CET/23/41 North Devon Highways and Traffic Orders Committee 28 June 2023

Local Waiting Restriction Programme

Report of the Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport

Please note that the following recommendations are subject to consideration and determination by the Committee before taking effect.

1) Recommendation

That the Committee be asked to:

- (a) note the work on the local waiting restriction programme; and
- (b) agree the recommendations contained in Appendix 2 to this report.

2) Background

In October 2022, a list of requests for new or amended waiting restrictions for the area was collated by the council. These requests have been considered by officers and proposals drafted. Officers have consulted the relevant local County Councillors and Chair/Vice Chair before they were advertised from 23 February until 16 March 2023.

A summary of the proposals advertised can be found in Appendix 1 and the associated plans have been attached as supplementary information to this report.

3) Consultations/Representations

Details of the objections received to these proposals, and the County Council's response are shown in Appendix 2 to this report.

Following advertisement:

- Proposals which did not attract objections will be implemented.
- Proposals that received objections are detailed in Appendix 2 to this report with recommendations for each location.

4) Strategic Plan

The restrictions proposed support the priorities in the Strategic Plan as they aim to improve road safety to improve health and wellbeing and to better manage traffic and parking in the areas to respond to the climate emergency and support sustainable economic recovery.

5) Financial Considerations

The total costs of the scheme will be funded from the Minor Traffic Management Improvements budget, funded by Local Transport Plan grant.

There is a cost to the Council in advertising a new Traffic Order for each Committee Area, this will be approximately £1,500. In addition, the costs of any changes to signing or lining will be attributed to that Order.

6) Legal Considerations

The lawful implications and consequences of the proposal have been considered and taken into account in the preparation of this report.

When making a Traffic Regulation Order it is the County Council's responsibility to ensure that all relevant legislation is complied with. This includes Section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 that states that it is the duty of a local authority, so far as practicable, secures the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of traffic and provision of parking facilities. It is considered that the proposals comply with Section 122 of the Act as they practically secure the safe and expeditious movement of traffic.

7) Environmental Impact Considerations (Including Climate Change)

The proposals are intended to rationalise on street parking and improve mobility and access within the district and are designed to:

- Enable enforcement to be undertaken efficiently.
- Encourage commuters to make more sustainable travel choices e.g. Car Share, Public Transport, Walking and Cycling.
- Assist pedestrians and other vulnerable road users in crossing the highway.

The Environmental effects of the scheme are therefore positive.

8) Equality Considerations

There are not considered to be any equality issues associated with the proposals. The impact will therefore be neutral.

9) Risk Management Considerations

No risks have been identified.

10) Reasons for Recommendations

The proposals rationalise existing parking arrangements within the HATOC area by:

- Enabling enforcement to be undertaken efficiently.
- Encouraging those working in the town to make more sustainable travel choices e.g. Car Share, Public Transport, Walking and Cycling.
- Assist pedestrians and other vulnerable road users in crossing the highway.

The proposals contribute to the safe and expeditious movement of traffic in the area and therefore comply with Section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

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Electoral Divisions: All in North Devon

Local Government Act 1972: List of background papers

Background Paper Nil

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Details of Proposals Advertised

