

HIW/19/71

West Devon Highways and Traffic Orders Committee
29 July 2019

Proposed Waiting Restrictions - Drake Villas, Tavistock

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 consultation be noted; and**
- (b) the committee approve the implementation of the traffic regulation order as advertised.**

1. Background/Introduction

As part of the development of a care home the developers will be widening Drake Villas on the approach to Drakes Statue roundabout. This requires amendments to the existing on street parking and this report details the results of the statutory consultation on the proposed changes shown in Appendix I.

2. Consultations

The statutory consultation for the traffic regulation order took place between 16 May and 7 June 2019. The consultation was advertised in the Tavistock Times and on-street as normal. Details of the proposals were available at Tavistock Library and on the council's website.

During the consultation the council received 2 responses 1 from a local resident and 1 from the local Town Council.

A summary of the comments submitted, and the County Council's response can be found in Appendix II.

3. Proposal

Due to the amended road layout it is proposed that the existing limited waiting is relocated to the opposite side of the road.

Tavistock Town Council have objected as they have concerns that north bound large vehicles will have problems and cause congestion and delays. The width of the road at this location remains unchanged and the centre line will be adjusted accordingly to maintain the running lanes for traffic travelling between the roundabouts. Therefore, it is not considered moving the parking to the opposite side of the road will affect congestion and delays.

It is therefore recommended that the traffic order is made and sealed as advertised.

4. Options/Alternatives

The option of doing nothing has been considered but would not be possible as this would prevent the road being widened at the Drakes Statue roundabout.

An option to reduce the parking on the east side has been considered and ruled out due to the loss of on street parking.

5. Financial Considerations

The developer is funding all costs associated with this traffic regulation order.

6. Environmental Impact Considerations (Including Climate Change)

It is not considered that relocating parking to the opposite side of the road will have any environmental impact.

7. Equality Considerations

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

9. Risk Management Considerations

No risks have been identified.

10. Public Health Impact

There is not considered to be any public health impact.

11. Reasons for Recommendations

After consideration of the objections it is recommended to implement the restrictions as advertised to facilitate the widening of the road at Drakes Statue roundabout whilst maintaining the same level of on street parking.

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Local Government Act 1972: List of Background Papers

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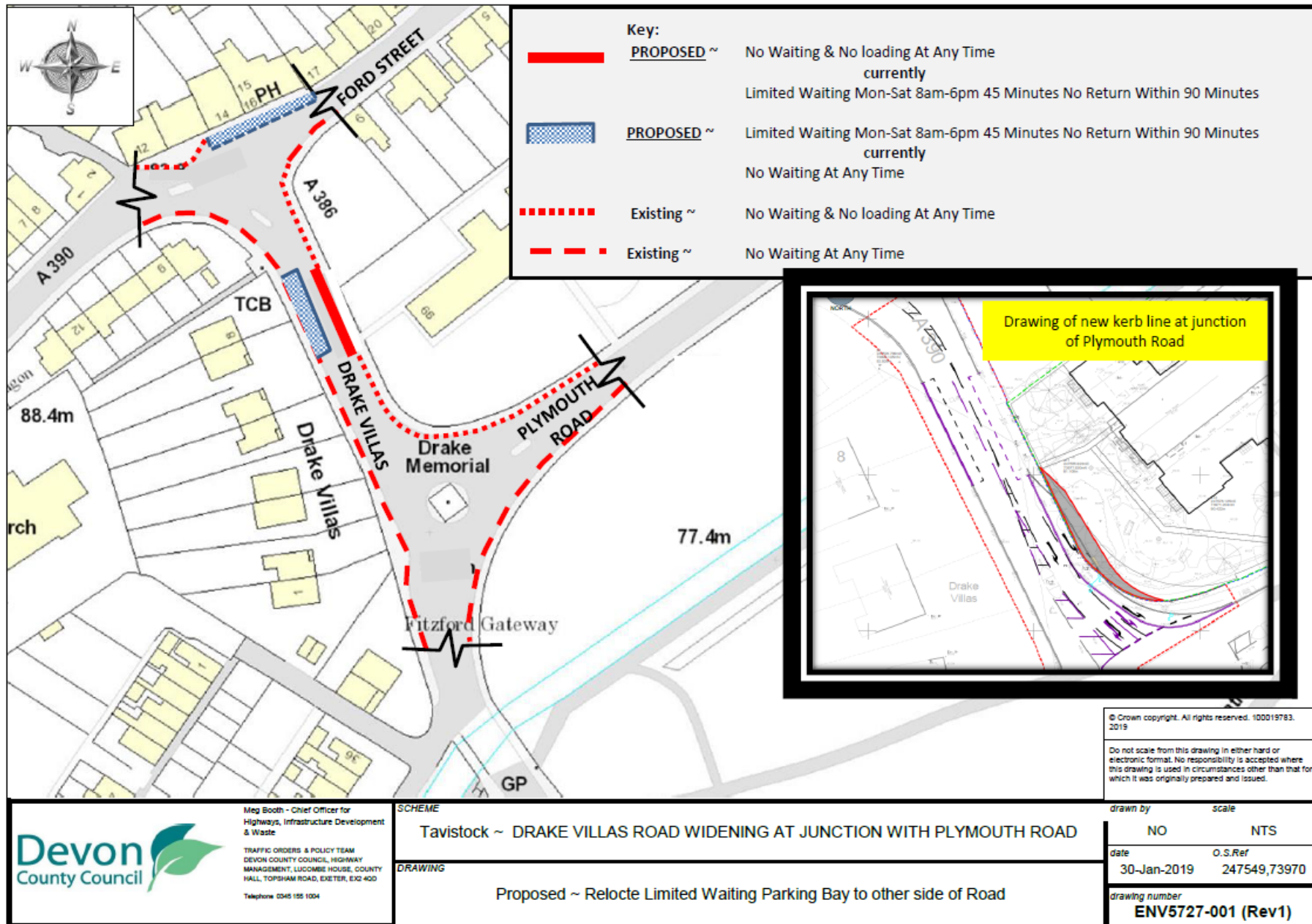
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**5727 – Devon County Council
(Drake Villas, Tavistock)
(Waiting & Loading Restrictions) Amendment Order**

Summary of Representations

Comment	Devon County Council Response
First Respondent: Resident of Drake Villas, Tavistock	
There are times when resident has no alternative but to pull up and load or unload heavy items. Would like to know if these proposals will prevent this.	Residents will be able to load/unload in the limited waiting. They can also still utilise the double yellow lines remaining on the west side of the road.
Would like to know if there is a possibility of making the bay a priority for residents.	This would require the introduction of a residents parking scheme which is outside the remit of this Traffic Regulation Order (TRO).
Current situation the spaces are occupied for long periods of time by non-residents making it difficult to load or unload shopping.	Noted.
Second Respondent: Tavistock Town Council	
Objects to the proposals to move the limited waiting bay to the opposite side of the road.	Noted.
Concerns there would be problems for large vehicles travelling north and turning into Callington Road (A390). Believes it will cause congestion and delays.	The width of the road remains unchanged and the centre line will be adjusted accordingly to maintain the running lanes for traffic travelling between the roundabouts. Therefore, it is not considered moving the parking to the opposite side of the road will affect congestion and delays.