

South Zeal Waiting Restriction Proposals

Report of the Chief Officer of 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 content of this report is noted; and**
- (b) members reconsider their decision from the committee of 22nd March 2019 taking into account information provided in this report.**

1. Background/Introduction

A previous report was brought to the committee on 22nd March 2019.

The Committee considered the Report of the Chief Officer for Highways, Infrastructure Development and Waste (HIW/19/32) on revised proposed restrictions which would result in the control of approximately 180m of road over 11 locations, with double yellow lines. Along with additional works to create a limited waiting bay, and formalise the existing school “keep clear” marking.

The outcome of those considerations was that the committee RESOLVED that; (a) the contents of the report be noted; and, (b) that the proposals be implemented as advertised.

A full minute of the meeting can be seen in Appendix A.

Subsequently, it was highlighted by a resident that one of the documents presented to the committee had potential to mislead (for reference [“South Zeal Parking”](#)), providing a false impression of available parking stock by not omitting areas where parking is never possible, i.e. where parking would block pedestrian access to homes and areas where access to garages and off street parking would prevent any on street parking.

Therefore, this report seeks to correct any misrepresentation of parking stock to allow further consideration by Members.

2. Proposal

It is proposed that members reconsider proposals based upon updated data relating to observed parking behaviour rather than an assessment of total potential parking stock.

Observations of parking behaviour have been made during site visits conducted on Thursday 28th February 2019, and Monday 4th March 2019. A further site visit was also conducted on Tuesday 9th July 2019.

Observed parking practice showed that between 55 and 67 vehicles parked on the section of highway between Zeal Head Cross and the Shilhayes junction, and along Tawton Lane (to

the Primary School). This count included vehicles parked within the 2 advisory disabled bays within the community.

The total length of highway between Zeal Head Cross and the Shilhayes junction is approximately 745m, and along Tawton Lane to the Primary School being approximately 25m.

The proposed “no waiting” restrictions account for approximately 110.5m within this section of the community (Additional restrictions were also proposed for The Croft)

The proposed “limited waiting” restriction accounts for 10m.

It is also proposed that the existing school “keep clear” marking is made mandatory, accounting for 43m.

During site visits it was observed that between 3 and 9 vehicles were parked in areas covered by the proposed restrictions described above.

Therefore, any decision to progress with all, or part, of the advertised Order should take into account displacement from these areas and the effect on overall parking stock.

A summary of observed parking behaviour is attached in Appendix B

3. Summary/Conclusions/Reasons for Recommendations

The recommendation is that members reconsider their decision from the committee of 22nd March 2019 taking into account information provided in this report.

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Local Government Act 1972: List of Background Papers

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Background Paper	Date	File Ref.
None		

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(Councillor Leech declared a Personal Interest in this matter by virtue of a relative residing near the location of a proposed parking restriction)

(Mr J McKechnie, Mr S Powell, Mr A Pearce and Mr Maunder attended and spoke in accordance with the Public Participation Scheme objecting to the proposals for additional parking restrictions in South Zeal relating to, inter alia, the limited on and off-street parking available for residents and visitors, the impact on local businesses, the need for an additional car park which was currently being investigated and the levels of objections received).

The Committee received written statements from Mr McKechnie, Mr Pearce and Mr Powell.

The Committee considered the Report of the Chief Officer for Highways, Infrastructure Development and Waste (HIW/19/32) on revised proposed restrictions which would result in the control of approximately 180m of road over 11 locations, with Double Yellow Lines (as shown at Appendix II to the Report and in the Plan attached).

The Report included:

- details of survey results undertaken by the County Council on Thursday, 28 February 2019 and Monday 4 March 2019;
- the outcome of the consultations undertaken between 17 January 2019 and 7 February 2019 (Devon County Council (Various Roads, South Zeal) (No Waiting & Parking Restrictions) Amendment Order B13396-2 5730);
- details of two petitions (one within the consultation period) the first (e-petition) objecting to previous proposals and the other objecting to the current proposals with analysis by Officers;
- a South Tawton Parish Council survey (*South Zeal Traffic and Parking Consultation results, March 2016*) of local parishioners and users of the centre of South Zeal; and
- three options available to this Committee: Option 1. Implement the Proposals as Advertised; Option 2. Implement the proposals removing the section on the Road from Shilhayes shown on Plan No. ENV 5730-004; and Option 3. Do not implement the proposals.

The Officers responded in detail relating to the objections received and questions raised by the speakers and Members and confirmed that both the Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service and the local bus operator Country Bus were in favour of the proposed restrictions to limit potential access problems. The Officers also confirmed that the provisions of Section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 had been given due consideration by Officers and had been met as far as was practicable. This view had been endorsed by the County Solicitor. The Officers acknowledged that an additional off-street car park would alleviate current issues should a suitable site be identified, subject to planning permission.

Members referred to the limited restrictions now proposed and the requirement to balance the needs of residents and visitors (noting the available current on and off-street parking provision) and ensuring access for emergency and local bus services and other users.

It was **MOVED** by Councillor Sanders, **SECONDED** by Councillor McInnes and **RESOLVED**

- a) the contents of the report be noted; and
- b) that the proposals be implemented as advertised.

**Appendix B
To HIW/19/70**

Observed Parking Behaviour:

SECTION	Site Visit: Thursday 28th Feb 2019 07:20	Site Visit: Monday 24th Mar 2019 06:30	Site Visit: Tuesday 9th July 2019 14:00
Zeal Head Cross to Tawton Lane (South)	20	29	24
Zeal Head Cross to Tawton Lane (North)	3	1	3
Tawton Lane to Shilhayes Junction (South)	17	10	10
Tawton Lane to Shilhayes Junction (North)	24	20	13
Tawton Lane (East)	0	0	0
Tawton Lane (West)	3	0	5
TOTAL	67	60	55

Vehicles Parked in locations where restrictions are proposed:

SECTION	Site Visit: Thursday 28th Feb 2019 07:20	Site Visit: Monday 24th Mar 2019 06:30	Site Visit: Tuesday 9th July 2019 14:00
Zeal Head Cross to Tawton Lane (South)	2	1	2
Zeal Head Cross to Tawton Lane (North)	0	0	0
Tawton Lane to Shilhayes Junction (South)	3	1	1
Tawton Lane to Shilhayes Junction (North)	1	1	3
Tawton Lane (East)	0	0	0
Tawton Lane (West)	0	0	3
TOTAL	6	3	9