Councillor	Plan Reference	Location	Parish/ Town	Proposals	Statement of Reasons
Caroline Leaver	ENV6032- 213	Old Torrington Road	Sticklepath	Revocation of 3 No. lengths of existing restrictions to allow parking to take place	To improve on street parking capacity
Frank Biederman	ENV6032- 128	Bickington Road	Bickington	Introduce "No Waiting At Any Time"	To improve road safety
Frank Biederman	ENV6032- 137	New Road	Instow	Introduce "No Waiting At Any Time"	To improve road safety and improve access to properties
Ian Roome	ENV6032- 99	Abbey Road	Barnstaple	Change "No Waiting 8am-6pm" to "No Waiting At Any Time" between School Keep Clear and Residents Parking Bay	To prevent obstructive parking
Ian Roome	ENV6032- 82	Boutport Street	Barnstaple	Introduce "Loading Only At Any Time (Exemption for Queens Theatre Permit Holders)" for existing Loading Bay	To improve access to the Queens Theatre
lan Roome	ENV6032- 107	Chaddiford Lane	Barnstaple	Change "No Waiting Mon-Sat 8am-6pm" to "No Waiting At Any Time" at No 60, 62 and 53 Chaddiford Lane	To prevent obstructive parking
Ian Roome	ENV6032- 84	Paternoster Row	Barnstaple	Introduce "No Waiting At Any Time" and "No Loading At Any Time" on both sides of the road	To improve access to Barnstaple Parish Church
Ian Roome	ENV6032- 100	Sowden Lane	Barnstaple	Extend "No Waiting At Any Time" from No 55 to No 58 Sowden Lane	To improve access at Ravelin Gardens onto Chanters Hill

Councillor	Plan Reference	Location	Parish/ Town	Proposals	Statement of Reasons
Ian Roome	ENV6032- 124	Vicarage Lawn	Barnstaple	Introduce "No Waiting At Any Time" in front of the access of the garage belonging to No 49 Vicarage Street, between Residents Parking Bays	To prevent obstructive parking
Ian Roome	ENV6032- 79	Victoria Lawn	Barnstaple	Extend "No Waiting At Any Time" to No 3 Victoria Lawn and Introduce "No Waiting At Any Time" between No 5 and No 7 Victoria Lawn	To prevent obstructive parking
Paul Crabb	ENV6032- 226	Church Road	llfracombe	Change "No Waiting 10am-6pm Between 15 March and 31 October" to "No Waiting At Any Time" on both the sides of the road	To prevent obstructive parking
Paul Crabb	ENV6032- 229	Fore Street	llfracombe	Change Access Protection Marking to "No Waiting At Any Time" at No 49 Fore Street	To prevent obstructive parking
Paul Crabb	ENV6032- 228	High Street	llfracombe	Introduce 'Loading Only' in front of No. 58 High Street	To improve access to business
Paul Crabb	ENV6032- 227	Princess Avenue	llfracombe	Introduce two disabled bays on the northern end of the southern school keep clear (east side of the road) and "No Loading Mon-Fri 8.30am – 9.15am and 3pm- 3.30pm" restriction on the east side	To improve parking provision and prevent obstructive parking
Paul Crabb	ENV6032- 225	St Brannocks Road	llfracombe	Change "No waiting 10am-6pm between 15 Mar and 31 Oct" to "No Waiting At Any Time"	To prevent obstructive parking

Councillor	Plan Reference	Location	Parish/ Town	Proposals	Statement of Reasons
Paul Crabb	ENV6032- 92	The Quay	Ilfracombe	Change western end of Loading Only Bay to "No Waiting At Any Time" and "No Loading At Any Time"	To reduce obstructive parking within the loading bay
Pru Maskell	ENV6032- 214	Seven Acre Lane	Braunton	Introduce "No Waiting At Any Time" on the junction of Seven Arce Lane with Higher Park Road	To improve visibility and prevent obstructive parking
Pru Maskell	ENV6032- 60	Toms Field	Croyde	Extend "No Waiting At Any Time" restriction on both sides of the road	To prevent obstructive parking
Pru Maskell	ENV6032- 138	Longland Lane	Georgeham	Introduce "No Waiting At Any Time" at the junction of Longland Lane and Rock Hill	To improve visibility and prevent obstructive parking
Pru Maskell	ENV6032- 148	Wrafton Road	Wrafton	Extend "No Waiting At Any Time" on both sides of the road	To improve access to/at Braunton Academy

