 8:00am – 9:00am and 3:00pm – 4:00pm.

During formal consultation, we received a reply from the Hertfordshire Constabulary (HC) who raised no objection.

There was 1 objection received during the formal stage and 2 objections during informal consultation stage but these two did not object to the proposals during formal consultation most probably due to the change to a section of single yellow lines following the informal consultation. The objector at formal consultation cited lack of parking places within Parsonage Lane and shifting the problem further to side streets with more risk to pedestrians walking to school. Despite exchanges of e-mails detailing the advice within the Highway Code about not parking within 10m of a junction, the objector has not suggested her objection has been resolved to her satisfaction.

The measures are consistent with the Highway Code (clause 243) which states that *“Do not stop or park anywhere you would prevent access for Emergency Services, at or near a bus or tram stop or taxi rank, opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space, opposite a traffic island or (if this would cause an obstruction) another parked vehicle, where the kerb has been lowered to help wheelchair users and powered mobility vehicles, in front of an entrance to a property, on a bend, where you would obstruct cyclists’ use of cycle facilities except when forced to do so by stationary traffic.”*

Having fully considered the grounds of the objection, the decision is to overrule the objection and proceed to sealing of the Order as advertised.

3.1 Alternative options considered and rejected ²

There were 2 objections received at the informal stage and 1 objection at formal stage. The objectors cited lack of parking space for residents and visitors. As a compromise and in order to allow parents to drop/pick pupils at All Saints Primary School the stretch of double yellow lines fronting between Nos. 97 to 121 were changed to single yellow line. Also the double yellow lines fronting Nos. 1 & 3 along Church Manor were reduced by approximately 6m to allow on-street parking. The impact of these changes will not compromise the intended objectives of the scheme.

4. Consultation:

- (a) Comments of Executive Member ^{2 3}
Consulted on 20th February 2017 and confirmed agreement for proposed decision and for scheme to proceed via e-mail on the same day.
- (b) Comments of other consultees ⁴
The list below shows the local county member(s) and other Consultees who were consulted at informal stage of the process;
 - Consultees consulted at Informal consultation stage:
CCllr. John Barfoot,
District Councillors: Mike Casey, Colin Woodward and Stan Stainsby,
East Herts District Council (EHDC) enquiries,
Bishops Stortford Town Council enquiries,
Peter Nicholls – Hertfordshire Constabulary (HC),

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Frank Gollogly - Fire & Rescue Service,
Network Management East Herts,
Gary Skinner – PTU,
Claire Edmonds, Emma Coggins and Margaret Addison - Ambulance Services.

- Consultees consulted at formal consultation stage:

CCllr. John Barfoot,
Kingsbury Dominique – EHDC,
Frank Gollogly- Fire & Rescue Service,
Christopher Richards, John Hurst – Quality Monitoring/Enforcement Team,
Peter Nicholls - HC,
Traffic Orders – (here.com),
Jackie Page and Sheridan Hudson - Ambulance Service,
Hertfordshire County Council Land Charges and
Network Management East Herts.

The HC stated they had no objection; the assumption is that EHDC are then willing to enforce.

The decision to proceed was supported by County Councillor John Barfoot on the 24th January 2017.

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

Signed:

Neil Richardson

Title: Highway Locality Manager

Date: 22/2/17

6. **Copies of agreed document to:**

- All consultees
- Chairman, and Vice-Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- Hard & electronic copy (for public inspection both at County Hall and on www.hertfordshire.gov.uk) Assistant Head of Member Services - Room 211 County Hall.

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

² record any conflict of interest declared by any Executive Member consulted. If an Executive Member declares a conflict of interest DO NOT PROCEED without seeking advice from the Chief Legal Officer

³ 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

⁴ 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.

