#### HIW/18/66

West Devon Highways and Traffic Orders Committee 23 October 2018

#### **South Zeal Waiting Restriction Proposals**

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 contents of the report are noted; and
- (b) the recommendation contained in Section 4 to this report is agreed.

#### 1. Background

Proposals for amendments to parking restrictions in South Zeal were advertised in September and October 2017 as part of the West Devon Annual Waiting Restriction Programme. The proposals had been submitted for inclusion in the review by South Tawton Parish Council following a local consultation on parking issues within South Zeal.

A large number of responses to the advertised proposals were received and subsequently reported to the West Devon Highways and Traffic Orders Committee at its meeting on 9 November 2017. The Committee also listened to a verbal presentation objecting to the proposals at the meeting and agreed that a site meeting should take place to look at the issues in more detail and that the matter might then be brought before a future meeting of the Committee.

Following the site meeting in December 2017 a number of amendments were agreed and at the request of South Tawton Parish Council the matter was deferred to this October 2018 Committee meeting for decision.

#### 2. Proposal

In consideration of the time that has elapsed since the December 2017 site visit and because the proposals are now amended from the original advertised proposals, it is considered appropriate that the revised proposals should be re-advertised and presented to the next available Committee meeting on 22 March 2019.

Details and plans of the revised proposals are shown in Appendices I & II to this report respectively.

#### 3. Consultations

A letter has been received from South Tawton Parish Council giving details of an incident in September 2018 where a Fire Tender had to re-route due to cars parked on the corner of School Lane. The letter is shown as Appendix III to this report.

Proposals intended to prevent recurrence of this issue are shown in Appendix II **Plan No ENV5605-010 (A) Rev1** 

#### Following advertisement:

- Proposals which do not attract objections will be implemented without the need to report back to Committee.
- Proposals attracting significant objection will be reported to this Committee at its meeting on 22 March 2019.

#### 4. Specific Proposals and Recommendations

RECOMMENDATION – that the revised proposals shown in Appendices I & II are advertised and that any objections received are reported to the next meeting on 22 March 2019.

#### 5. 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, this will be approximately £1,500. In addition, the costs of any changes to signing or lining will be attributed to that Order.

#### 6. Environmental Impact Considerations

The proposals are intended to rationalise on-street parking and improve mobility and access within the village of South Zeal 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.

#### 7. Equality Considerations

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

#### 8. 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 West Devon Borough.

#### 9. Risk Management Considerations

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

#### 10. Public Health Impact

There is not considered to be any public health impact.

#### 11. Reasons for Recommendations

The proposals rationalise existing parking arrangements within the West Devon Borough 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 West Devon 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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Background Paper	Date	File Ref.
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#### **Proposals**

#### South Zeal, ROAD FROM SHILHAYES TO ZEAL HEAD CROSS.

Plan: ENV5606-009 (A) Original proposal

Objections received as explained in Section 1 above and detailed in the minutes of the West Devon Highways and Traffic Orders Committee meeting on 9 November 2017.

#### Reason for proposal.

To prevent obstructive parking at pinch point and prevent parking on footway.

## South Zeal, ROAD FROM SHILHAYES TO ZEAL HEAD CROSS & TAWTON LANE Plan: ENV5606-010 (A) Rev1 ~ Revised proposal from the Parish Council

Objections received as explained in Section 1 above and detailed in the minutes of the West Devon Highways and Traffic Orders Committee meeting on 9 November 2017.

#### Reason for proposal.

- To prevent obstructive parking at pinch points and at the junction.
- To provide a parking facility at the village shop.
- To make the existing School Clearway enforceable.

#### **Comments**

Following the December 2017 site meeting the Parish Council have asked for minor changes to the original proposals as shown on plan ENV5606-010 (A) Rev1.

# South Zeal, ROAD FROM SHILHAYES TO ZEAL HEAD CROSS. Plan: ENV5606-011 (A) Rev1 ~ Revised proposal from the Parish Council

Objections received as explained in Section 1 above and detailed in the minutes of the West Devon Highways and Traffic Orders Committee meeting on 9 November 2017.

