

Report to the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport
Report submitted by: Director Community Services
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Part I

Electoral Division affected:
Chorley Rural East;

Proposed Waiting Restrictions - Various Roads in Chorley
(Appendix 'A' refers)

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Executive Summary

Following receipt of representations from local residents and County Councillors regarding parking causing sightline and obstruction problems, investigations have been undertaken and, as a result, waiting restrictions are proposed in various locations in Chorley.

Recommendation

The Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport is recommended to approve the proposed waiting restrictions as described in this report and as set out in the attached schedule and plans at Appendix 'A'.

Background and Advice

Investigations have been undertaken in response to complaints received from local residents and the divisional County Councillor in connection with parking on Fellstone Vale in Withnell, and Grove Farm Drive, Railway Road, Riding Street, Chorley Road, Daisy Hill Drive, Park Road, Chapel Street in Adlington, that interferes with sightlines and obstructs passages of vehicles and pedestrians. The proposed waiting restrictions described in the report have been identified as appropriate measures in response to the representations.

Consultations

From 26 July to 24 August 2016 the proposed waiting restrictions were advertised in the local newspaper and posted on site to invite comments from local residents and stakeholders. Two objections set out below, one for the proposed waiting restrictions on Fellstone Vale and the other, Park Road, have been received from local residents. The divisional County Councillor has raised no adverse comments. Adlington Parish Council expressed no objection to the proposals.

Fellstone Vale:

Objection: Many of the residents are required to park at the entrance of Fellstone Vale as there are limited spaces elsewhere. The proposed yellow lines will exacerbate the parking on Pleasant View and displace the parking to outside people's properties on Fellstone Vale and will not address the problem of vehicles reversing if another vehicles is entering Fellstone Vale.

Waiting restrictions should be proposed on one side only, alternatively to widen the carriageway to provide a passing place. Overall 'no waiting at any time' will not solve the underlying issue of parking in this area.

Response: The 10 metres proposed extension of waiting restrictions on both sides of the road to improve road safety on Fellstone Vale in the vicinity of Bury Road would displace a maximum number of 4 vehicles further into Fellstone Vale or onto Pleasant View. It is considered that such displacement will not significantly affect the current parking arrangements or compromise road safety in the area. Reversing manoeuvres occurring on Fellstone Vale, if any, would be away from the junction with Bury Road thus improving road safety at this junction for all road users including pedestrians. However, reversing manoeuvres are considered unlikely as forward visibility is sufficient and there are gaps conveniently created by existing vehicle dropped crossings for drivers to wait whilst another vehicle passes.

Fellstone Vale is not sufficiently wide to maintain a two-way traffic flow with waiting restrictions on one side of the road. Widening the carriageway to provide a passing place would not be an economically justifiable way of addressing the current highway issue at this location. The proposed waiting restrictions are aimed at improving traffic movements and road safety rather than to address the parking in the area.

Park Road:

Objection: The extent of the yellow lines would be detrimental to the objector's business and the flat at 25 Park Road as there would be too many cars competing for a limited number of parking spaces. Consideration is to be given to the distance that the yellow lines stretch along the road. A site meeting is requested.

Response: The length of the proposed waiting restrictions is considered to be the minimum necessary to deter vehicles from parking in the vicinity of the Park Road/ Chapel Street junction and improve pedestrian safety and safer vehicle turning movements. It is not considered appropriate that the proposed extent of the waiting restrictions is reduced. Since there are no other existing waiting restrictions in the area, significant on-street parking availability exists in the locality and it is considered that the proposed waiting restrictions would not have a significant impact on the parking in the area. It is not considered necessary to conduct a site meeting and officers have informed the objector to this effect.

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Financial

The proposed waiting restrictions are estimated to cost approximately £1,500.00 using the New Signs and Lines 2017/18 revenue budget to implement.

Risk management

Road safety may be compromised if the proposed waiting restrictions are not approved.

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
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N/A

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A