Summary of Submissions

ENV6032-213 - Old Torrington Road, Sticklepath 15 respondents – 15 residents of Old Torrington Road	
Comments	Devon County Council Response
15 respondents – 15 residents of Old Torrington Road	
Questions/Additional Info:	regulations.
Why has the bus gate not been resolved?Resident reports speeding.	Works to implement the bus gate are ongoing.
Recommendation	

Recommendation

Comments	Devon County Council Response
2 respondents oppose the proposals.	Reason for Proposal: Introduce "No Waiting At Any Time" to improve
Objections:Restrictions would have a	road safety.
negative impact on safety for disabled parking Isolated disabled car would be more prone to being hit by passing traffic. - Restrictions would increase traffic	Officer comments: Parking is only permitted at locations where it does not cause an obstruction to traffic/pedestrians.
speed.Parked vehicles slow traffic speed.Restrictions would not increase road safety.	The nature of the road in this location does not encourage parking and the restrictions have been proposed to mitigate any displacement from previous restrictions implemented Spring 2023.
 Suggestions: Could road through Bickington be made into a 20mph zone? 	The Council has recently consulted Parish Councils on requests for 20mph schemes. We have not received a request for Bickington and would therefore suggest the respondent discusses this with the Parish Council.

Comments	Devon County Council Response
1 respondent opposes the proposals.	Reason for Proposal:
1 respondent did not indicate whether	Introduce "Loading Only At Any Time (Exemption
they support of oppose the proposals.	for Queens Theatre Permit Holders)" for existing
	Loading Bay to improve access to the Queens
Objections:	Theatre.
- Restrictions would have a negative	
impact on access for deliveries.	Officer comments:
	The proposed bay will be dual use so anyone cal
Questions/Additional Info:	use it for loading/unloading but vehicles essentia
- Do proposals affect the loading	to the operation of the theatre would be permitted
bays outside the Queens Theatre?	to park with a permit issued by the Theatre.

ENV6032-84 - Paternoster Row, Ba 2 respondents - 2 residents of Bou	•
Comments	Devon County Council Response
1 respondent supports the	Reason for Proposal:
proposals. 1 respondent did not	Introduce "No Waiting At Any Time" and "No
indicate whether they support or	Loading At Any Time" on both sides of the road to
oppose the proposals.	improve access to Barnstaple Parish Church.
Suggestions:	Officer comments:
- Provide more provision for local	It is recognised that there may be a need for
businesses for loading.	loading within the road and therefore it is
	recommended not to proceed with the No Loading
Questions/Additional Info:	at any Time restriction. It should be noted that any
- Resident would like to apply for	vehicles causing obstruction are still committing an
an exemption certificate to allow	offence which is why it is recommended to
them half an hour loading.	implement the No Waiting At Any Time.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that only the No Waiting At Any Time is implemented.

Devon County Council Response
Reason for Proposal: Introduce "No Waiting At Any Time" in front
of the access of the garage belonging to No
49 Vicarage Street, between Residents Parking Bays to prevent obstructive parking
Officer comments: Parking is only permitted at locations where it does not cause an obstruction to traffic, and it is not appropriate for parking to block access to the garage.

