

Report to the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport
Report submitted by: Interim Executive Director for Environment
Date: 11 November 2013

Part I

Electoral Division affected:
Whitworth

Lloyd Street, Whitworth, Rossendale
Proposed Introduction of Prohibition of Waiting and Limited Waiting
(Appendices 'A', 'B', and 'C' refer)

Contact for further information:
Brenda Garside, 01282 475584, Environment Directorate
brenda.garside@lancashire.gov.uk

Executive Summary

This report sets out proposals to introduce No Waiting at Any Time on Lloyd Street from its junction with Market Street and Limited Waiting on the south side of Lloyd Street, Whitworth.

Statutory consultation and advertisement of proposals has taken place and objections have been received.

Recommendation

The Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport is asked to give approval to introduce the restrictions as set out in the revised plan attached at Appendix 'C' and the revised schedule set out at the rear of the report .

Background and Advice

A request was received from a shop owner to consider limited waiting on Lloyd Street adjacent to the shop which is on the corner of Lloyd Street and Market Street in Whitworth, to enable regular turnover of parking for customers and delivery vehicles, and subsequent to this request, a site visit was carried out.

Consultations

Informal Consultation

The County Council consulted staff responsible for Whitworth Library, as it is also situated on Lloyd Street and may therefore be directly affected by the proposals. The response received indicated that they were in favour of the proposed restrictions.

The proposal was reported and accepted at the Rossendale Traffic Liaison meeting in February 2013, attended by officers from the County Council and Lancashire Constabulary. An informal consultation took place during March through to April 2013; two responses were received, one in favour and one against the proposal. The response against the proposal was from a resident of Market Street who parks at the rear of Market Street because there are no waiting at any time restrictions at the front of their property. The resident had concerns of displacement parking occurring at the rear of Market Street which may affect their ability to park should the proposed restrictions be introduced.

Formal Consultation

Formal consultation and advertising took place between 14 June and 13 July 2013 on the following proposed restrictions:

- Prohibition of waiting on both sides of Lloyd Street from the junction with Market Street for 11 metres in a westerly direction.
- Limited Waiting 20 minutes no return within 1 hour Monday to Saturday 8am to 6pm on the south side of Lloyd Street from a point 5 metres east of Milner Street for a distance of 12 metres in easterly direction.
- Limited Waiting 1 hour no return within 1 hour Monday to Saturday 8am to 6pm on the south side of Lloyd Street from a point 5 metres west of Milner Street for a distance of 20 metres in a westerly direction.

The proposals upon which consultation took place are set out on the Plan attached at Appendix 'A'.

The following objections were received:

1. An objection has been received from officers from the Library on the proposed 1 hour limited waiting on Lloyd Street, with an indication that a 2 hour limit would be more appropriate to allow the users to benefit from the 2 hour allowance on the computer suite.
2. Four objections were received to the 1 hour limit outside the library.
3. The shop owner who made the original request responded in objection to the proposals as he had since received negative feedback from customers. He considers the prohibition of waiting near the junction to be detrimental to business as it deters passing trade and does not acknowledge the benefit of limited waiting on Lloyd Street.
4. Concerns were raised by one resident that vehicles associated with businesses are often parked all day and the proposed limited waiting restrictions would cause displacement parking outside their property where there are no restrictions.
5. One local business was in favour of the proposals but suggested an increase in the limit outside the library

6. Another local business opposed all the proposals as they may lead to staff not being able to park nearby.

Comments on the Objections

The proposal to introduce a Prohibition of Waiting seeks to improve safety by removing the potential to park at the junction of Lloyd Street and Market Street in Whitworth thereby increasing sight lines and improving traffic flow along Lloyd Street. This is in line with the advice given in the Highway Code rule 243 which advises that drivers do not park within 10 metres of a junction.

The proposal to introduce limited waiting 20 minutes outside the grocers shop on Lloyd Street would provide for parking on a regular basis, in particular passing trade to the businesses and vehicles delivering to the shop.

The proposal to introduce limited waiting for 1 hour outside the library was reviewed in light of the feedback received. The limited waiting period is proposed to be increased to 2 hours, which will provide for parking on a regular basis during the day time at this location thereby ensuring parking is regularly available for visitors to the library and other shops and businesses in the area. Unrestricted parking will remain available in the evenings and on Sunday.

A revised proposal was posted on site between 26 July and 16 August 2013 which changed the proposed waiting limit outside the library on Lloyd Street, as follows

- Limited Waiting 2 hour no return within 1 hour Monday – Saturday 8am -6pm on the south side of Lloyd Street from a point 5 metres west of Milner Street for a distance of 20 metres in a westerly direction.

The revised proposal, upon which further consultation was carried out, is also shown on the plan attached at Appendix 'B'.

Those individuals who responded to the first consultation have been contacted to advise them of the revised proposals. Those who had commented on the 1 hour limit outside the library have been informed of the proposed change to 2 hour waiting, and no further correspondence has been received.

The Police have no objections to the amended proposals. The County Councillor for Whitworth has been consulted and no objections have been received.

Whitworth Parish Councillors have been consulted. One response was received from a Parish Councillor representing the owner of the business on Lloyd Street. The basis for the objection was in relation to the provision of the 20 minute limited waiting and that it reduced the availability of unrestricted kerbside parking for local residents.

Recommendation

In light of objections received, it is now recommended that the revised proposal be approved in part as follows, as shown on the Plan attached at Appendix 'C':

- Prohibition of waiting on both sides of Lloyd Street from the junction with Market Street for 11 metres in a westerly direction.
- Limited Waiting 2 hour no return within 1 hour Monday – Saturday 8am -6pm on the south side of Lloyd Street from a point 5 metres west of Milner Street for a distance of 20 metres in a westerly direction.

But that the following restriction be abandoned in light of objections received from local residents, businesses and the Parish Councillor

- Limited Waiting 20 minutes no return within 1 hour Monday to Saturday 8am to 6pm on the south side of Lloyd Street from a point 5 metres east of Milner Street for a distance of 12 metres in easterly direction.

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

The proposals will improve highway safety by removing the potential to park on Lloyd Street near the junction with Market Street by increasing sightlines and improving the flow of traffic on this section of the highway, and providing parking on Lloyd Street outside the library for visitors to the library and other businesses in the area whilst not restricting parking during evenings and on Sundays.

Any works to be undertaken would be carried out within the County Council's Health and Safety Policy guidelines.

Financial

The estimated cost of the proposal is £500. The works will be funded from the signs and lines revenue budget.

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/Directorate/Tel
-------	------	-------------------------

Nil.

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A.