

Report to the Cabinet

Meeting to be held on Thursday, 1 February 2018

Report of the Head of Service, Highways

Part I

Electoral Divisions affected:
Lostock Hall & Bamber Bridge;
Moss Side & Farington; and
South Ribble East

McKenzie Street and Station Road, Bamber Bridge, South Ribble Borough Revocation, prohibition of Waiting and Restriction of Waiting Traffic Regulation Order

(Appendices 'A' - 'B' refer)

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Executive Summary

As part of an agreement under Section 278 of the Highways Act for a new housing development accessed off Station Road and following investigation and public consultation, the introduction of a Traffic Regulation Order to restrict and prohibit waiting on lengths of Station Road and McKenzie Street is proposed. The proposals are put forward to provide a safe access to the proposed development via a right turn facility on Station Road. The restrictions are required to ensure the safe operation of the proposed road layout.

This is deemed to be a Key Decision and the provisions of Standing Order No. 25 have been complied with.

Recommendation

The Cabinet is recommended to approve the proposal for the introduction of prohibition of waiting restrictions on Station Road and McKenzie Street, Bamber Bridge as detailed within this report and as set out in the schedule and plan contained within Appendices 'A' and 'B'.

Background and Advice

The proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) is being sought as part of Section 278 works in the highway relating to a new housing development located off Station Road, Bamber Bridge. The proposed access will require an alteration to the existing highway layout, as part of these works a right turn facility is to be provided. It is

considered both prohibition of waiting and restricted waiting parking restrictions are required to ensure that the through traffic lanes remain clear.

Consultations

The proposed Order was advertised in the local newspaper and during the consultation period of 25 August 2017 to 22 September 2017 Notices were also displayed on site.

During the consultation period four objections were received. The basis of the four objections is set out below:

- All four objections received are on the grounds that the proposed No Waiting at Any Time restriction will impact on the parking provisions for current residents in the immediate vicinity of the proposed new entrance road; that it will remove the unrestricted parking on both Station Road and McKenzie Street making it difficult for residents to park close to their properties.
- Additional concerns from two of the four residents relate to dependants with mobility issues. These are that the prohibition of parking would detrimentally affect the ability of a dependant to be transported safely from their current residence, and that this is of particular concern where the dependant is a minor and cannot be left unattended in the residence.
- Finally, all objectors are concerned that the proposed 14 space car park, to the south of McKenzie Street, would be inadequate for the number of residents on both sides of the affected area. There are also concerns that the car park would not be restricted to residents only, which could result in the car park becoming a general overspill parking area for other nearby properties.

Officer Response

It is acknowledged that the proposed restrictions may have a detrimental impact upon some residents, with the space for approximately 20 vehicles to park on the highway being removed as a result of the proposed restrictions. However, the restrictions form an integral part of the Section 278 highway works associated with the access to a new housing development. The restrictions are required in order to maintain the safety and operation of the public highway. To mitigate the effects the restrictions may have on parking levels in the area the developer is to provide a 14 space car park for public use as part of the planning permission for which the Traffic Regulation Order is sought. The indicative location of the proposed car park is illustrated within Appendix B. The Traffic Regulation Order will only come into force once the car park is open for use, allowing residents an alternative parking location in close proximity to their property.

It should be noted that the car park will not be owned, managed or maintained by Lancashire County Council and therefore the availability of space in and the future provision of this amenity cannot be assured by the highway authority.

The restrictions proposed would continue to allow blue badge holders to park at a safe location along the length of the restriction for a period not exceeding 3 hours when displaying their blue badge. This would be sufficient time to allow mobility

impaired passengers to be accompanied to a dwelling and vice versa. However, this exemption would not benefit mobility impaired drivers or passengers who are unable to be left unattended. There are many locations on the highway network where waiting restrictions could have a similar impact.

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Financial

The scheme would be funded from the Section 278 monies from the Station Road Development and as such there is no financial implication for the County Council.

Risk management

Road safety may be compromised should the proposed restrictions not be approved.

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
Equality Analysis – Bamber Bridge Proposed Waiting Restrictions	January 2018	Kathryn Hartley/(01772) 534212

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A