#### Reason for proposal.

To prevent obstructive parking at pinch points. **Comments** 

Following the December meeting the Parish Council have asked for minor changes to the original proposals as shown on plan ENV5606-011 (A) Rev1.

## South Zeal, ROAD FROM SHILHAYES TO ZEAL HEAD CROSS. Plan: ENV5606-012 (A) Rev1 ~ Revised proposal from the Parish Council

Objections received as explained in Section 1 above and detailed in the minutes of the West Devon Highways and Traffic Orders Committee meeting on 9 November 2017.

#### Reason for proposal.

To prevent parking on a narrow road and improve visibility on a bend.

#### Comments

Following the December meeting the Parish Council have asked for minor changes to the original proposals as shown on plan ENV5606-012 (A) Rev1.

#### South Zeal, ROAD OVER MOORLANDS BRIDGE & THE CROFT.

## Plan: ENV5606-013 (A) Rev1 ~ Revised proposal from the Parish Council

Objections received as explained in Section 1 above and detailed in the minutes of the West Devon Highways and Traffic Orders Committee meeting on 9 November 2017.

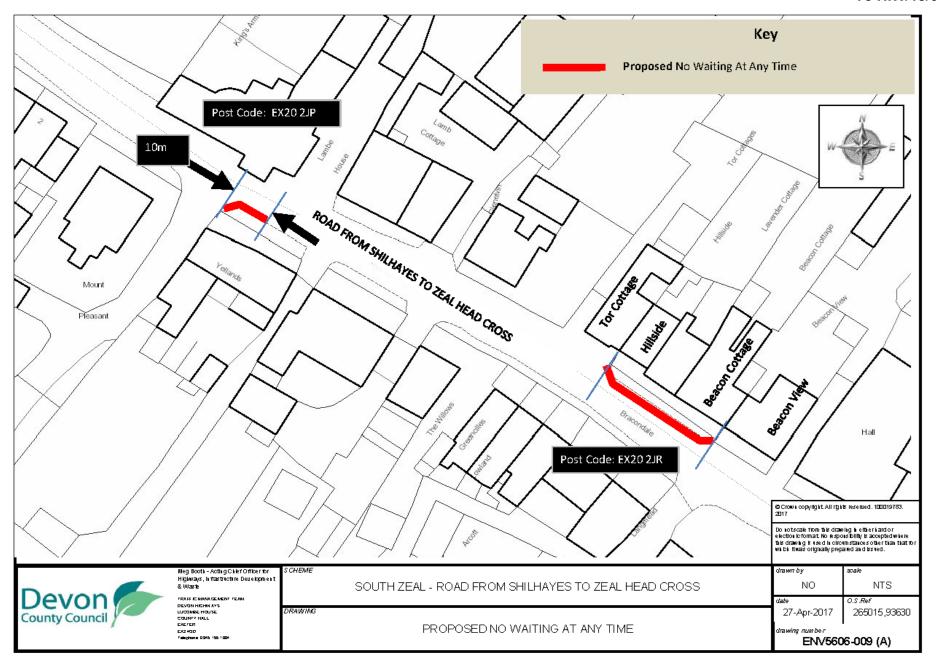
#### Reason for proposal.

