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East Devon Highways and Traffic Orders Committee 7 December 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:
- (b) the recommendations contained in Section 4 of this report and detailed in Appendices I and II to this report are agreed.

1. Background

Proposals for the East Devon HATOC Annual Waiting Restriction Review for 2018 were presented to this Committee on 12 July 2018.

2. Proposal

Agreed proposals have since been advertised with significant objections and comments having been received to 10 of the proposals.

Details of these proposals and the objections received are shown in Appendix I to this report with plans of the proposals shown in Appendix II.

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 Appendices I and II to this report.

4. Specific Proposals and Recommendations

RECOMMENDATION - that the recommendations individually listed in Appendix I are agreed.

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 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.

6. 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.

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 East Devon District.

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 East Devon District area 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 East Devon District and therefore comply with S 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

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Electoral Divisions: All in the East Devon District area

Local Government Act 1972: List of Background Papers

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Background Paper	Date	File Ref.
None		

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Devon County Council (East Devon HATOC) (Traffic Regulation) Amendment Order **Summary of Representation**

Comment	Devon County Council (DCC) Response				
Budleigh Salterton – East Budleigh Road/Stoneborough Lane - 1 Representation Plan Ref: ENV5666/3 (A)					
 Comment (Resident East Budleigh Road): Totally understand the local residents' feelings regarding difficulty in coming out of Stoneborough Lane junction with East Budleigh Road. Vision is slightly impaired when trying to look right towards oncoming traffic – due sometimes to any visitors of surrounding properties having nowhere to park. Respectfully request that the proposed lines stop 1 metre short of 	Reason for proposal New length of No Waiting at Any Time to prevent inappropriate and obstructive parking and maintain visibility.				
 drive entrance giving resident opportunity to park there for a while to be able to reverse and allow wife's car to then exit the drive which will now be parked in front of resident's vehicle permanently once the lining of the road is completed. In principal has no objection to the proposal but would be grateful if 	Response Comments noted. It is proposed that the restrictions will stop prior to the dropped kerb access.				
 request could be accommodated. Parked vehicles on the pavement to be double yellow lined are a traffic calming method along East Budleigh Road approaching Stoneborough Lane and upper Stoneborough Lane junctions. Traffic drives along the main road above the 30mph limit but currently has to reduce speed due to parked vehicles and to avoid any sudden vehicles at the Stoneborough Lane and upper 	NEID access.				

Devon County Council (DCC) Comment Response Exmouth - Myrtle Row - 2 Representations

Plan Ref: ENV5666/4 (A)

Recommendation - Implement proposal as advertised.

Stoneborough Lane junctions.

Objections - 2 Objections (1 resident of Budleigh Salterton/Landlord of property in Raleigh Road, Exmouth & 1 Resident of Raleigh Road, Exmouth)

- Already offers a parking space for two tenants and a garage for one and feels proposals would devalue the properties if plans were to go
- 2 Respondents garage not accessible for vehicles due to cars parking opposite the doors.
- Parking opposite garage doors causes difficulty when renting out property on Raleigh Road.
- 2 Respondents parking is atrocious and this will add stress to residents in the area.

Comments

- Would understand if a small portion of the road near the parking spaces was no waiting to enable residents to drive through safely but to put the lines as proposed would cause problems for tenants.
- Council has turned down proposal for a junction box opposite garage to be able to access it - this makes parking very difficult.
- Understand it may be difficult for emergency services to access top end of Myrtle Row but after 6pm up to 9am vehicles will still park there.

Recommendation - Implement proposal as advertised.

Reason for proposal

New length of No Waiting at Any Time to prevent inappropriate and obstructive parking.

Response

Proposed restrictions seek to address inappropriate parking and obstructive junctions and maintain access.

Comment Devon County Council (DCC) Response

Axminster, Second Avenue junction to A358 Chard Road - 1 Representation Plan Ref: ENV5666/6 (A)

Comments/Suggestions (Resident Millwey Court)

- Appreciate reason for proposals but concerned it will result in more congestion in Millwey Court cul-de-sac.
- Cars which currently park on Second Avenue will probably move to Millwey Court which has limited space.
- Already have to suffer 3 or 4 cars from staff at the Dental Surgery choosing to leave their cars here all day although there is an adequate car park at the Surgery.
- Sometimes have people parking outside the houses which front on to Millwey Court – this makes turning in the close difficult.
- Suggests a residents only scheme for Millwey Court.
- Request that Millwey Court be designated a No Waiting zone, at least during working hours.

