#### HIW/19/80

North Devon Highways and Traffic Orders Committee 31 October 2019

### **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 2019/2020 is noted;
- (b) the recommendations contained in Appendices II and III to this report are agreed.

## 1. Background

A list of proposals for the North Devon HATOC Annual Waiting Restriction Review for 2019/20 were presented to this Committee on 15 March 2019. The detail of these proposals has been discussed and agreed with local members prior to the statutory consultation.

## 2. Proposal

The agreed proposals have been advertised and we have received objections to 3 of the 13 proposals.

Details of the proposals advertised can be found in Appendix I. Details of the objections received with plans of these proposals can be found in Appendices II & III.

#### 3. Consultations

Following advertisement:

- Proposals which did not attract objections are being implemented without the need to report back to Committee.
- Proposals attracting objections are detailed in Appendices II and III to this report.

#### 4. 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.

#### 5. Environmental Impact Considerations (including Climate Change)

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.

## 6. Equality Considerations

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

# 7. 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 North Devon District.

## 8. Risk Management Considerations

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

#### 9. Public Health Impact

There is not considered to be any public health impact.

#### 10. Reasons for Recommendations

The proposals rationalise existing parking arrangements within the North Devon 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 North Devon District and therefore comply with S 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

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**Electoral Divisions: All in North Devon District** 

# Local Government Act 1972: List of Background Papers

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Background Paper	Date	File Ref.
None		

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# Appendix I To HIW/19/80

# **Proposals Included in the Waiting Restriction Review**

Plan Reference	Location	Electoral Division	County Councillor	Proposals	Statement of Reasons
ENV5713/2(A)	Tuly Street, Barnstaple	Barnstaple North	Brian Greenslade	Extend the No Loading At Any Time	To prevent inappropriate parking
ENV5713/4(A)	Lower Park Road, Braunton	Braunton Rural	Caroline Chugg	Introduce No Waiting At Any Time around junctions on the road	To prevent inappropriate parking
ENV5713/5(A)	North Street, Braunton	Braunton Rural	Caroline Chugg	Proposed No Waiting Mon-Fri 12pm-3pm	To prevent inappropriate parking that obstructs larger vehicles (e.g. refuse lorries)
ENV5713/7(A)	Broad Street & Ropery Road, Ilfracombe	Ilfracombe	Paul Crabb	Introduce additional No Waiting At Any Time	To prevent inappropriate parking
ENV5713/8(A)	Bradwell Road, Ilfracombe	Ilfracombe	Paul Crabb	Introduce No Waiting At Any Time	To prevent inappropriate parking
ENV5713/9(A)	Princess Avenue Play Park, Ilfracombe	Ilfracombe	Paul Crabb	Introduce No Waiting At Any Time	To prevent inappropriate parking
ENV5713/10(A)	Princess Avenue, Ilfracombe	Ilfracombe	Paul Crabb	Proposed No Waiting/No Loading restrictions	To prevent inappropriate parking
ENV5713/11(A)	Granville Road, Ilfracombe	Ilfracombe	Paul Crabb	Revocation of a length of No Waiting	To provide more parking in the area
ENV5713/12(A)	Marlborough Road, Ilfracombe	Ilfracombe	Paul Crabb	Introduction of No Loading and additional No Waiting At Any Time	To aid enforcement outside the school
ENV5713/15(A)	North Morte Road, Mortehoe	Combe Martin Rural	Andrea Davis	Introduce No Waiting At Any Time	To prevent inappropriate parking

Plan Reference	Location	Electoral Division	County Councillor	Proposals	Statement of Reasons
ENV5713/16(A)	East Street, South Molton	South Molton	Jeremy Yabsley	Changes to the extent of the No Waiting outside 78- 82	To prevent inappropriate parking without losing any on-street parking spaces
ENV5713/17(A)	Kingdon Avenue & Maclins Close, South Molton	South Molton	Jeremy Yabsley	Introduce No Waiting At Any Time	To prevent inappropriate parking
ENV5713/18(B)	Broad Street & South Street, South Molton	South Molton	Jeremy Yabsley	Proposed Loading Bay and No Loading Restrictions	To prevent inappropriate parking

# Devon County Council (Various Roads, North Devon) (Waiting Restrictions) Amendment Order

# **Summary of Representations**

Comment	Devon County Council (DCC) Response	
ENV5713/4(A) – Lower Park Road, Braunton 1 respondent (Resident of East Hill)		
Objections	Reason for proposal	
1 Respondent objects to proposals.	Introduce No Waiting At Any Time around junctions on the road to prevent	
Comments	inappropriate parking.	
<ul> <li>Proposal nonsensical particularly at a time of no/limited highway budget.</li> <li>Restrictions not required as residents have more sense than to park on corners.</li> </ul>	Officer comments We have received correspondence to suggest that parking does occur close to junctions in the area and it is proposed to introduce restrictions to prevent such parking, as per the Highway Code.	
Recommendation		
Implement restrictions as advertised.		