ENV6032-79 - Victoria Lawn, Barnstaple 30 respondents – 9 residents of Victoria Close	. 17 residents of Victoria Lawn and 4
residents of Victoria Street	
Comments 32 respondents oppose the proposals.	Devon County Council Response Reason for Proposal:
 S2 respondents oppose the proposals. Objections: Reducing available parking would create problems for residents. Restrictions would: have a negative impact on residents Restriction would have a negative impact on the value of properties. 	Reason for Proposal.Extend "No Waiting At Any Time" to No 3 Victoria Lawn and introduce "No Waiting At Any Time" between No 5 and No 7 Victoria Lawn to prevent obstructive parking.Officer comments: Parking is only permitted at locations
 not solve parking issues/dangerous parking. just move parking issues/make issues worse. force resident to park even further away 	where it does not cause an obstruction to traffic, and we have received reports that parking causes issues for refuse collection.
 - horce resident to park even further away causing safety concerns. - have a knock-on effect on parking in surrounding streets. - exacerbate conflict between residents. - lead to people having to pay for parking. - Existing restrictions are not enforced. - There are no issues: 	However it is recognised there is a high demand for parking in the road and therefore it is recommended that a site visit is carried out to investigate whether there is scope to relax the restrictions.
 Refuse collection vehicles do not access the street. Households have multiple cars. There is already a lack of parking. Resident needs parking close to home. No alternative parking available. Resident needs car due to poor public transport services. 	A residents parking scheme falls outside the scope of these proposals and would require significant community support and resourcing, which is not something the council can progress at this time. The Portmarsh Lane Car Park is the
 Suggestions: Introduce parking permits (Allocate only 1 per house) 	responsibility of North Devon District Council and outside the jurisdiction of the County Council.
 Victoria Street is made into residents parking only and more permit parking spaces at Victoria Street/Victoria Lawn end are made available to local residents. Extending the double yellow line by one car length will improve the entrance to Victoria 	It is recommended that the respondent discusses changes in Vicarage Lawn with the local County Councillor to identify whether changes can be made as part of a future review.
 Lawn. Implement DYL on Victoria Lawn on opposite side of the road. 	
 Knock down garages and make better parking spaces. Make changes to the Portmarsh Lane Car Park 	
 Just introduce the original restrictions on the very corners Enforcing the parking restrictions at the junction. 	

Questions/Additional Info:

- Resident has requested permit parking.
- Resident reports commuter parking.
- Resident reports parking by visitors and employees of nearby businesses.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that a site meeting is undertaken with the local County Councillor to review objections and the site prior to making a decision on whether the advertised restriction (or any part of that restriction) should be progressed with the final decision delegated to the Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport in consultation with the local County Councillor and HATOC Chair.

ENV6032-226 - Church Road, Ilfracombe 2 respondents – 1 resident of Worth Road	and 1 resident of Osborne Road
Comments	Devon County Council Response
1 respondent supports and 1 respondent opposed the proposals.	Reason for Proposal: Change "No Waiting 10am-6pm Between 15 March and 31 October" to "No Waiting At
Objections:	Any Time" on both the sides of the road to
- Restrictions would	prevent obstructive parking.
 have a knock-on effect on parking in surrounding streets. move obstructive parking to surrounding streets. reduce available parking. make parking issues worse. 	Officer comments: Support noted. Parking is only permitted at locations where it does not cause an obstruction to traffic.
 just move parking issues. Suggestions: If implemented, ensure enforcement. A comprehensive parking plan for this area. 	However it is recognised there is a demand for parking in the road and therefore it is recommended that a site visit is carried out to investigate whether there is scope to relax the restrictions.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that a site meeting is undertaken with the local County Councillor to review objections and the site prior to making a decision on whether the advertised restriction (or any part of that restriction) should be progressed with the final decision delegated to the Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport in consultation with the local County Councillor and HATOC Chair.

1 respondent – 1 resident o Comments	Devon County Council Response
1 respondent supports the proposals.	Reason for Proposal: Change Access Protection Marking to "No Waiting At Any Time" at No 49 Fore Street to prevent obstructive parking.
	Officer comments: Support noted.

1 respondent – 1 resident Comments	Devon County Council Response
1 respondent supports the	Reason for Proposal:
proposals.	Introduce 'Loading Only' in front of No. 58 High Street to
0	improve access to business.
Suggestions:	Officer commenter
- If implemented, ensure	Officer comments:
enforcement.	Support noted.
	The restriction will be enforced by Devon County Councils'
	Civil Enforcement Officers.

