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Torridge Highways and Traffic Orders Committee 16 October 2018

Annual Local Waiting Restriction Programme

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) work on the annual waiting restrictions programme process for 2018/2019 is noted; and
- (b) the recommendations contained in Section 4 to this report are agreed.

1. Background

Proposals for the Torridge HATOC Annual Waiting Restriction Review for 2018 were presented to this Committee on 24 July 2018.

2. Proposal

Agreed proposals have since been advertised with significant objections having been received to 2 of the proposals.

Details of these proposals and the objections received are contained in section 4 below with plans shown in Appendix I.

3. Consultations

Following advertisement:

- Proposals which did not attract objections will be implemented without the need to report back to Committee.
- Proposals attracting significant objections are detailed in section 4 below.

4. Specific Proposals and Recommendations

 Waterloo Terrace, Bideford – Plan No. ENV5672-007 (A). A section of Double Yellow Lines was proposed on the western side of the junction to aid buses using the road. One objection has been received advising that the existing Disabled Bay on the opposite side of the road is often used by non-blue badge holders and that removal of more parking will put further pressure on this advisory facility.

Further examination of the proposal has indicated that their scope could be reduced. It is therefore proposed that an amended proposal incorporating a Mandatory Disabled Bay is advertised as part of next year's review.

RECOMMENDATION - that the current proposal is not progressed and that an amended proposal is advertised as part of the 2019/20 review.

 Foresters Road, Holsworthy – Plan No. ENV5672-011 (A). Significant sections of Double Yellow Line have been proposed on Foresters Road to prevent obstruction of larger vehicles and visibility issues when exiting sides roads.

Six representations have been received to the proposals, 3 in favour and 3 against. Those in favour cite safety concerns and visibility problems caused by parked vehicles whilst those against feel that the proposals either go too far or will lead to increased speeds and parking displacement in other roads.

RECOMMENDATION – that a site visit should be arranged and that a decision on the matter should be delegated to the Chief Officer for Highways, Infrastructure Development and Waste in consultation with the Local Member and Chair of HATOC.

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 is 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.

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 Devon 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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Background Paper	Date	File Ref.
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