

## **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 local waiting restriction programme is noted; and**
- (b) the recommendations contained in Appendix II to this report are agreed.**

### **1. Summary**

This report is to consider the submissions to the statutory consultation on the restrictions proposed in the West Devon area, as part of the local waiting restriction programme.

### **2. Background**

In early 2020, a list of requests for new or amended waiting restrictions for the West Devon area was collated by the council. These requests have been considered by officers and proposals drafted. Officers have consulted the relevant local County Councillors and Chair/Vice Chair before they were advertised from 21 January 2021 until 25 February 2021.

A summary of the proposals advertised can be found in Appendix I and the associated plans have been attached as supplementary information to this report.

### **3. Consultations/Representations**

Details of the objections received to these proposals, and the County Council's response are shown in Appendix II to this report.

Following advertisement:

- Proposals which did not attract objections will be implemented.
- Proposals that received objections are detailed in Appendix II to this report with recommendations for each location.

### **4. Financial Considerations**

The total costs of the scheme will be funded from the Minor Traffic Management Improvements budget, funded by Local Transport Plan grant.

There is 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. 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.

## **6. 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:

- Enable enforcement to be undertaken efficiently.
- Encourage commuters to make more sustainable travel choices e.g. 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. Risk Management Considerations**

No risks have been identified.

## **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 HATOC area by:

- Enabling enforcement to be undertaken efficiently.
- Encouraging those working in the town to make more sustainable travel choices e.g. Car Share, Public Transport, Walking and Cycling.

- Assist pedestrians and other vulnerable road users in crossing the highway.

The proposals contribute to the safe and expeditious movement of traffic in West Devon and therefore comply with Section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

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**Electoral Divisions: Hatherleigh & Chagford, Tavistock and Yelverton Rural**

**Local Government Act 1972: List of Background Papers**

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<b>Background Paper</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>File Reference</b>
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Nil

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**Details of Proposals Advertised**

<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Plan Reference</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Parish/Town</b>	<b>Proposals</b>	<b>Statement of Reasons</b>
Councillor Sanders	ENV5813/001	Station Road	Mary Tavy	Introduce a section of No Waiting At Any Time.	Cars parking close to the junction between Station road and the A386 making it dangerous at the junction.
Councillor McInnes	ENV5813/002	Barton Street	North Tawton	Remove a section of No Waiting At Any Time.	Allow residents with garages to park in front of them increasing parking for others elsewhere.
Councillor McInnes	ENV5813/003	High Street	North Tawton	Remove a section of No Waiting and No Loading At Any Time.	Increase parking in an area where vehicles are already parking regularly with no issue.
Councillor McInnes	ENV5813/004	Moor View	North Tawton	Introduce sections of No Waiting At Any Time.	To allow access for fire engine. No Waiting At Any Time at the roundabout to ensure pedestrian crossing point is not blocked.
Councillor McInnes	ENV5813/005	North Street	North Tawton	Introduce and remove sections of No Waiting At Any Time.	Extend No Waiting At Any Time on a section to provide space for fire engines to pass, and revoke No waiting At Any Time on a section where vehicles currently park without any problems.
Councillor McInnes	ENV5813/006	The Square	North Tawton	Remove a section of No Waiting At Any Time.	Increase parking in an area where vehicles area already parking regularly with no issue.
Councillor McInnes	ENV5813/007	The Square	North Tawton	Remove a section of No Waiting At Any Time.	Increase parking in an area where vehicles area already parking regularly with no issue.
Councillor Sellis	ENV5813/008	Chollacott Lane	Tavistock	Introduce a section of No Waiting At Any Time.	Cars parking on the side of the road is causing access issues.
Councillor Sanders	ENV5813/009	Moorland Villas	Yelverton	Amend limited waiting restriction return period to 8am - 6pm 2 hours No Return Within 4 hours	CEO request.

Summary of Submissions

Plan ENV5813/005 – North Street, North Tawton 3 respondents - Residents of North Street (2 households)	
Comment	Devon County Council Response
<p><b>Supports</b> 1 respondent supports the proposal but requests:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Struggled previously with obstruction to their driveway and requesting the KEEP CLEAR marking to be reinstated on the road.</li> </ul> <p><b>Opposes</b> 2 respondents from 1 household opposed on the grounds of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concern that removing parking restrictions will cause an obstruction in accessing their and a neighbouring property's access.</li> <li>Allowing parking on a blind bend will cause issues for larger vehicles.</li> <li>Likely to increase in traffic collisions, congestion and aggravation for residents.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Reason for Proposal</b> Extend No Waiting At Any Time on a section to provide space for fire engines to pass, and revoke No Waiting At Any Time on a section where vehicles currently park without any problems.</p> <p><b>Officer Comments</b> Unfortunately, we cannot fulfil the request to reinstate the KEEP CLEAR, as it would not be an appropriate use of the marking. Keep clears should only be in places where it can genuinely be helpful in maintaining smooth traffic flow. It is not intended to keep areas of carriageway outside premises/accesses clear of parked vehicles.</p> <p>Objections noted and will be taken into account when restrictions are reviewed.</p>
<p><b>Recommendation – Proposals are not progressed at this time but a wider review of restrictions in The Square and North Street is considered as part of the next Local Waiting Restriction Programme.</b></p>	

Plans ENV5813/006 & 007, The Square, North Tawton	
Comment	Devon County Council Response
<p>No comments received.</p>	<p><b>Reason for Proposal</b> Remove sections of No Waiting At Any Time to increase parking in an area where vehicles are already parking regularly with no issue.</p> <p><b>Officer Comments</b> During the consultation for the individual proposals it was identified that the cumulative impact of the proposals on The Square and North Street, North Tawton could increase the likelihood of congestion and have a detrimental impact on road safety. It is therefore recommended that a review of the restrictions in these locations is undertaken in order to provide the desired maximum parking availability but ensuring the safety of all users of the highway.</p>
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**Plan ENV5813/008 – Chollacott Lane, Tavistock**

**2 respondents - 1 resident of Chollacott Lane and Tavistock Town Council**

**Comment**

**Devon County Council  
Response**

**Supports**

2 respondents supported the proposal on the grounds of:

- 1 respondent stated that it is dangerous when vehicles are parked at the junction.
- Tavistock Town Council support the amendment.

**Suggestions**

1 respondent is concerned that vehicles will start to park on Whitchurch Road opposite the end of Chollacott Lane, making it difficult to exit or enter

**Reason for Proposal**

Introduce No Waiting At Any Time on a specified length of Chollacott Lane due to cars parking on the side of the road causing access issues.

**Officer Comments**

Support noted.

Extending the restrictions beyond those advertised would require a new TRO and a repeat of the consultation exercise. An extension can be considered in the next HATOC Waiting Restrictions review, once the impacts of this restriction have been monitored.

**Recommendation – Proceed as advertised.**