Comment	Devon County Council (DCC) Response		
ENV5713/5(A) – North Street, Braunton 3 Respondents (1 resident of East Hill, 1 resident of North Street and Braunton Parish Council)			
Objections	Reason for proposal.		
1 Respondent objects to proposal.	Proposed No Waiting Mon-Fri 12pm-3pm to prevent inappropriate parking that		
Comments	obstructs larger vehicles (e.g. refuse		
1 Respondent states proposal	lorries).		
nonsensical particularly at a time of			
no/limited highway budget.	Officer comments		
1 Respondent states justification given by	The proposal follows a request from North		
Councillor Chugg to the Parish Council	Devon District Council to introduce		
that restrictions are to allow refuse lorries access is questionable to say the least.	restrictions to facilitate refuse collections. We have received no correspondence		
<ul> <li>1 Respondent concerned that the</li> </ul>	from the emergency services to suggest		
proposed parking restriction will not allow	they have access issues.		
emergency services 24/7 access to the			
households in North Street and	We are aware that parking in the area is		
surrounding area.	limited which is why the new restriction		
1 Respondent comments proposed	would only apply weekday afternoons to ensure that refuse lorries and other large		
restrictions and the already limited residents parking causes obstruction by	delivery vehicles are able to access		
vehicles parking outside/opposite Verdala	properties at some point during the day,		
will become a regular occurrence.	without affecting parking in the mornings,		
	overnight and at weekends.		

- 1 Respondent states footpath ends at entrance to Verdala forcing people to walk into the road – if vehicles are parked opposite this will add to the pedestrian hazard.
- 1 Respondent does not feel the newly proposed additional parking restrictions are warranted. Not all residents have offstreet parking and parking is already an issue particularly in the holiday periods when visitors add to the situation.

# **Suggestions**

 1 Respondent would like double yellow lines immediately outside Verdala to prevent egress/exit issues. Vehicles, particularly vans, park tight to drive entrance and cars parked on opposite side of road create an obstruction. Lorries and more importantly emergency vehicles will be unable to pass. There are a number of sections of North Street that do not have a footway and therefore drivers will be aware to expect pedestrians in the road.

Restrictions opposite Verdala have previously been considered but not progressed as it is considered there is sufficient room to manoeuvre a car in and out of the driveway if a vehicle were to be parked opposite. Should parking cause obstruction along the road then the Police have powers to deal with this.

## Recommendation

working day.

Implement restrictions as advertised.

Comment	Response			
ENV5713-16(A) East Street, South Molton 1 Respondent (Resident of East Street)				
Support	Reason for proposal			
<ul> <li>Fully understand need to manage on- street parking.</li> </ul>	Changes to the extent of the No Waiting outside 78-82 to prevent inappropriate parking without losing any on-street			
Comments	parking spaces.			
<ul> <li>Concern over unacceptable speed limit and violation of pedestrian pavement either side of No. 85 and on the south side of 85 where there is effectively no pavement as it is considered to be a road by tractors/trailers, HGV's and cars. Situation could be vastly improved at this chicane point to improve life and pedestrian safety. So narrow here the road gets blocked when deliveries takes place.</li> <li>Problem compounded during summer months as an agricultural contractor located to the east of the town operates some of the largest tractors and plant in the UK – at harvest time as many as 18 trips per hour pass along this section of road to and from the site they are working on which equates to over 200 in a farm</li> </ul>	Officer comments The speed concerns will be passed to the Speed Compliance Action Review Forum (SCARF) for investigation.  It is recommended that the parking on the north side of East Street is reviewed as part of a future review with a view to create passing places to facilitate traffic travelling along the road, reducing the need to mount the footway.			

 Respect the agricultural contractor has a good job to do but this is another reason for road safety improvements and common sense.

## **Suggestions**

- Speed limit is 30mph at pinch point could this be reduced for this short section.
- A solar speed indicator could be installed (like Croyde) to show drivers the speed they are travelling which very often exceeds 30mph.
- Could 3 to 4 spaces for permitted vehicle parking not be removed and added onto the section of parking back towards Station Road where the road is much wider.
- Should traffic calming be considered?
- Should parking on the north be moved to the south side as the raised double width pavement on the north side would not allow vehicles to mount it.

# Recommendation

Implement restrictions as advertised and consider further changes on the north side of East Street as part of a future review.





