Highways Committee

12 June 2009



Proposed Parking Restriction (No Waiting/No Loading At Any Time) Unc. Paradise Lane, Easington

Report of Terry Collins, Corporate Director, Neighbourhood Services

1.0 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To advise Members of representations received with regard to a scheme on Unc. Paradise Lane, Easington to introduce a No Waiting/No Loading At Any Time parking restriction.
- 1.2 This report requests that Members consider the representations received in relation to the proposals and endorse the recommendations.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 Concern was raised by The Police and Local Members regarding parking close to the junction and outside the Health Centre.
- 2.2 A draft scheme comprising the introduction of a No Waiting/Loading At Any Time parking restriction.
- 2.3 A letter, a plan of the scheme and a pre-paid reply card were sent to 4 properties and residents were invited to respond with their comments.
- 2.4 A total of 2 cards were returned. Despite not returning their reply card, the Health Centre has shown full support for the scheme through email correspondence and in a site meeting. Taking this into account, 1 indicated support for the scheme and 2 raised at least one representation. It is assumed that the recipient who did not reply has no objections to the scheme.
- 2.5 The formal advertisement of the proposal, in the press and on-site, started on 18 March 2009 and ended on 8 April 2009. During this period, no letters of objection were received.
- 2.6 Residencies from which representations were received are shown on attached drawing no. N84282/003.
- 2.7 The Police are in support of the scheme.

2.8 The Local Members, Councillors Richard Burnip and David Boyes support the scheme.

3.0 Current Position

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

"It will have cars etc parked outside of my home, night and day, doors banging and music playing etc."

Response: As is the case now, the close proximity of the local shop means that vehicles will park here from time to time. However, noise levels from car doors opening and closing would be expected to be minimal, and less than the noise levels created by traffic on the adjacent road.

3.3 Representation 2

"Strongly opposed. The effect of the parking restrictions would be very detrimental to our business."

Response: Parking will only be restricted to a point 10m away from the junction. Parking outside the area will remain unrestricted. The Highway Code advises in Rule 243 that motorists do not stop or park opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space. The proposed parking restrictions will reinforce this and improve visibility, therefore improving safety at the junction.

4.0 Recommendations and Reasons

4.1 Members are recommended to endorse the proposal to set aside the representations and proceed with the scheme.

Background papers

Correspondence on Office File Copies of correspondence have been placed in the Members' Resource Centre.

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Appendix 1: Implications

Finance

Funding will be provided from Local Area programme.

Staffing

None

Equality and Diversity

None

Accommodation

None

Crime and disorder

None

Sustainability

None

Human Rights

None

Localities and Rurality

As detailed in report.

Young people

Potential safety improvements.

Consultation

Residents and statutory consultation carried out on 22 October 2008.

Health

None