

Report to the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport
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Part I

Electoral Division affected:
Pendle East

Proposed Traffic Regulation Order introducing Waiting Restrictions in Blacko, Colne, Foulridge and Laneshaw Bridge, Pendle East (and Associated Part Revocations)

(Appendices 'A' – 'H' refer)

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Executive Summary

A Traffic Regulation Order is proposed to introduce waiting restrictions on various roads in Blacko, Colne, Foulridge and Laneshaw Bridge in the east Pendle area. During the periods of public consultation, objections were received to some of the proposals.

The proposed restrictions are set out on the plans attached at Appendices 'A' to 'F'. The schedule of restrictions, upon which statutory consultation took place is set out at Appendix 'G'. The amended schedule of restrictions, for which approval is now sought, is set out at Appendix 'H'.

Recommendation

The Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport is asked to approve that a Traffic Regulation Order be made and sealed, as set out at Appendix 'H' with an amendment relating to the proposed restrictions on Alma Avenue, Foulridge and the omission of the proposed restrictions at the junction of Varley Street with Oak Street, Colne.

Background and Advice

The Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to introduce waiting restrictions on various roads in Blacko, Colne, Foulridge and Laneshaw Bridge, Pendle was advertised between 17 May and 18 June 2013 in respect of the following proposals:

Alma Avenue, Lowther Lane and Skipton New Road, Foulridge (Appendix 'A')

Consideration has been given to possible obstruction of traffic entering and leaving both Lowther Lane and Alma Avenue so it is proposed that the current "No Waiting At Any Time" is extended to ensure that there is sufficient space at the end of these roads to allow cars to enter whilst others are waiting to leave. The proposed extension would be approximately 6.5 metres on both sides of both road. There also exists differences between restrictions marked out on the highway at this location and those denoted by the current Traffic Regulation Order, a situation which approval of the new TRO would seek to rectify. The proposed TRO also includes the restrictions marked out on Skipton New Road, for which the original TRO cannot be located.

Skipton Road, Varley Street, Chatham Street, Colne (Appendix 'B')

Waiting restrictions were requested by a local resident through his local MP to prevent obstructive parking at the junctions between Skipton Road, Varley Street and Chatham Street, Colne. The junction was assessed by a County Council traffic engineer and it was considered appropriate that No Waiting At Any Time restrictions be introduced at this junction. This was also supported by the fact that there had been four reported collisions at this junction.

Dockray Street, Colne (Appendix 'C')

The proprietors of a local business complained that parked cars were making it difficult for larger vehicles to enter and leave his yard on Dockray Street, Colne. A daytime No Waiting, Monday to Saturday, 7am-7pm restriction is proposed to address this problem.

Oak Street with Varley Street, Colne (Appendix 'D')

This proposal was requested by the operators of the 95 bus service. Problems were being experienced when the bus was attempting the right turn from Oak Street to Varley Street because of the presence of parked cars. It is therefore proposed to introduce No Waiting at Any Time restrictions in order to provide junction protection and ensure the bus can make the necessary turn.

Maltkin Close with Beverley Road, Blacko (Appendix 'E')

There is a problem with parking at the junction between Maltkin Close and Beverley Road, Blacko. As a result of a local resident's request to the former County Councillor for Pendle East, a proposal was drawn up which aims to remove obstructive parking through the proposed introduction of waiting restrictions.

The problem is at its most extreme at school start and finish times. but following a site investigation, it is considered appropriate for No Waiting at Any Time restrictions to be introduced.

Wycoller View with Keighley Road, Laneshaw Bridge (Appendix 'F')

The County Council has received complaints that cars parked in the vicinity of the junction between Wycoller View with Keighley Road are causing difficulties for residents of Wycoller View with regard to entering and leaving the estate from Keighley Road. It is therefore proposed that a No Waiting at Any Time restriction be introduced at the junction in order to remove obstructive parking.

Consultations

Preliminary Consultation

All of the proposals were supported by the Traffic Liaison Group, which is attended by County Council Officers and officers from Lancashire Constabulary as part of the preliminary consultation process. The former County Councillor for Pendle East was consulted and gave support to progress the proposals to the statutory consultation stage. Local residents were consulted by letter.

Concerns were expressed by a local business owner in relation to the proposals for Skipton Road with Varley Street and Chatham Street (Appendix 'B'); by a few local residents on the proposals for Oak Street with Varley Street (Appendix 'D'); and by a representative of a local care organisation on the proposals for Malkin Close. All expressed concern about the effects the waiting restrictions would have on the availability of on-street parking.

However, on balance it was considered that there was sufficient support to progress the proposals to the statutory consultation stage.

Statutory Consultation

The order was formally advertised between 17th May 2013 and 18th June 2013 and the following objections were received:

Alma Avenue, Lowther Lane and Skipton New Road, Foulridge (Appendix 'A')

No objections were received from the public. However, the County Councillor for Pendle East, whilst agreeing with most of the proposals had concerns regarding the extension of the waiting restrictions on Alma Avenue. The proposed extension would be a total of 6.5 meters on both sides of Alma Avenue and its aim was to maximise space for traffic entering and exiting Alma Avenue from Skipton New Road and minimise the risk of possible obstruction.

However, it is considered that it would be possible not to progress the extension of the waiting restrictions, and maintain sufficient clearance around the junction so as not to compromise safety. It is therefore recommended that the extended length of No Waiting at Any Time be omitted from the TRO.

Skipton Road, Varley Street, Chatham Street, Colne (Appendix 'B')

No objections were received. It is therefore recommended that this element of the proposal be approved for introduction.

Dockray Street, Colne (Appendix 'C')

No objections were received. It is therefore recommended that this element of the proposal be approved for introduction.

Oak Street with Varley Street, Colne (Appendix 'D')

A resident of Varley Street asked for a meeting on site to express his concerns. At the meeting there were other residents present, who were concerned that essential parking would be lost.

Since that time it has come to light that due to the revision of Bus Route 95 this bus route no longer utilises the Oak Street/Varley Street junction. The changes will mean that the difficult manoeuvre from Oak Street right into Varley Street will no longer be required. As the reason for the original proposal is no longer applicable the need for this section of the order is no longer necessary and it is therefore recommended that it be abandoned.

Maltkin Close with Beverley Road, Blacko (Appendix 'E')

No objections were received. It is therefore recommended that this element of the proposal be approved for introduction.

Wycoller View with Keighley Road, Laneshaw Bridge (Appendix 'F')

No objections were received. It is therefore recommended that this element of the proposal be approved for introduction.

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

The purpose of the Order is to address areas where parking is a problem to the safe progress of traffic. Problems have been highlighted at junctions and the entrance of an industrial works.

The Order will prevent parking at points where to do so will have a safety impact on other road users.

Financial

The estimated cost of the proposals is £500, and will be funded from the new traffic signs and road markings budget for the Pendle District.

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/Directorate/Tel
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Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A.