Reason for proposal

New length of No Waiting at Any Time to prevent inappropriate and obstructive parking for HGVs accessing Industrial Units.

Response

Residents parking would only be considered as part of an area wide review and is beyond the scope of the annual waiting restriction review.

Any issues associated with obstruction should be reported to Devon & Cornwall Constabulary.

Recommendation - Implement proposal as advertised.

Comment

Devon County Council (DCC) Response

Exmouth, Hillcrest Gardens/St Johns Road - 4 Representations (4 Local Residents including 1 representing Bassetts Gardens Lane Association)

Plan Ref: ENV5668/7 (A)

Comments/Suggestions

- Concerned proposals will cause displacement.
- Proposals stop short of going in front of Bassetts Gardens.
- Parking of vehicles in front of Bassetts Gardens on same side of road as
 Hillcrest Gardens restricts access for emergency services, to turn into
 Bassetts Gardens as they cannot use the width of the road due to parked cars
 opposite.
- Request to extend no waiting regulation by approx. 20 feet to just past the entrance to Bassetts Gardens, this would keep it clear making everything safer and no longer putting lives at risk.
- 3 Respondents request double yellow lines extended as far as the rumble strip on Hillcrest Gardens due to obstructive parking.
- Warmly welcomes proposals to resolve some of the issues but believes several of current problems and concerns would remain.
- Problems experienced with this relatively short length of road (Hillcrest Gardens) leading up to the junction – many of which will not be resolved by proposals.
- Currently vehicles park at junction with Hillcrest Gardens and St Johns Road and extend down into Hillcrest Gardens up to the cobbled rumbled strip – problem often exacerbated by school drop offs/pick ups from Bassetts Farm Primary School – further compounded when larger vehicles wish to gain access.
- 2 Respondents concerned about pavement parking in this location, which
 causes young children and parents going to and from school to be forced into
 the road and can damage pavement and underlying services.
- Parking on road and pavement both sides of Hillcrest Gardens is dangerous and obstructive and causes inconvenience and endangers pedestrians, particularly problematic for pushchairs and infirm, visually impaired or disabled people.

Reason for proposal

New length of No Waiting at Any Time to prevent inappropriate and obstructive parking and maintain visibility.

Response

The proposals seek to address obstructive parking at the junction and ensure that visibility splays are maintained.

Our experience has shown that parking restrictions are largely ineffective in the vicinity of schools, as those motorists who park to drop off or collect children are usually only there for a short period of time, remaining in their vehicles, and as such avoiding any enforcement.

Comment	Devon County Council (DCC) Response	
The inconsiderate parking of vehicles often blocks the entrance/exit to driveways of 1 and 2 Hillcrest Gardens and communal private car parking areas at rear of Hillcrest Terrace.	Any issues associated with obstruction of	
 Section of road from junction of Hillcrest Gardens with St Johns Road down to cobbled strip is narrow and gives rise to problems when large vehicles traverse the area. Problem exacerbated when vehicles are parked on even one side of the road especially for emergency services and refuse lorries. Use of Entrance Square as a turning point only serves to compound the difficulties currently experienced. 	footway or carriageway should be reported to Devon & Cornwall Constabulary.	
 difficulties currently experienced. Not every day is the same in respect of inconsiderate parking. Prime factor being limited availability of parking opportunities in close proximity to the school in St Johns Road. 		
 Parked vehicles adjacent to the cobbled rumble strip on Hillcrest Gardens creates a hazard for motorists entering/leaving the development as vision of the road junction impeded. This is of particular relevance as this section of road is the only entrance/exit for this housing development. 		
Support – 1 Local Resident		
Thank you for proposed double yellow lines – will make it much easier when using car.		
Recommendation – Implement restrictions as advertised and monitor impact.		

