

Report to the Cabinet

Meeting to be held on Thursday, 13 June 2019

Report of the Head of Service - Design and Construction

Part I

Electoral Division affected:
Preston Rural;

A6 Corridor Works, Broughton, Restricted Parking Zone

(Appendices 'A' and 'B' refer)

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Executive Summary

A Restricted Parking Zone is proposed within the centre of Broughton village. The zone would allow for waiting restrictions to be indicated by traffic signs alone, without the need for double yellow lines to be marked on the carriageway, which would otherwise have a negative impact on the improved public realm that is currently being implemented within the village.

Recommendation

Cabinet is asked to approve the revocation of existing waiting restrictions and introduction of new waiting restrictions and parking bays as detailed at Appendices 'A' and 'B' in order to provide a Restricted Parking Zone within Broughton village centre.

Background and Advice

A planning condition associated with the consent for Broughton Bypass required that a scheme of environmental enhancement and traffic calming be implemented along the existing A6 Garstang Road through Broughton village. Construction of the approved package of measures commenced on site in July 2018 and is due for completion in July 2019.

A key objective of the scheme is to improve the public realm. This is to be achieved through provision of wider footways, narrower carriageways, use of natural stone materials, new street furniture and landscaping.

There are existing waiting restrictions within the village centre indicated by double yellow lines which if re-instated once the works are complete would have a negative visual impact on the newly improved public realm. Therefore, a Restricted Parking Zone is proposed. This would allow for waiting restrictions to be indicated by traffic signs on entry to the zone and repeater signs within the zone, with no requirement to provide double yellow lines.

Waiting restrictions currently extend over the majority of the proposed Restricted Parking Zone, however an extension of restrictions is required over certain lengths of Garstang Road and Woodplumpton Lane. This will ensure that waiting restrictions extend over the same lengths on both sides of the road, thereby allowing traffic signs to indicate the start and end of the zone. In addition the restrictions will be extended to ensure the proposed zone covers the full extent of the public realm improvements. Two on-street parking bays are also proposed within the zone. A plan of the proposals can be seen at Appendix 'A'.

Consultations

An informal consultation regarding the proposals was carried out during August 2018. The proposals were revised as a result of comments received during the consultation and were subsequently formally advertised during February 2019.

The main objections are summarised below;

1. Residents of three properties requested that the proposed parking bay on the west side Garstang Road be for the use of residents only. They advised that their current private off-street parking arrangements will soon be no longer available.

In response, at the location concerned waiting is not currently permitted on the western side of Garstang Road. The proposed parking bay, whilst restricted to 1 hour of waiting Monday to Saturday, 8am to 6pm, still provides the residents concerned with more opportunity for on-street parking than is currently available at this location. In addition, a parking bay without restriction will be available on the opposite side of Garstang Road. A residents only parking scheme for the benefit of three properties is not considered appropriate.

2. A resident has requested that the existing No Waiting at Any Time restrictions on Garstang Road north of Broughton crossroads be extended by approximately 95 metres in a northerly direction to ensure that access roads and driveways are kept clear of parked vehicles, sight lines are maintained, road safety is not compromised or residents inconvenienced. The resident also expressed concern about on-street parking that may be generated by a proposed convenience store development on Garstang Road.

In response, extension of such waiting restrictions is normally considered if there is a known traffic management, road safety or development control issue. In this case, whilst some level of on-street parking may occur, it is not considered to cause a traffic management or road safety issue such that provision of additional waiting restrictions is warranted. In addition, as part of its development control responsibilities, the county council was consulted by the local planning authority

regarding the proposed convenience store development. No objections were raised by the county council regarding the amount of off-street parking provision proposed within the development. It is not anticipated that the development will lead to excessive levels of on-street parking that would justify extension of the existing waiting restrictions.

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

There are no significant risk management issues associated with these proposals.

Financial

The estimated cost of providing the traffic signs necessary for the Restricted Parking Zone is £11,000. This would be funded by the ongoing A6 Corridor Works, Broughton, which are financed through the Preston, South Ribble and Lancashire City Deal Infrastructure Delivery Fund, as part of the financial provision for Broughton Congestion Relief.

Legal

Where existing waiting restrictions already extend beyond the proposed Restricted Parking Zone, no new or amended Traffic Regulation Orders are required. The zone is simply brought into force by installation of traffic signs to replace existing double yellow lines.

Where the extent of the proposed Restricted Parking Zone extends beyond existing waiting restrictions, or new parking restrictions are proposed, revocation of the existing restrictions and introduction of new restrictions is required under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. The required amendments are listed at Appendix 'B'.

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
None	NA	NA

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

NA