

Report to the Cabinet

Meeting to be held on Thursday, 9th April 2020

Report of the Head of Service - Design and Construction

Part I

Electoral Division affected:
Nelson East;

Proposed Parking Restrictions, Railway Street, Nelson

(Appendices 'A' - 'B' refer)

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Executive Summary

This report outlines proposals to amend existing double yellow lines and introduce additional parking restrictions on various sections of Railway Street, Nelson as part of a Local Safety Scheme.

A public consultation has been undertaken during which, one objection was received. Details of the objection and the response are included in the report.

Recommendation

Cabinet is asked to approve the revocation and reintroduction with extensions of the existing double yellow lines and the introduction of new double yellow lines as set out in Appendices 'A' and 'B'.

Background and Advice

The proposed parking restrictions are part of a package of road safety engineering works. The works are proposed in response to the accident record and specifically to address the poor visibility on Railway Street at its junctions with Chapel House Road and Napier Street. The poor visibility has been identified as a contributing factor in vehicles failing to give way at the junctions resulting in collisions between vehicles and pedestrians.

Additional works consisting of a raised pedestrian crossing and junction table are also proposed as part of the project. Due to the steep incline of Railway Street between Lloyd Close and Chapel House Road, measures that would help reduce speed have been deemed to be the most appropriate.

Consultations

Formal advertising of the proposed parking restrictions was undertaken between August and September 2019.

The relevant county councillor, statutory undertakers, borough council and police were consulted on the proposals in addition to the general public and specific interest groups. No objections were received from the above.

One objection has been received from a local resident as summarised below.

Objection

- Parking space is already congested and it is difficult to find a place to park, additional restrictions will make this worse.

In response

- The parking restrictions are designed to remove parking at the junctions and improve the visibility for all road users. It is recognised that the demand for on street parking is greater than the current available on street space and these proposals will reduce the space further. However, the proposed parking restrictions will improve the visibility and safety for all road users at the junctions.

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

If the proposals are not implemented then the visibility issues as a result of the parked cars will continue and the risk to all road users will remain.

Financial

The estimated costs of the proposed full scheme as detailed is £70,536. This will be funded as part of the approved Road safety capital programme.

Legal

The No Waiting at Any Time (double yellow lines) restrictions are introduced by way of a Traffic Regulation Order made pursuant to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

List of Background Papers

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Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate		
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