Comment	Devon County Council (DCC) Response			
Honiton – Charles Road – 2 representations (1 Local Resident, 7/8 signatures of Charles Road residents under one letter) Plan Ref: ENV5666/11 (A)				
Objections	Reason for proposal			
All Respondents object to proposals.	New length of No Waiting at Any Time to prevent inappropriate			
Comments/Suggestions	and obstructive parking.			
 All respondents comment this will reduce the already limited parkin and encourage occupants of the close to remove their front garder and turn them into car parking places so reducing the available parking on the road (if they can afford to do it). All respondents comment those who cannot afford to have off road parking will fight for the remaining place on the road. All respondents comment people usually only park next to the gree in the evenings and when parents are dropping their children off – not at times when the refuse lorry comes round, apart from the recycling lorry which comes earlier. 	Response Parking on both sides of carriageway totally obstruct access for vehicles. Even following the realignment of the kerbs on the central island there is evidence on site that vehicles mount the grassed area.			
 All respondents comment parking and congestion in Charles Road and Clapper Lane can only get worse now 10 new houses approve to be built on the allotments – and an increase in the numbers at the primary school is planned. All respondents comment the proposals are no solution to the problems at Charles Road and Clapper Lane and can only make things worse and cause friction between people living in Charles 	ed			

Recommendation - Implement proposal as advertised.

Comment

Devon County Council (DCC) Response

Honiton, Courtenay - 1 representation (Resident of Old Pound, Farway, Colyton - owns property in Courtenay)

Plan Ref: ENV5666/12 (A)

Comments/Suggestions

- Courtenay is a road of very modest houses which were built without garages although believe there are 13 garages in a block within the road - there are 26 houses so not all houses have one.
- Understand that some garages were actually given to residents living on Rosemount Lane – Courtenay residents have even less parking available to them.
- Double yellow lines will make situation worse as several residents have to park on Rosemount Lane especially at night and at weekends.
- Notice there is no plan to put double yellow lines at the exit corners of other residential roads which lead onto Rosemount Lane yet houses are bigger and often have garages and drives so parking is not at a premium.
- Seems to be no plan to install double vellow lines further up the road near the railway bridge where Rosemount Road becomes Littletown Road even though the lack of lines there makes the situation positively dangerous.

New length of No Waiting at Any Time to prevent inappropriate and obstructive parking and maintain visibility.

Reason for proposal

Response

The proposed restrictions seek to remove parking at the junction of Courtenay and Rosemount Lane to improve visibility and safety, and emphasises the advice contained in the highway code.

Recommendation - Implement proposal as advertised.

Comment

Clyst St Mary, Frog Lane – 4 representations (4 local residents) Plan Ref: ENV5666/14 (A)

Objections

• 2 Respondents strongly object to proposals.

Comments/Suggestions

- 3 Respondents have no issues with current double yellow lines as parking close to blind corner could be dangerous.
- 3 Respondents comment there is still room with current double yellow lines to park safely.
- 2 Respondents comment the proposals stated purpose 'to prevent inappropriate and obstructive parking' is completely misguided/utterly unfounded.
- 2 Respondents comment if proposals go ahead then the entire length of Frog Lane from Brockwells Court to the Half Moon Pub should also be double yellow lines.
- 2 Respondents comment resident of Brockwells Court is air ambulance pilot operating out of Exeter Airport and needs to be able to make a quick getaway, the extra time spent collecting their car from one of the village car parks could prove costly.
- Proposals are excessive and will cause displacement along the road which will create an increased risk.
- No crash at this location in over 34 years.
- Blind bend from both directions which causes all road users to take extra care and most drivers slow right down.
- Have seen a dramatic increase in traffic using the route to get to and from the airport and A30 thus avoiding Sandygate. Huge lorries presumably following sat nav directions get caught out by the narrowness of the road and bend in particular.
- Nothing can justify the extension of the lines to The Brockwells Court entrance – both unnecessary and ridiculous - to take that facility away is nit picking.
- Greater problem is caused by cars constantly parked opposite 'Still Waters' in front of 'Denver' preventing walkers from accessing the footpath alongside Tugela Terrace and causing use of the middle of the road instead.
- Piece of land now used to park cars was created and tarmacked after the owner of Denver dug away his grass bank which used to occupy it.
- If there is an issue here, why were the double yellow lines not extended there and then?
- Vehicles parked at the side of the road adjacent on the entrance to Brockwells Court have not created any more of a hazard to motorists than at any other section of Frog Lane where roadside parking is permitted.
- The current small parking space adjacent to Brockwell Court entrance serves as a very helpful facility when we have visitors etc.
- If proposal goes ahead the 2 Parish Council car parks in the village would have to be used at great inconvenience.

Reason for proposal

Extend existing length of No Waiting at Any Time to prevent inappropriate and obstructive parking.

Response

Comments noted.

Due to a delay in implementing the restrictions proposed under the 17/18 Annual Waiting Restriction Review the full extent of the restrictions were not in place until August 2018, shortly prior the proposals for the 18/19 programme being advertised.

