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NORTH DEVON HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC ORDERS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 20th December, 2016

A special meeting of the North Devon Highways and Traffic Orders Committee is to be held on the above date at 10.00 am at Meeting Rooms at Taw View, North Walk, Barnstaple to consider the following matters.

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AGENDA

PART 1 OPEN COMMITTEE

- 1 Apologies for Absence
- 2 Items Requiring Urgent Attention
Item which in the opinion of the Chairman should be considered at the meeting as matters of urgency.

MATTERS FOR DECISION

- 3 Devon County Council (Various Roads, Barnstaple) (Residents Parking Zone & Waiting Restrictions) Amendment Order (Pages 1 - 6)
Report of the Chief Officer for Highways, Infrastructure Development and Waste (HIW/16/20) attached
- 4 Cedars Roundabout, Barnstaple
Head of Planning, Transportation and Environment to report

Electoral Divisions(s): Barnstaple North

PART II - ITEMS WHICH IN THE OPINION OF THE CHAIRMAN MAY BE TAKEN IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

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North Devon Highways and Traffic Orders Committee
20 December 2016

Devon County Council (Various Roads, Barnstaple) (Residents Parking Zone & Waiting Restrictions) Amendment Order

Report of the 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) The results of the discussions with both Our Lady's Catholic Primary School and local residents be noted;**
- (b) The proposals for implementation of a Residents Parking Scheme and associated restrictions in the Chanters Hill area are implemented as advertised subject to the conditions set out in Section 5 .**

1. Summary

This report seeks approval to make and seal the Order as recommended above following further discussion with local residents and Our Lady's Catholic School. Opportunities to resolve objections to the introduction of a Residents Parking Scheme have been explored and are described in Section 4 below.

2. Background/Introduction

Devon County Council has developed proposals designed to:

- Prevent obstruction of driveways and narrow roads by inappropriate parking during the day in the Chanters Hill area.
- To prevent obstruction at junctions and on the main bus route in the Chanters Hill Area.
- To encourage a turnover of available parking in the area to encourage commuters to make more sustainable travel choices. eg Car Share, Public Transport, Walking and Cycling.
- Encourage longer term visitors to use off street car parks.
- To make adjustments to the existing on-street parking arrangements to improve safety for vulnerable road users and drivers.

The matter was brought before HATOC at its meeting on 24 November 2016.

The report and minutes can be viewed via the link below Item 26.

<http://democracy.devon.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=174&MId=226&Ver=4>

The Committee **RESOLVED**

- (c) that a special meeting of the Committee be held on 20 December at 10 am 2016 regarding proposals for Chanters Hill Residents Parking and Limited Waiting.**

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This report updates the previous report following meetings held with the school and Residents on 30 November and 5 December 2016.

3. Proposals

Proposals are shown in Appendix I: HATOC Report Plan ENV5481/3.

Specific proposals include:

- **Chanters Hill Area** – Introduction of a Residents Parking Zone, No waiting “At any time” at junctions and on the bus route, a bus clearway and Limited Waiting in Chanters Hill and Sowden Lane.

4. Liaison with Residents and Our Lady’s Catholic School

(a) Meeting with Our Lady’s Catholic School: 30 November 2016

At a meeting attended by the local County Councillor, The Principal of the School, Chair of Governors and County Council Officers the situation of the school within the Chanters Hill area was discussed and the following points made.

- The School is currently nearing capacity and its transport footprint is not expected to increase.
- 15 cars were observed to be parked within the School premises at the time of the meeting.
- Short term parking by parents to drop off and pick up children, which includes walking to and from the school premises, was not thought to be an issue for residents and would in any case not be enforceable by the County Council.
- In the medium to long term the school would wish to re-locate to a location where Staff Parking could be accommodated on site.
- The School has introduced a system of number badges for all staff to use when parking on street. Any obstructive parking by school staff can be reported by residents and will be dealt with.
- The potential for additional school travel planning initiatives such as lift share for both Parents and Staff.
- The potential for up to 10 permits to be issued to the School allowing parking within the proposed Residents Zone was discussed as an interim measure.
- There is a perception at the school that a significant proportion of the inconsiderate parking effecting residents is not connected with the school.

(b) Meeting with Residents and Our Lady’s Catholic School: 5 December 2016

The meeting, held at the School was well attended by Residents. A survey of parking on Chanters Hill before the meeting showed that 12 vehicles were displaying numbered School Badges from a total of 36 vehicles observed on street. The following issues were discussed

- Parking close to and opposite residents driveways makes it difficult for them to be used.
- Residents have been abused by drivers of vehicles using Chanters Hill to park.
- Most Residents did not have an issue with short term parent parking to drop off and pick up children.

- It was observed that the parking situation had eased considerably since the HATOC on 24 November which might indicate that the school is now actively managing Staff Parking.
- It was suggested that many residents have more off street parking than they need and that this might be available to School Staff to use by arrangement. The Principal of the school welcomed this suggestion. This would be a private arrangement between school staff and householders.
- There was strong support amongst the residents present for the introduction of a Residents Parking Scheme.

5. Recommendations

In order to allow the School time to implement further green travel initiatives after the scheme is introduced it is proposed that:

a departure from the County Council's policy on providing Business Permits be granted to offer the School up to 10 Business Permits for Year 1 reducing to 5 permits in Year 2 and then normalising to the standard allocation of 3 permits in Year 3.

6. Financial Considerations

The total costs of the entire scheme are estimated to be contained within an overall budget of £10,000. The local County Councillor has made £5,000 available from his Locality Budget with the remainder being funded from the on Street Parking Account.

