

Report to the Cabinet

Meeting to be held on Thursday, 7 September 2023

Report of the Director of Highways and Transport

Part I

Electoral Division affected:
Penwortham East & Walton-le-Dale;

Corporate Priorities:
Delivering better services;

Leyland Road No Waiting At Any Time and Bus Stop Relocation Proposal
(Appendices 'A' - 'C' refer)

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Brief Summary

This report outlines proposals to implement No Waiting At Any Time on Leyland Road between The Cawsey and the old Sumpter Horse Pub, Penwortham. The improvements also include the revocation and installation of bus stop clearways to improve bus access to bus stops and to improve traffic flow.

Consultation and formal advertising of the proposals has been undertaken, and this report summarises the results of the formal advertising to which objections have been received.

Recommendation

Cabinet is asked to approve:

- (i) The making of the order for introductions of No Waiting At Any Time restrictions (Appendix 'A' refers).
- (ii) The implementation of proposed bus stops clearways and associated bus stop infrastructure (Appendix 'B' refers).

Detail

The proposals are part of the Lancashire County Council and Blackburn with Darwen Joint Bus Service Improvement Plan and have been developed in partnership with the officers in the Public & Integrated Transport team to address bus service improvements and health and safety concerns. The proposals are to make a No Waiting At Any Time Traffic Regulation Order and install the associated double yellow lines necessary to prevent unsafe parking in the following locations: On the eastern side the Traffic Regulation Order will start from The Cawsey roundabout to the Sumpter Horse pub and on the western side from The Cawsey roundabout to number 1 Sumpter Court. The order will prevent inappropriate obstructive parking along Leyland Road and therefore improve visibility for motorists and access for buses to bus stops, as well as improve overall highway safety for all users and clear footways of obstructions for pedestrians. Footway obstruction is a particular issue on Leyland Road between properties 251 and 263, where the footway is less than 1 metre in width and parked cars on the footway mean that pedestrians are often forced on to the highway to pass.

As part of the proposals the existing four bus stops (2500IMG1377, 2500DCL3240, 250012759, 2500IMG1322) will be removed and one existing bus clearway revoked. These will be replaced with two new, centralised bus stops (one northbound and one southbound) with bus shelters and Equality Act compliant bus boarding points located at 294 and 267 Leyland Road, as shown in Appendix 'B'.

Bus stop clearway markings are proposed at both locations to prohibit vehicles except buses from stopping in the designated bus stops, ensuring buses have adequate access at all times.

The proposals have been developed in consultation with public transport officers, with consideration given to passenger accessibility, safety, the needs of other road users, residents, and current technical guidance.

The proposals are further detailed in Appendix 'A'.

Appendices

Appendices 'A' - 'C' are attached to this report. For clarification they are summarised below and referenced at relevant points within this report.

Appendix	Title
Appendix 'A'	Traffic Regulation Order
Appendix 'B'	Proposals
Appendix 'C'	Objections and officer responses

Consultations

The proposals were put out to consultation initially over a four-week period in May and June 2023. Following a request from one objector the consultation period was extended by a further week. This included posting of notices on site, issuing letters to



properties affected by the proposals, informing relevant local councillors, and advertising Traffic Regulation Orders within the local newspaper.

18 individual objectors responded to the consultation and their comments have been summarised in Appendix 'C' along with officers' responses.

The proposal is one of balancing various interests and issues. None of the Objections cause officers to rethink the proposal and it is suggested that Cabinet approves the making of the Order and the implementation of the bus stops and infrastructure.

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

- Health and Safety is considered throughout the design/installation and maintenance process to minimise any risks. The proposals have been designed to improve road safety by preventing indiscriminate, obstructive parking, and improving visibility sight lines for traffic.
- If appropriate bus stop facilities are not installed, there is a risk to pedestrian and bus safety. The proposals would increase accessibility to bus stops, reduce congestion, and improve traffic flow.

Financial

The scheme, estimated to cost £78,000, would be delivered via funds allocated to the Bus Service Improvement Plan programme. This is a grant funded programme which has no borrowing or revenue implications.

List of Background Papers

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Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate		
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