

Report to the Cabinet

Meeting to be held on Thursday, 9 August 2018

Report of the Head of Service Highways

Part I

Electoral Division affected:
Burscough & Rufford;

Lancashire County Council (Liverpool Road South, Lordsgate Drive, Unnamed Road Opposite Lordsgate Drive, Burscough, West Lancashire Borough)
(Prohibition of waiting) Order 201*
(Appendix 'A' refers)

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Executive Summary

This report sets out a proposal to introduce a Traffic Regulation Order for a Prohibition of Waiting which is required for the safe and effective operations of traffic signals on Liverpool Road South, Burscough, West Lancashire.

During the period of public consultation an objection was received from a local resident and a further objection has been received after the conclusion of the consultation period.

Recommendation

Cabinet is asked to approve the proposals as advertised and as shown on the plans attached at Appendix 'A'.

Background and Advice

A developer has secured planning consent for the construction of more than 500 dwellings on land adjacent to Liverpool Road South. This requires the construction of a suitable highway access which will be controlled by traffic signals. The access road is to be constructed as part of a Section 38 agreement and the traffic signals will be constructed as part of the section 278 agreement. The traffic regulation order will introduce a prohibition of waiting on a length of A59 Liverpool Road South and into the junctions off A59 Liverpool Road South, (Lordsgate Drive and presently unnamed access road).

The waiting restrictions are necessary to ensure that traffic flows are maintained on A59 Liverpool Road South at all times and that traffic flows are not obstructed by parked vehicles.

All the properties with frontage on the lengths of road affected have the facility for off street parking and presently the length of road is not usually used for parking.

Consultations

Formal consultation was carried out between 19 January 2018 and 21 February 2018 and advertised in the local press and notices were also displayed on site. The divisional county councillors were also consulted. Public consultation has resulted in one letter of objection to the proposed traffic regulation order along with a letter of concern with regard to the documentation.

Following the conclusion of the public consultation a second objection has been lodged with regard to the proposed prohibition of waiting.

The letter of concern, with regard to the documentation, has not been treated as an objection and has been dealt with separately.

Objections

The objectors are both concerned about the removal of the provision to park on the highway outside their property and that the marking of double yellow lines will reduce the value of their homes. One of the objectors is concerned that he requires the facility to park on the highway as both children and elderly relatives regularly visit and need to be able to park on the highway.

Officer Comments

The design of the road layout for the traffic signals requires a hatched area in the centre of the highway adjacent to the properties of both the objectors. The hatched area is necessary to separate the traffic lanes prior to the formation of designated right turn lanes and highlight this facility. These right turn lanes allow traffic to wait until the correct opportunity is available to complete the turn without obstructing through traffic. It is necessary to introduce an order prohibiting waiting in this area to deter parking which would otherwise obstruct the traffic lanes that need to be kept clear to enable the signals to operate efficiently.

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Financial

The costs of the Traffic Regulation Order will be funded from within the by the developer of the Yew Tree Farm site. The cost of the order and the works will all be included in the cost of the Section 278 works.

Risk management

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

List of Background Papers

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Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

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