



Decision Ref. No.

~~EH/014/16~~ *Booilif Part.*

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Subject: THE HERTFORDSHIRE (VARIOUS ROADS, WARE) (RESTRICTION OF WAITING) ORDER 2016

Staff Contact: Neil Richardson

Executive Member: Terry Douris

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Portfolio: Highways

1. Decision:

- To proceed with the implementation of "No waiting at any time" waiting restrictions as advertised or with amendments on parts of Lime Close, High Oak Road, Southall Close, Fanhams Hall Road (including part of the access road leading to Ware Youth FC), Coltsfoot Road and Lady Margaret Gardens.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- The proposals are to introduce No waiting at any time 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 schemes were 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 (Southall Close 5th August – 9th September 2016; Lime Close and Fanhams Hall Road 5th – 26th August 2016)

Consultees' consulted:		11
Replies:		1
Support:		None
No Objection:		2
Object:		None
Residents consulted:	Southall Close:	57
Replies:		39
Support:		4
Comments only:		2
Object:		27
Residents consulted:	Fanhams Hall Road, Coltsfoot Road, & Lady Margaret Gardens:	33
Replies:		1
Support:		1
Object:		None

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Residents consulted:	Lime Close:	20
Replies:		2
Support:		1
Object:		1

2.2 Formal consultation stage (22nd December 2016 - 16th January 2017)

Consultees' replies:		1
Support:		None
No Objection		1
Object:		None

Residents' replies:	Southall Close:	9
Support:		None
Object:		8
Comments:		1

Residents' replies:	Fanhams Hall Road, Coltsfoot Road, & Lady Margaret Gardens:	2
Support:		1
Object:		1

Residents' replies:	Lime Close:	None
Support:		None
Object:		None

Residents/businesses that were informally consulted were informed of the consultation results. The schemes were to progress to formal consultation with amendments to Southall Close proposals in order to balance the need for on street parking.

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

There were 8 objections received during the formal stage from Southall Close and 1 objection from Fanhams Hall Road, Coltsfoot Road, & Lady Margaret Gardens. The objectors for Southall Close asked the County Council to consider providing "Residents parking scheme" for the area. The Council cannot consider this as it is a function of EHDC. The objection from Fanhams Hall Road, Coltsfoot Road, & Lady Margaret Gardens was resolved successfully.

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 objections for Southall Close, the decision is to overrule the objections and proceed to sealing of the Order as advertised, and as amended on part of Southall Close and Coltsfoot Road.

3.1 Alternative options considered and rejected ²

The only changes made are for Southall Close and Coltsfoot Road where the double yellow lines have been reduced; the rest of the other proposals remain unchanged throughout the process.

4. Consultation:

- (a) Comments of Executive Member ^{2 3}
Consulted on 15th march 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. David Andrews,
District Councillors: David Oldridge and Steven Reed,
East Herts District Council (EHDC) enquiries,
Ware Town Council-Town Clerk,
Peter Nicholls – Hertfordshire Constabulary (HC),
Frank Gollogly - Fire & Rescue Service,
Network Management East Herts,
Gary Skinner – PTU,
Darren Meads, Tracy Winder - Ambulance Services.
 - Consultees consulted at formal consultation stage:
CCllr. David Andrews,
Frank Gollogly- Fire & Rescue Service,
John Hurst – Quality Monitoring/Enforcement Team,
Peter Nicholls - HC,
Traffic Orders – (here.com),
Tracy Winder - 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 David Andrews and confirmed by e-mail on the 7th March 2017.

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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: 15/3/17

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.