

Report to the Cabinet

Meeting to be held on Thursday, 5 May 2022

Report of the Head of Design and Construction

Part I

Electoral Division affected:
St Annes North;

Corporate Priorities:
Delivering better services;

Clifton Drive North Parking Restrictions

(Appendices 'A' and 'B' refer)

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Brief Summary

This report considers the proposals to introduce Waiting and Loading restrictions on Clifton Drive North, St Annes, between Highbury Road West and Squires Gate Lane.

Consultation and formal advertising of these proposals together with a Police parking bay has been undertaken with a number of objections received.

Recommendation

Cabinet is asked to approve the making of the Order for the introduction of Loading and Waiting restrictions, in addition to a Police Vehicle Parking Bay, as shown in Appendix 'A'.

Detail

Further to earlier consultation on a red route proposal in July/August 2021, the decision was taken to defer any parking restrictions whilst alternative proposals and further consultation were undertaken.

Other elements associated with the Clifton Drive North scheme, including the introduction of a cycle track, additional refuge islands, reduction in speed limit and relocation of bus stops were considered and approved by Cabinet in October 2021.

Further consideration was given to concerns raised during the red route consultation, and revised restrictions have instead been proposed, that are less restrictive to road users where this is appropriate.

Proposed restrictions include Prohibition of Waiting and Loading/Unloading for the full west (sand dunes) side of Clifton Drive North between Highbury Road West and Squires Gate Lane. These restrictions are proposed to protect the newly constructed footway/cycle track and encourage uptake of the facilities by increasing safety.

Additionally, Prohibition of Waiting is proposed over the same length on the opposing (east) side of the carriageway, but Loading would be permitted. This provides a uniform restriction over the length, helping to protect junction access/egress, and reduce the current impact of parked vehicles over the east footway and southbound advisory cycle lane.

Further to this, a Police Vehicle Parking Bay is proposed at the request of Lancashire Police to aid speed enforcement. The proposed location provides space for free-flowing traffic to pass and does not require Police vehicles to impede the footway or cycle track.

In addition, a number of No Waiting Restrictions are proposed to three residential estates that front on to Clifton Drive. Valid concerns were raised in relation to the red route consultation, that parking displacement may cause safety issues within these estates. These restrictions will deter any possible displacement and will protect safe access/egress, where visibility may otherwise be impacted at junctions and bends.

Adverse comments are able to be addressed (Appendix 'B' refers) and Cabinet is asked to approve the making of the Order.

Consultation

Public consultation was undertaken in March 2022 where letters and plans were sent to over 900 properties, together with the formal advertising process.

A total of 36 letters and emails were received containing 18 objections and 16 letters of support. No concerns regarding the Police parking bay have been raised.

Additional to this, Lancashire Police had no concerns to raise.

Fylde Borough Council has raised an objection to proposals, and the council's comments have been summarised and addressed within Appendix 'B'.

A parking survey was carried out in August last year, with a further survey planned during Summer 2022. This will assess the effectiveness of the restrictions and inform any amendments that may be considered necessary to ensure the success of the scheme.

Responses to objections and adverse comments received are set out in Appendix 'B'.

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

If recommendations are not approved, then there is a long-term increased safety risk to road users, and newly constructed footway/cycle track facilities may see a reduction in usage or uptake.

Financial

The estimated cost of the proposed restrictions is approximately £3,000 and is included within the schemes approved in the 2022/23 capital programme funded by grants received.

Legal

Prohibition of Waiting and Loading restrictions are provided under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. Section 1 sets out the reasons in which a traffic authority can 'make' a traffic regulation order. In this matter, clause 1, subclause (a), and (f) apply. Legal issues and other considerations are detailed in the report.

List of Background Papers

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None

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A