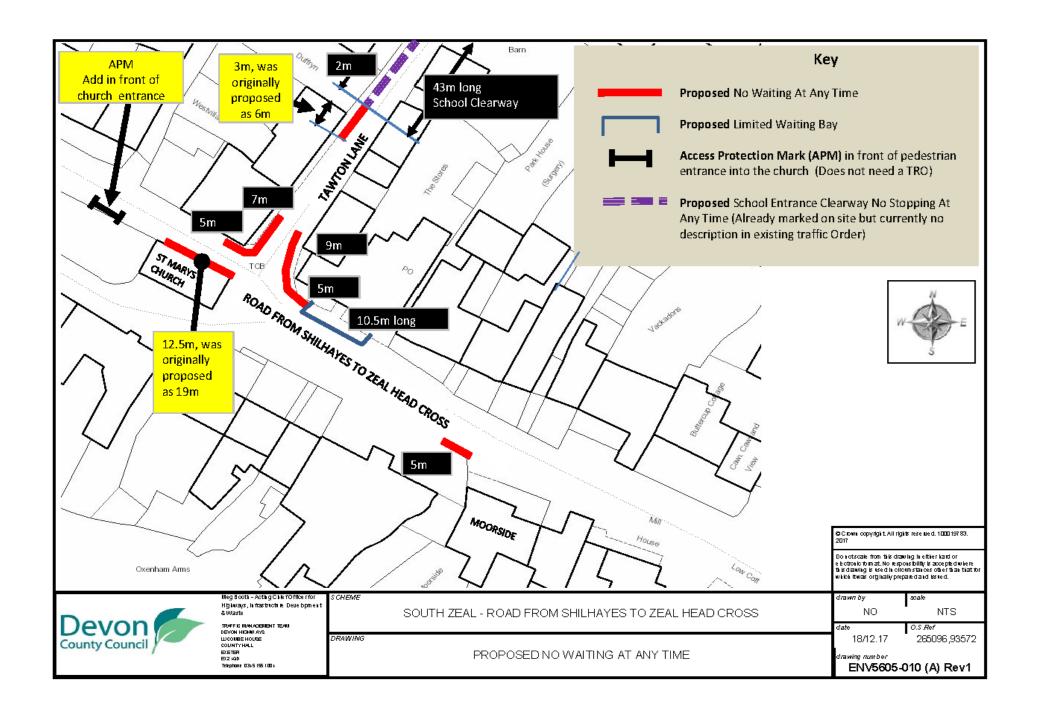
To prevent obstructive parking on a narrow road and at a junction on a bus route.