7. Environmental Impact Considerations

The stated objectives of the scheme include:

- Prevent obstruction of driveways and narrow roads by inappropriate parking.
- Prevention of obstruction at junctions and other roads to improve access for buses.
- To encourage a turnover of available parking in the area to encourage commuters to make more sustainable travel choices. eg Car Share, Public Transport, Walking and Cycling.
- Encourage longer term visitors to use off street car parks.
- To make adjustments to the existing on-street parking arrangements to improve safety for vulnerable road users and drivers.

The Environmental effects of the scheme are therefore positive.

8. Equality Considerations

No new policies are being recommended in this report.

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

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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 and around Barnstaple.

10. Risk Management Considerations

There are thought to be no major safety issues arising from the proposal. However, a Minor Schemes Safety Assessment will be undertaken to consider signing and lining elements agreed by Committee.

11. Public Health Impact

It is considered that there will be a positive public health impact as the proposals encourage modal shift to sustainable transport. Supporting active travel, such as walking and cycling, is a key component of the Devon 'Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2013 to 16.

12. Summary/Conclusions/Reasons for Recommendations

The proposals rationalise and extend existing parking arrangements within Barnstaple by:-

- prohibiting parking at junctions, within visibility splays and on narrow sections of roads.
- addressing the concerns of residents over access to their properties and their ability to park within a reasonable walking distance of their house.
- enabling effective enforcement to be undertaken.

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

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Local Government Act 1972: List of Background Papers

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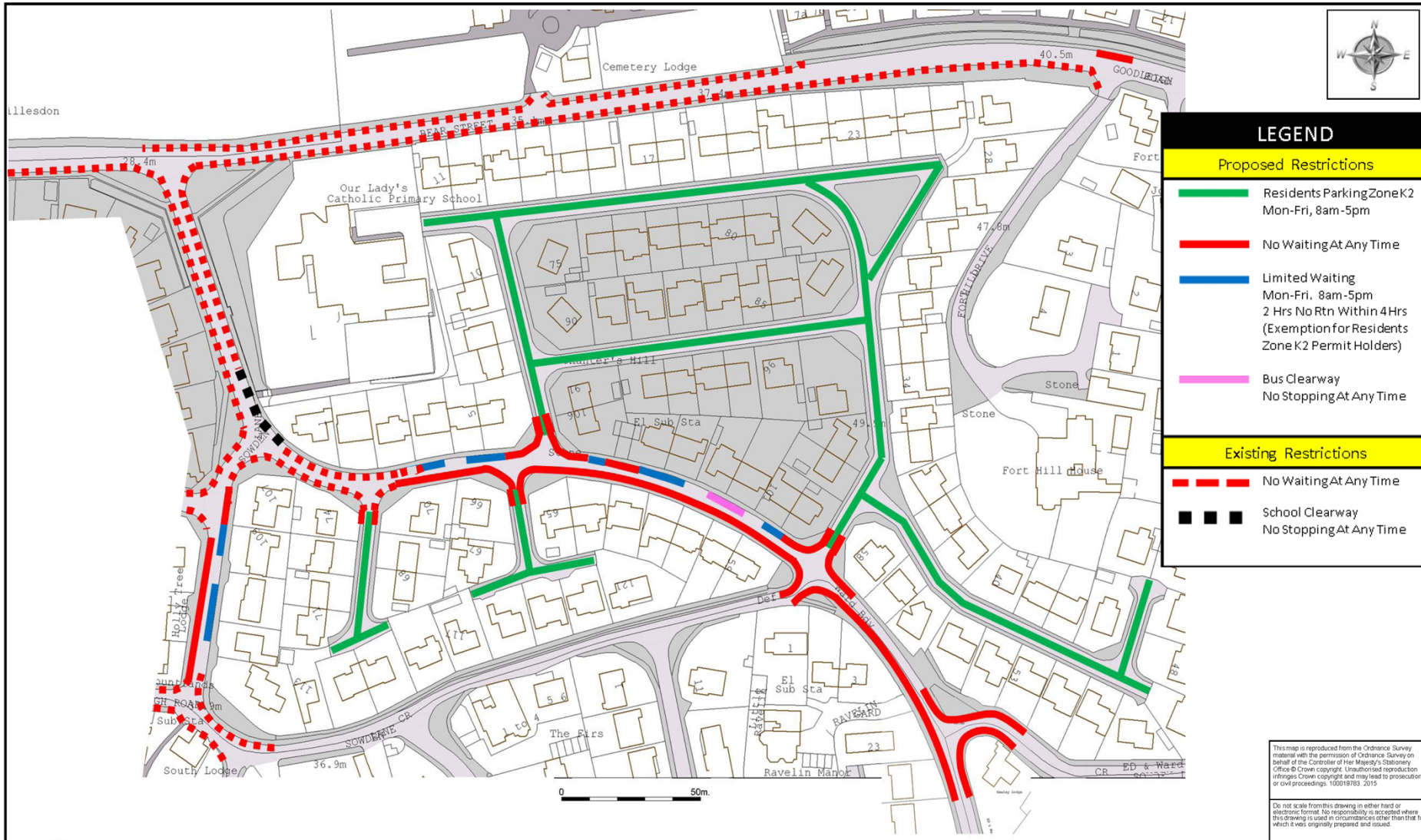
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**Appendix I
To HIW/16/20**



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SCHEME

BARNSTAPLE ~ Chanters Hill RPZ & various roads parking restrictions

DRAWING

APPENDIX I ~ ENV5481/3 (Chanters Hill, Constitution Hill, Goodleigh Road and Sowden Lane)

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