1 respondent – 1 resident f Comments	Devon County Council Response
1 respondent supports the	Reason for Proposal:
proposals.	Introduce two disabled bays on the northern end of the southern school keep clear (east side of the road) and
Suggestions:	introduce "No Loading Mon-Fri 8.30am – 9.15am and
- If implemented, ensure	3pm-3.30pm" restriction on the east side to improve
enforcement.	parking provision and prevent obstructive parking.
	Officer comments:
	Support noted.
	The restriction will be enforced by Devon County Council
	Civil Enforcement Officers.

ENV6032-225 - St Brannocks Road, Ilfracombe 10 respondents – 8 residents of St Brannocks Road, 1 resident of Worth Road and 1 resident of Burrow Road

Comments

2 respondents support and 8 respondents oppose the proposals.

Objections:

- Resident needs parking for visitors/essential visitors.
- There are no issues with parked cars/overnight parking.
- Parked vehicles slow traffic speed.
- Restrictions would increase traffic speed.
- Parked vehicles reduce issues associated with speeding.
- Resident needs parking close to home.
- Residents would not be able to park overnight.
- There is already a lack of parking.
- No alternative parking available.
- Restrictions would force resident to park even further away.
- Safety concerns about having to park further away.
- Restrictions would have a knock-on effect on parking in surrounding streets.
- Restrictions would just move parking issues.
- Restrictions will not stop people from parking.
- Existing restrictions are ignored.
- Restrictions would have a negative impact on residents.
- Restrictions would cause road safety issues.
- Bus is causing obstruction:
- Congestion caused by bus stop in combination with parked cars on the opposite side of the road.
- There is little traffic in winter months.
- Spaces are used mainly by visitors of the medical centre.

Supporting arguments:

- Existing restrictions are not effective.

Suggestions:

- Relocate bus stop, widen the road or create lay by
- If implemented, enforce it.
- Compensation should be made to the residents affected.

Questions/Additional Info:

- Where are residents supposed to park?
- Resident reports speeding and inconsiderate driving.

Recommendation:

It is recommended the proposed No Waiting At Any Time be relaxed to No Waiting 10am – 6pm all year.

Devon County Council Response

Reason for Proposal: Change "No waiting 10am-6pm between 15 Mar and 31 Oct" to "No Waiting At Any Time" to prevent obstructive parking.

Officer comments:

Support noted.

Parking is only permitted at locations where it does not cause an obstruction to traffic, and it is considered that the parking here impacts on the congestion.

However, it is recognised that the volume of traffic overnight will be at a lower level and therefore it is recommended the proposed No Waiting At Any Time be relaxed to No Waiting 10am – 6pm all year.

It would not be appropriate to install a bus layby and it is accepted that the bus may briefly hold up traffic as it picks up and sets down passengers.

ENV6032-92 - The Quay, Ilfracombe 1 respondent – 1 resident of Worth Road	
Comments	Devon County Council Response
1 respondent supports the proposals.	Reason for Proposal:
	Change western end of Loading Only Bay
Suggestions:	to "No Waiting At Any Time" and "No
- The Quay should be pedestrianised.	Loading At Any Time" to reduce
	obstructive parking within the loading bay.
	Officer comments:
	Support noted.
	Pedestrianisation of The Quay is a bigger scheme that would fall outside the scope of these proposals. However it would impact access to the Pier car park at the end of The Quay.
Recommendation:	

ENV6032-214 - Seven Acre Lane, Braunton		
2 respondents – 2 residents of Higher Park Ro Comments	Devon County Council Response	
1 respondent supports and 1 respondent opposes the proposals.	Reason for Proposal: Introduce "No Waiting At Any Time" on the junction of Seven Acre Lane with	
 Objections: Restrictions are not necessary or appropriate. There are no issues (with access/parked 	Higher Park Road to improve visibility and prevent obstructive parking.	
 cars/road safety) Restrictions would not increase road safety. 	Officer comments: Support noted.	
 improve visibility. be enforced 24/7 Restrictions would have a negative impact on residents. increase in number of dwellings without the consideration for sufficient parking. 	Parking is only permitted at locations where it does not cause an obstruction to traffic. Vehicles should not park around a junction as detailed in the Highway Code.	
- Issues arise due to design of the junction.	It is considered that removal of parking at the junction is necessary to ensure	
Suggestions: - Ban parking on the whole of the lane.	there is sufficient visibility for traffic to safely travel around the corner.	
Recommendation:	1	

Recommendation: It is recommended that the proposals are implemented as advertised.