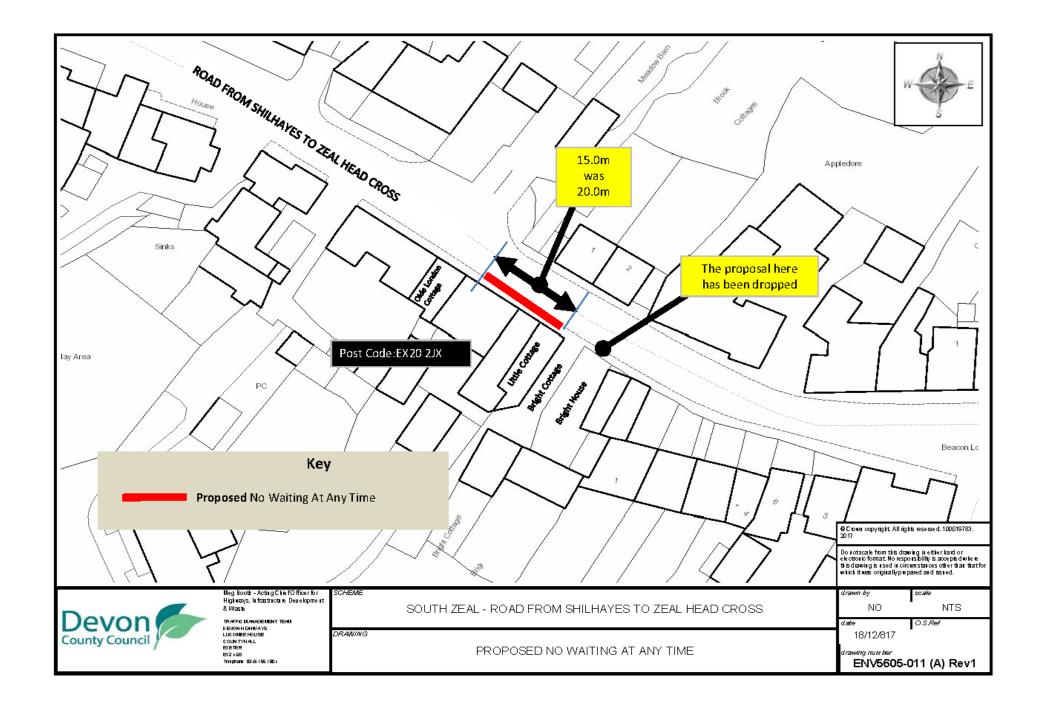
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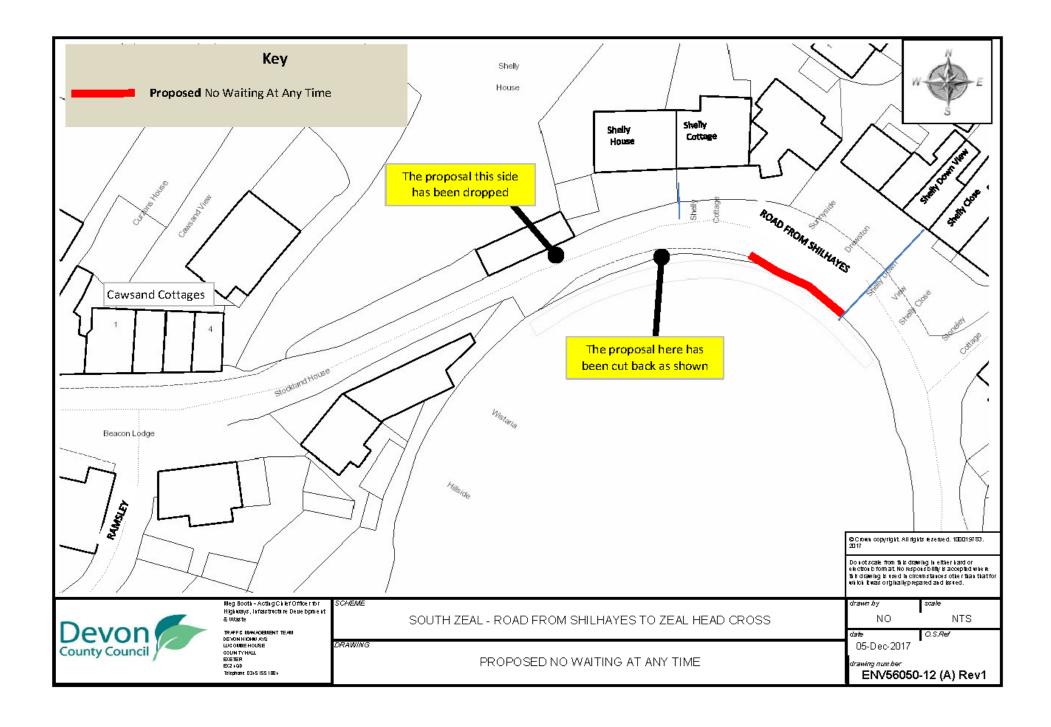
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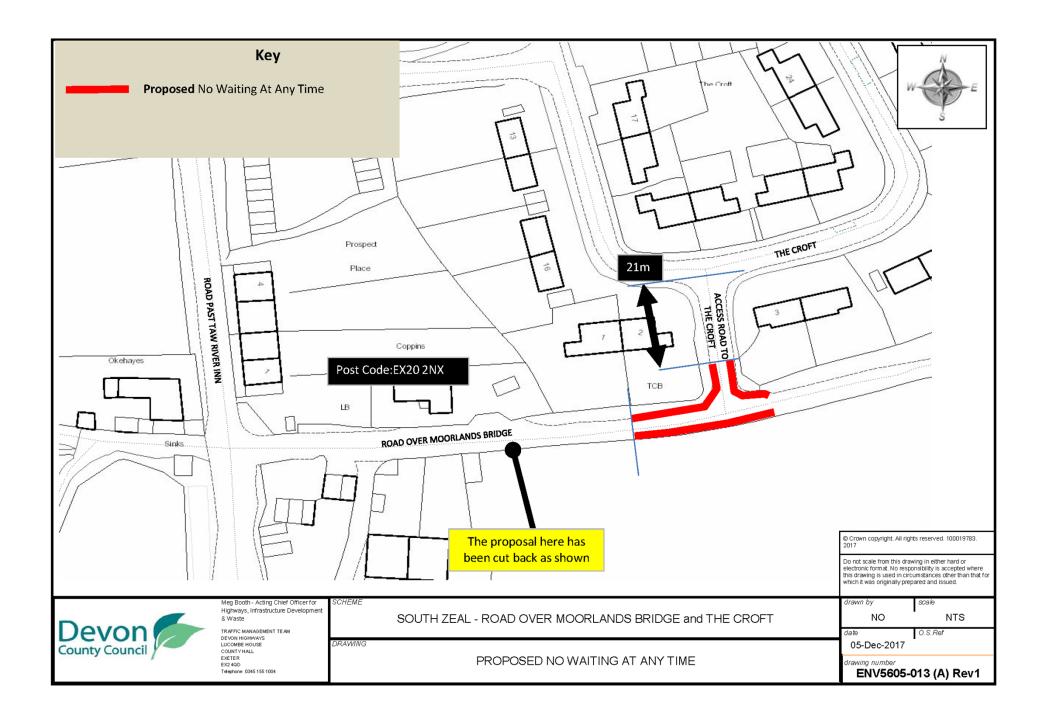
### Appendix II To HIW/18/66