Recommendation – That the impact of the restrictions implemented under the 17/18 programme be monitored, prior to considering any further restrictions.

Comment	Devon County Council (DCC) Response			
Sidmouth, Manstone Avenue - 1 representation (1 local resident) Plan Ref: ENV5666/15 (A)				
 Comments/Suggestions Problem is school parking in the daytime with both parents and staff filling all available space. Suggest any alterations to be made should only apply between 8.30am and 6.00pm (similar to other restrictions in the town) – there cannot be any restriction after this as there is already no room for residents to park, especially given the volume of vans and trucks in the area. Lack of parking forces residents to park on pavements. If restrictions are to be implemented it may be ideal opportunity to carry out a project for which many residents have already spoken about – the pavement is so wide it could easily be made into angled parking spaces for residents with the idea those without driveway could be assigned a space – popular suggestion and one it is believed has already been put forward to the authorities. Suggest Manstone Avenue could be made into a one-way system given the volume of traffic and proximity of 2 schools nearby – this would safeguard pedestrians/drivers alike, make traffic flow a lot better, avoid pile ups and should cut down on pavement parking. Type of vehicle parked on Manstone Avenue could be restricted – e.g. no HGV's or vans to be parked. Other wider areas e.g. The Balfours, where these vehicles can park. This would create more room for cars to pass freely and free up space for residents parking. Recommendation - Implement proposal as advertised. 	Reason for proposal Extend existing length of No Waiting at Any Time to prevent inappropriate and obstructive parking. Response Forward visibility at the location of the proposed restrictions is limited due to the alignment of the carriageway. The purpose of the Annual Waiting Restriction Review programme is to consider minor amendments to parking restrictions, and not the implementation of one-way systems or road widening schemes.			

Comment	Devon County Council (DCC) Response
Sidmouth, Primley Mead - 1 representation (Local Resident) Plan Ref: ENV5666/16 (A)	
 Comments/Suggestions Proposals with regards to parking restrictions in Primley Road and Mead are not adequate. Corresponded previously about maintaining the quality and visibility of the existing Access Protection Markings opposite 60 Primley Road. Access/egress is needed every day 24 hours, not just 	Reason for proposal Extend and implement No Waiting and No Waiting at Any Time restrictions to prevent inappropriate and obstructive parking.
Mon-Fri 8am-6pm as advertised.	Response Sufficient space exists for residents to manoeuvre from private drives onto the carriageway, the proposals seek to ensure the free movement of vehicles on the highway
Recommendation - Implement proposal as advertised.	accessing the school.

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Sidmouth, Pathwhorlands - 2 representations (2 Local Residents)	

Plan Ref: ENV5666/17 (A)

Comment

Objection

- 1 Respondent objects for the following reasons:
- Gross shortage of on road parking in this area as many of the houses in adjacent Alexandria Road have no parking at all - at least 14 properties.
- Many of the on road parking spaces in Pathwhorlands are now being used by workers from the Industrial Estate making parking situation even more dire.
- By extending the double yellow lines as proposed will mean that traffic will come around a virtually blind bend at a much faster speed which will make the corner much more dangerous.
- At the moment when traffic comes around the corner the parked cars act as traffic calming as the traffic is expecting the parked cars.
- The front gate of 35 Alexandria Road opens on to this corner which is already dangerous and will become much more so if this proposal is implemented.

Comments/Suggestions

- Bigger problem is where the Pathwhorlands cul-de-sac starts. The road leading to the Industrial Estate narrows there and cars are parking right up to and sometimes overhanging the junction with the cul-de-sac.
- The recycling people/emergency services will tell you how difficult it is for them to access the cul-de-sac.
- Need double yellow lines for 3-4 metres from the cul-de-sac to aid access for large vehicles and to aid visibility on exiting the cul-desac.
- Where do you propose householders should park?
- Cars and vans have a habit of driving fast to get to the industrial estate which needs its own access from Station Road but that is a different issue.

Reason for proposal

Extend existing length of No Waiting at Any Time to prevent inappropriate and obstructive parking.

Devon County Council (DCC)

Response

Response

The proposed restrictions seek to strike a balance between ensuring that access is maintained for large vehicles accessing the industrial estate and the demands of the residents.

Recommendation - It is recommended 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 & Waste in consultation with the Local Member and Vice Chair.

Appendix II To HIW/18/90



