ENV6032-60 - Toms Field, Croyde 7 respondents – 1 resident of Toms Field, 1 resident of Quantocks, 4 residents of Lane Head Close and 1 resident of Penny Hill						
					Comments	Devon County Council
						Response
1 respondent supports the proposals.	Reason for Proposal:					
6 respondents oppose the proposals.	Extend "No Waiting At Any					
	Time" restriction on both					
Support:	sides of the road to prevent					
Respondent initiated the request on behalf of reside	ents of obstructive parking.					
Toms Field.						
	Officer comments:					
Objections:	After considering the					
- There are no issues (with access/parked cars/roa						
safety)	reviewing the road layout it					
- Restrictions are not necessary.	is considered that the					
- Visitors would be prevented from parking.	proposed restrictions could					

be relaxed. Therefore, it is

recommended to prohibit

locations (in the northern

turning head and around

parking at problem

the junction with the

western spur).

- Visitors would be prevented from parking.
- Parking slows traffic speeds and increase road safety.
- Proposals would have a negative impact on the character of the road.
- There is very limited traffic.
- Proposals are based on complaints of a single homeowner.
- Restrictions would reduce available parking and have a knock-on effect on parking in surrounding streets.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the proposals are relaxed and restrictions are only introduced to protect the northern turning head and the junction with the western spur (around no. 1) and outside no. 9.

2 respondents – 1 resident of Longland Lane and 1 resident of Spreacombe		
Comments	Devon County Council Response	
2 respondents support the proposals.	Reason for Proposal: Introduce "No Waiting At Any Time" at the	
Supporting arguments:	junction of Longland Lane and Rock Hill to	
 Resident reports pavement/footpath frequently being obstructed by parked vehicles. 	improve visibility and prevent obstructive parking.	
- Parked vehicles cause obstruction.	Officer comments:	
Suggestions: - The no parking zone needs to be	Support noted.	
extended to the entrance of No.26 and double yellow lines to clearly enforce the no waiting zone.	The no waiting restrictions cannot be extended at this stage but can be monitored and if problems arise further changes can be considered as part of a future review.	

ENV6032-148 - Wrafton Road, Wrafton 3 respondents – 2 residents of Capern Close and 1 resident of Moor Lea		
Comments	Devon County Council Response	
3 respondents support the proposals.	Reason for Proposal:	
	Extend "No Waiting At Any Time" on	
Supporting arguments:	both sides of the road to improve	
 Restrictions would improve road safety. 	access to/at Braunton Academy	
- Current parking behaviour creates potential road	-	
safety issues.	Officer comments:	
 Existing restrictions are not effective. 	Support noted.	
- Parking at school arrival and departure time and		
volume of traffic make it difficult to navigate the	It is not possible to extend the	
road.	restrictions at this time. However, it	
	is recommended the restrictions are	
Suggestions:	implemented as proposed and if it is	
 Lines to be extended towards Travis Perkins 	considered necessary, further	
yard or an additional line placed halfway	restrictions can be considered as	
between proposed restrictions and T/P's yard to	part of a future review.	
allow a passing place.		
- Double yellow lines in Lower Park Rd at junction	There are restrictions at the junction	
with Barnfield Rd o/side Tyspane.	of Barnfield Road and Lower Park	
	Road	
Questions/Additional Info:		
 How would restrictions be implemented and 	The restriction will be marked with	
managed?	double yellow lines and will be	
	enforced by Devon County Council	
	Civil Enforcement Officers.	
Recommendation		