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25th September 2018

Re: Fire Service incident log number: VV019020-09092018

Dear Philip.

I'm writing on behalf of South Tawton Parish Council regarding the incident named above (log number VV019020-09092018).

The Parish Council was contacted by a parishioner on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September with information about a fire in South Zeal village. The parishioner stated that:

call me out to see thick black smoke billowing out from the back of yard when I went down to the bottom of our garden I could hear cows bellowing and dogs barking, thinking it could be a barn fire or similar I called 999!

Having made the call I met the fire brigade at St Mary's, guess what, despite me having informed brigade control when making the call and despite them being local lads on the pump they still had to try that route as the shortest. Due to cars parked on that corner into School lane at Bessie's Cottage they were unable to get through and had to come to the bottom of the village and turn around to get up to Moons Cross to come in the back way.

Names have been redacted to retain anonymity.

On 20th September, I spoke to a representative from the Fire Service about this incident. The representative had not been involved in the incident, but had spoken to the crew who attended and confirmed the report above. Points noted by the Fire Service were:

- They were called out to a fire on Tawton Lane, and knew that historically there had been parking problems in that area.
- The small engine was used, and tried to come through the village the normal way (past the pubs on the main street and along Tawton Lane). They were unable to make the turn into Tawton Lane because of cars parked on the approach (by St Mary's Chapel) so were unable to swing out to make the turn.
- They would not have got along Tawton Lane anyway due to cars parked along the lane.
- The crew had to turn around and go back the other way to enter the lane via Moons Cross.
- The crew were not surprised because there are always cars parked on the approach and along Tawton Lane.

The Parish Council had also been told by a parishioner that the crew had mentioned that the larger fire engine would not have been able to access the lane from the other end (via Moons Cross). I asked the representative for clarification on this and he commented in an email on 24<sup>th</sup> September that:

"I've spoken to the crew about whether the first appliance from Okehampton would have reached the destination and although they couldn't say for definite they didn't think that it would. Having said that the smaller appliance would be preferred to attend South Zeal as there are lots of narrow roads."

The Parish Council has asked me to write to Devon County Council and the members of West Devon HATOC regarding this incident as concerns about the access of the emergency services (the fire service in particular) was a significant factor in the Parish Council's decision to support the TRO proposal that is due to be discussed at the West Devon HATOC meeting in October. The Council is deeply concerned that the fire service has such problems accessing parts of the village, especially given that South Tawton Primary School is located on Tawton Lane. Luckily on this occasion no serious harm was caused by the fire, but it seems clear that the consequences could have been worse.

The Parish Council continues to recommend parking restrictions in this area due to serious concerns about emergency services access in South Zeal.

Yours sincerely,

Rebecca Walker Clerk to Council