

Report to the Cabinet

Meeting to be held on Thursday, 8 August 2019

Report of the Head of Service - Highways

Part I

Electoral Division affected:
Chorley North;

Lancashire County Council (Crosse Hall Lane, Eaves Lane, Haworth Road, Chorley, Chorley Borough) (Prohibition of Waiting and School Keep Clear) Order 201*

(Appendices 'A' - 'B' refer)

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Executive Summary

Following investigations and a public consultation, it is proposed to introduce a Traffic Regulation Order to prohibit parking in the vicinity of St James Church of England Primary School and the junction of Crosse Hall Lane and Haworth Road, Chorley.

Recommendation

Cabinet is asked to approve the proposal for the introduction of prohibition of waiting restrictions on Crosse Hall Lane and Haworth Road along with a School Entrance Marking on Crosse Hall Lane, Chorley as detailed within this report and as set out in the Notice of Proposal and plan contained within Appendices 'A' and 'B'.

Background and Advice

Crosse Hall Lane and Howarth Road are not recorded as publically maintainable highways with vehicular rights, however they are considered to be roads to which the public has access. As a result the county council has undertaken the legal aspects of the proposal on behalf of Chorley Borough Council and the school to prohibit parking in the vicinity of St James Church of England Primary School.

From a review of the county council's records, it would seem that the school entrance markings on Crosse Hall Lane and the No waiting at any time restriction currently marked on site on both Crosse Hall Lane (west of the school entrance markings) and on the east side of Eaves Lane north and south of its junction with Crosse Hall Lane have been marked on the road without a Traffic Regulation Order

sometime before August 2009. Due to the markings being in place, the proposal is to complete the formal confirmation of the present situation.

Whilst undertaking the work it was decided to extend the no waiting at any time restriction to give protection of sightlines at the junction of Crosse Hall Lane with Howarth Road (east of the school entrance markings).

Consultations

The proposed Order was advertised in the local newspaper and during the consultation period of 5 March 2019 to 2 April 2019 Notices were also displayed on site. Divisional county councillors were consulted along with the council's usual consultees and the consultation documents posted on the council's website.

Objections

During the consultation period two adverse comments to the proposals were received. The basis of the comments are set out below:

Both comments indicated that they fully supported the amendment to the parking alterations outside St James School, however they were concerned that the extension of the waiting restrictions would encourage drivers to park on the south side of Crosse Hall Lane to the west of the junction of Crosse Hall Lane with Howarth Road and that this parking would cause problems with regard to sightlines towards Eaves Lane. The extra parked cars cause drivers turning left at the junction to move out into the middle of the road to view any oncoming traffic.

The objectors are requesting that further parking restrictions to prohibit parking on the south side of Crosse Hall Lane to the west of the junction are included in order to preserve sightlines.

Officer Response

The current restrictions have been proposed to remove short term parking directly outside the school where parking represented a potential hazard to the large number of pedestrians, most of whom are attending the school.

As with all new Traffic Regulation Orders a period of monitoring will be undertaken and officers from both Chorley Borough Council and Lancashire County Council will be assessing the new restrictions and their effects on the locality which can include the monitoring of vehicular movements at the junction in question. Where additional concerns are identified we will recommend that additional restrictions are considered. As the road is presently not adopted such work would normally be financed by the requestor (in this case Chorley Borough Council).

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

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

Financial

This is being funded by Chorley Borough Council therefore there are no costs to the county council's budget as a result of this report.

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
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None

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A