#### HIW/17/36

Torridge Highways and Traffic Orders Committee 20 June 2017

#### Annual Local Waiting Restriction Programme

Report of the Acting Chief Officer for Highways, Infrastructure Development and Waste

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

#### Recommendation: It is recommended that:

- (a) work on the annual waiting restrictions programme process for 2017/2018 is noted;
- (b) the recommendations contained in Section 4 of this report are agreed and, subject to consultation with local Members on the details, the proposals are advertised;
- (c) the request for bollards to be installed at Stafford Way, Dolton detailed in Section 5 is delegated to the Acting Chief Officer in consultation with the Local Member.

#### 1. Background

The County Council regularly receives requests for waiting restrictions to be introduced or amended. These can be difficult to deliver due to resource and funding pressures which can then have a negative impact on the County Council's relationship with local communities.

Recognising this difficulty, a managed process has been developed to deliver an Annual Local Waiting Restriction Programme for each HATOC area for the funding and delivery of waiting restriction schemes.

The 2016/17 programme has delivered proposals at over 250 sites across Devon. These were mainly amendments to Yellow Lines and Limited Waiting, thought to be non-controversial, which had been requested by communities or by local Highway Officers.

Building on the success of this process, officers propose that a further programme is developed for 2017/18 to include minor aids to movement improvements such as drop crossing, footway improvements and bollards.

## 2. Proposal

Cabinet has allocated an amount of £100,000 countywide from the On Street Parking Account to this process in 2017/18 which equates to an amount of £12,500 to each HATOC area.

Approval is sought for the 2017/18 programme for this Committee's area. It is proposed that the schemes identified in Sections 4 and 5 form the programme.

Following consultation on the detail with the locally effected County Members and Chair of HATOC the proposals will then be designed and the associated Traffic Order drafted and advertised.

# 3. Consultations

Following advertisement:

- Proposals which do not attract objections can be implemented without the need to report back to Committee.
- Proposals which attract minor objections should be determined under delegated powers by the acting Chief Officer in consultation with the Local Member and the Chair of HATOC.
- Proposals attracting significant objections will be reported to the next available HATOC.

# 4. Specific Waiting Restriction Proposals

A relatively small number of proposals have been received for consideration at this time. These are listed below and plans of the proposals can be seen in Appendix A.

- Catshole Lane, Bideford Proposal for No Waiting at any time restrictions to improve visibility at the junction with Clovelly Road. Approximate Cost of road markings £120.
- Pitt Lane, Bideford Proposal to extend Double Yellow Lines at the narrow section of road around the Myrtle Gardens Junction. Approximate Cost of road markings £200.
- The Strand, Bideford Extension of Residents Parking Bay to better fit the road layout. Approximate cost of signs and road markings £100.
- Chapel Street, Holsworthy Proposal for Double Yellow Lines on narrow section approaching the Town Centre. Approximate Cost of road markings £300.
- Tower Street and Laken Hill, Northam Proposal to remove existing No Waiting At any time restriction to increase available parking. Approximate cost of road markings changes £150.

## 5. Specific Aids to Movement Proposals

Stafford Way Dolton – At its meeting on 28 February 2017 the HATOC considered a
matter of urgency with regard to Stafford Way, Dolton and resolved that "the officers be
asked to report to the next meeting on measures that can be taken to prevent obstruction
of the path".

Officers have considered the matter and advise that, whilst bollards might alleviate some of the problem, there are more widespread parking issues on Stafford Way which cannot be treated in this way. It is advised that a meeting is arranged to consider the matter on site.

A plan showing a potential bollard solution can be seen in Appendix B. Approximate Cost £1,000.

## 6. Financial Considerations

The total costs of the scheme are contained within a countywide budget of £100,000 which has been allocated from the On Street Parking Account.

There will be 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.

There remains scope within the programme to add more proposals if these can be agreed in time to undertake consultation before the next meeting of this Committee.

It is intended that any estimated underspend in delivering the waiting restriction proposals can be utilised to deliver the Aids to Movement proposals.

