

Report to the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport
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Part I

Electoral Division affected:
Rossendale South

Gincroft Lane and Market Street, Edenfield, Rossendale Borough
No Waiting at Any Time Restrictions
(Appendices 'A', 'B' and 'C' refer)

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Executive Summary

Following investigations into complaints of illegal parking occurring on existing double yellow lines in Gincroft Lane, Edenfield, it became evident that discrepancies existed between the recorded Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) and the waiting restrictions marked out on site. In order to rectify the situation and ensure that illegal parking practices can be discouraged through enforcement, statutory consultation and advertisement of No Waiting at any Time restrictions has taken place, with one objection being received.

Recommendation

The Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport is asked to give approval to introduce No Waiting At Any Time restrictions as shown on the plan attached at Appendix 'B' and set out in the schedule attached at Appendix 'C'.

Background and Advice

A request was received from a resident of Gincroft Lane whose access was blocked by vehicles parking on the double yellow lines. Further investigations revealed that the restrictions on site did not reflect the detail of the existing Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) and therefore enforcement could not proceed. The TRO indicated 'No Waiting' on both sides of Gincroft Lane from its junction with Market Street to Sarah Street, whilst on site there is a gap on the north side of Gincroft Lane which makes it possible for one vehicle to park legally.

Consultations

Informal Consultation

Informal consultation took place with the residents of Gincroft Lane between 1 and 24 May 2013 on a proposal to replace the restrictions on site to match the existing TRO. The plan attached at Appendix 'A' sets out the proposed restrictions upon which consultation took place. Six responses were received, all of which indicate that respondents prefer the lines as marked on site with the gap for one car to park; five also suggested that they would prefer the restriction to continue from the junction into the east side of Market Street to improve visibility and sight lines at the junction.

The proposals were consequently revised to accommodate these requests, match the TRO to the existing lines on site and introduce a section of No Waiting at Any Time on the east side of Market Street from the junction of Gincroft Lane.

The revised No Waiting at Any Time restrictions are as follows:

- Gincroft Lane, the north side from the centre of its junction with Market Street for a distance of 8 metres in an easterly direction and from a point 14 metres from the centre of its junction with Market Street for a distance of 44 metres in an easterly direction, the south side from the centre of its junction with Market Street for a distance of 58 metres in an easterly direction.
- Market Street, the east side from the centre of its junction with Gincroft lane for a distance of 13 metres in a northerly direction.

These restrictions are also shown on the plan attached at Appendix 'B'.

A second informal consultation took place on the revised proposal between 28 May and 21 June 2013. The County Councillor for Rossendale South was consulted. No objections were received.

Formal Consultation

The proposal proceeded to formal consultation and public advertisement between 2 and 30 August 2013.

Objection

One letter of objection was received from a resident and business owner on Market Street opposite the junction with Gincroft Lane who objects to the loss of a parking space on Market Street where the proposal seeks to introduce a section of No Waiting at Any Time at the junction with Gincroft Lane. The letter also outlined general concerns about the amount of parking available in Edenfield for visitors to local businesses. Subsequent conversations with the objector confirmed that they park a vehicle on the west side Market Street advertising their business and the vehicle is parked on the highway regularly during the daytime.

County Council's Response

The revised proposals seek to improve safety on the highway by removing the potential for parking at the junction of Gincroft Lane and Market Street thereby increasing sight lines and visibility at the junction. However it should be noted that unrestricted on-street parking remains available further down Market Street.

The proposals for Gincroft Lane itself will remove the potential to park thereby providing safe access along Gincroft Lane for traffic to flow on this section of highway and allowing the possibility of parking in one space on the north side where the carriageway is wider.

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Financial

The estimated cost of the works is approximately £200. The works will be funded from the signs and lines revenue budget.

Risk management

The proposals will improve highway safety by removing the potential to park on Market Street near the junction with Gincroft Lane by increasing sightlines and improving the flow of traffic on this section of the highway, and removing the potential for parking on Gincroft Lane thereby ensuring access and enabling traffic to flow. The proposal provides a space on the north side of Gincroft Lane which is not restricted - at this section the carriageway is wider.

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

List of Background Papers

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Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A.