

Highways Committee

15 January 2010

**Proposed Waiting Restriction
Unc 19.12 Finchale Road, Brasside**



Report of Ian Thompson, Corporate Director, Regeneration and Economic Development

1.0 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To advise members of representations received with regard to the proposed waiting restriction.
- 1.2 This report requests that Members consider the background and representations received in relation to the proposals.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 Representations have been received regarding the uncontrolled parking along Finchale Road and particularly close to the junction opposite the Frankland Prison.
- 2.2 The parked vehicles have on occasion caused severe difficulties for traffic accessing Finchale Priory, particularly those towing caravans or larger HGVs.
- 2.3 The Police have regularly provided no waiting cones to assist in controlling the parking. Road markings, although not enforceable have been provided in an attempt to guide motorists away from locations where parking causes problems. These advisory markings have had some success although the police continue to provide assistance with cones.
- 2.4 The majority of parked vehicles are associated with Frankland Prison, either staff or contractors working for the prison. Parking difficulties are compounded due to the overlap of shift patterns which doubles the parking demand for short periods.
- 2.5 It is anticipated that there will continue to be consequential displacement of parking associated with the restrictions. This is likely to be on Finchale Avenue in front of the houses or within the Rowan Drive estate. Some displacement of parking has already occurred following provision of the advisory markings.

- 2.6 A consultation was carried out from 10 June 2009 to 1 July 2009. One representation against the proposal was received from the prison on behalf of staff. Three emails of support were received from local residents although they were not amongst those directly consulted.
- 2.7 The order was formally advertised from 17 September to 9 October 2009. The Police raised an area of concern regarding police vehicles operating in the area being exempt from the restrictions however this has now been resolved.
- 2.8 The Local members are minded to provide their support for the proposal.

3.0 Current Position

- 3.1 The topic of representation is reported together with the County Council's response.
- 3.2 Representation 1

"This is an unclassified road that gets very little use. Car parking is a last resort compounded by contractors working at the prison."

Response: .Whilst it is agreed that the road is only lightly trafficked some larger vehicles require access along the road. Vehicles inappropriately parked at the junction or along the road prevent and cause severe difficulty for larger vehicles turning and using the road. Access must also be maintained for emergency services to the Priory.

Some parking of vehicles will still be available along one side of the road north of the junction area where parking will be prevented on both sides. This arrangement should provide a balance between the parking demand and providing access for larger vehicles along Finchale Road. As mentioned in the representation, it is also hoped that once the contractors' vehicles no longer require space for parking, this will reduce the pressure on available space.

4.0 Recommendations and Reasons

- 4.1 It is recommended that Members consider the proposal and the representation and proceed with the proposals by setting aside the objection.

5.0 Background Papers

Northern Area scheme file

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Appendix 1: Implications

Finance

Funding will be provided by Area Office traffic budget.

Staffing

None

Equality and Diversity

None

Accommodation

None

Crime and Disorder

None

Environment

None

Human Rights

None

Localities and Rurality

As described in the Report

Young People

None

Consultation

Informal and statutory consultation carried out on 10 June and 17 September 2009 respectively.