# 7. Environmental Impact Considerations

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

- Encourage turnover of on street parking to benefit residents and businesses.
- Enable enforcement to be undertaken efficiently.
- Encourage longer term visitors to use off street car parks.
- Encourage commuters to make more sustainable travel choices eg 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. 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 in the Torridge District.

## 10. Risk Management Considerations

There are thought to be no major safety issues arising from the proposals.

## 11. Public Health Impact

There is not considered to be any public health impact.

## 12. Reasons for Recommendations

The proposals rationalise existing parking arrangements within the Torridge District by:

- Encouraging turnover of on street parking to benefit residents and businesses.
- Enabling enforcement to be undertaken efficiently.

- Encouraging longer term visitors to use off street car parks.
- Encouraging those working in the town make more sustainable travel choices eg Car Share, Public Transport, Walking and Cycling.

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

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#### Electoral Divisions: All in Torridge District

Local Government Act 1972: List of Background Papers

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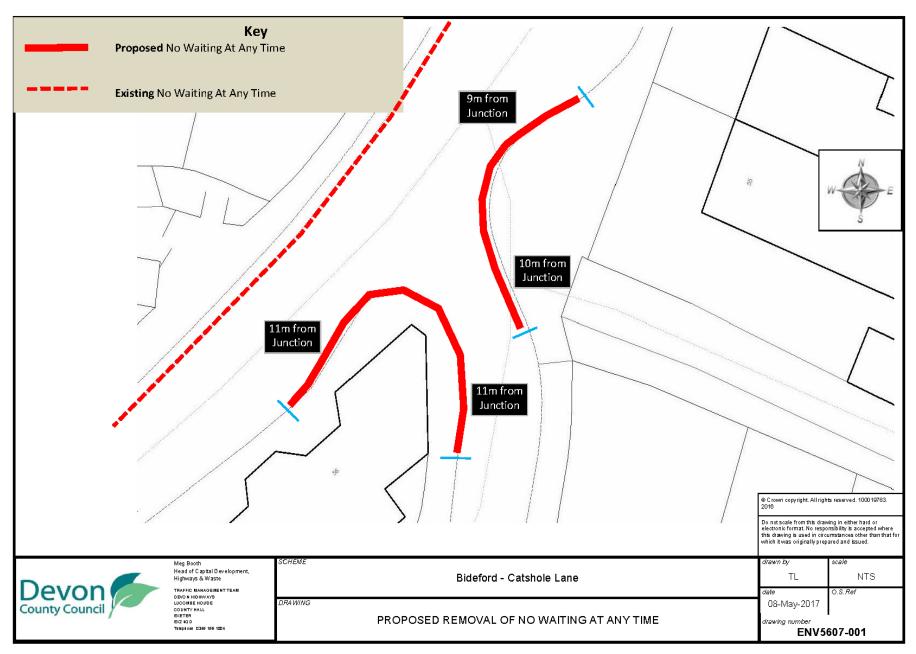
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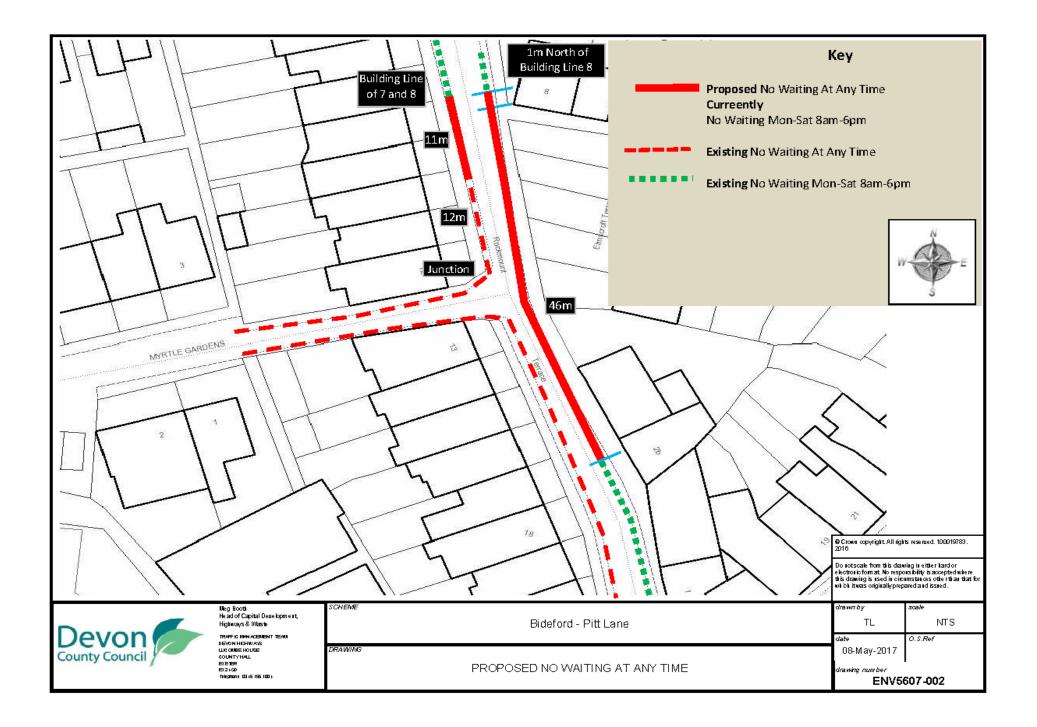
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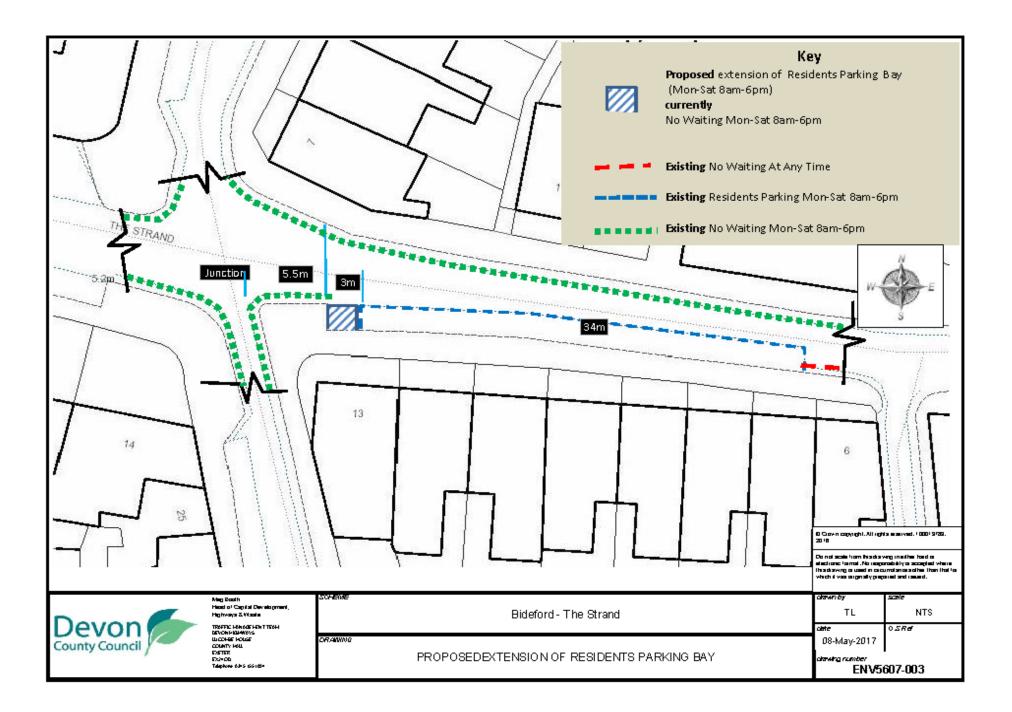
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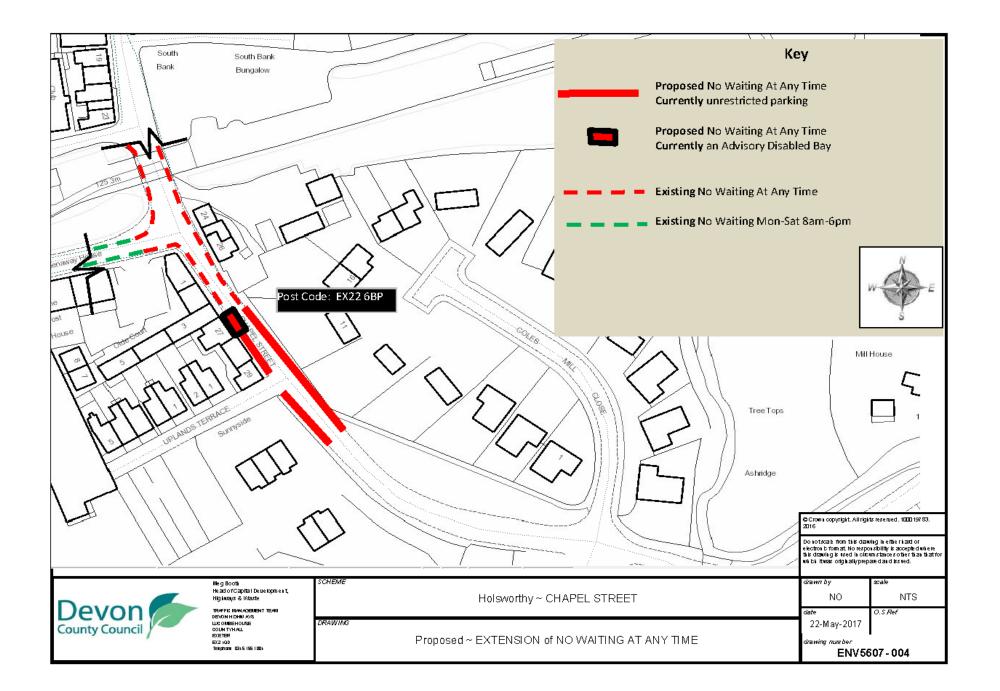
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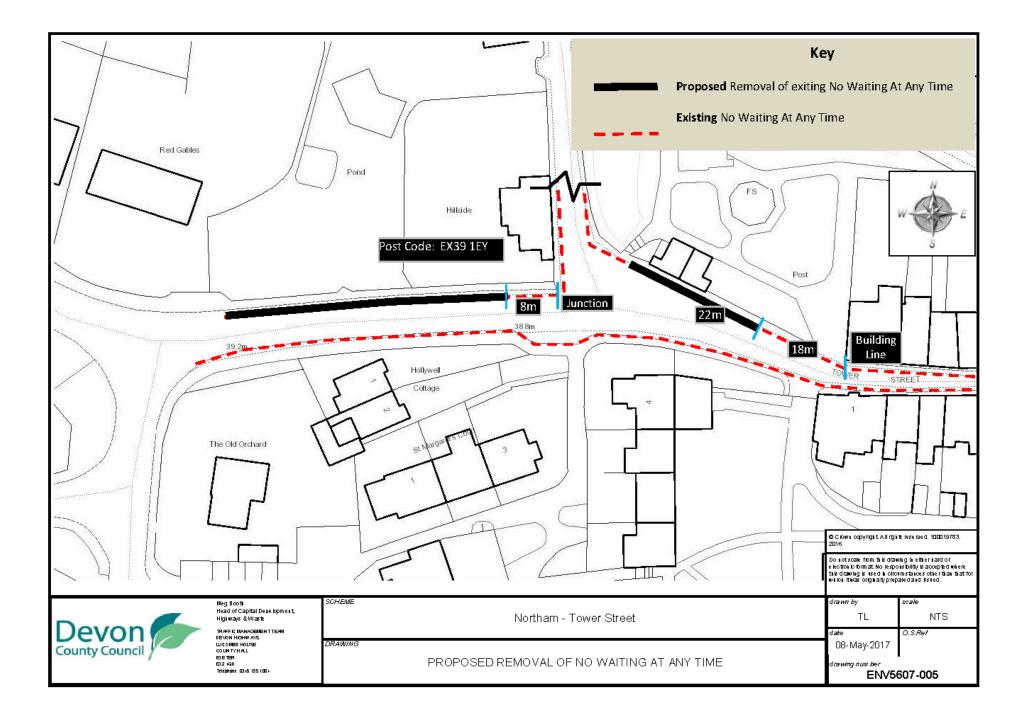
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