

## **No Waiting Restrictions – Mole Ridge Way, South Molton**

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 the traffic regulation order for Mole Ridge Way be sealed as advertised.**

### **1. Introduction**

As part of the Elan Homes housing development in South Molton, Mole Ridge Way has been extended to form a new junction with North Road. Waiting restrictions have been advertised around this new junction and this report seeks to resolve the objections received to the consultation.

### **2. Proposal**

As part of the development, it is proposed to extend the existing No Waiting Monday to Saturday 8am to 6pm restriction on North Road into the new junction at Mole Ridge Way to protect the junction.

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

The proposed restrictions were advertised between the 25 March until 29 April 2021 and 4 representations were received.

A summary of the representations and the council's response can be found in Appendix I.

In summary, it is recommended that the restrictions are implemented as advertised and that the situation be monitored and if parking problems occur then further restrictions can be considered as part of a future traffic regulation order in the area.

### **4. Options/Alternatives**

The option of not proceeding with the restrictions was considered. However, it is considered that the junction should be protected from parked vehicles.

The option of amending the proposal to No Waiting At Any Time would require further advertising and it is considered that the restrictions proposed should be sufficient to deter parking at the junction. However, should problems arise once the restrictions are being enforced, then changes can be considered as part of a future review.

### **5. Financial Considerations**

The costs of this order are being met by the developer.

## **6. 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.

## **7. Environmental Impact Considerations (Including Climate Change)**

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

## **8. Equality Considerations**

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

## **9. Risk Management Considerations**

No risks have been identified.

## **10. Public Health Impact**

It is not considered there are any public health impacts with the proposal.

## **11. Reasons for Recommendations**

Whist taking into account the representations received, it is considered that the introduction and enforcement of the proposed restriction should be sufficient to encourage drivers to park away from the junction.

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**Electoral Division: South Molton**

Local Government Act 1972: List of Background Papers

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Background Paper	Date	File Ref.
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**Devon County Council (Mole Ridge Way, South Molton)  
(Waiting Restrictions) Amendment Order  
Ref 5856  
Summary of Submissions**

<b>Comment</b>	<b>Response</b>
<p><b>Respondent 1:</b> <b>Resident of MOLE RIDGE WAY</b></p>	
<p>Due to single yellow lines being ignored, obstructive parking is occurring causing a hazard.</p> <p>Suggests an upgrade to double yellow lines to enable clearer vision when entering and exiting at the junction.</p>	<p>The lines that have been marked by the developer do not currently have any legal standing.</p> <p>It is recommended that the traffic order is implemented as advertised so that the restriction can be enforced.</p> <p>The situation will be monitored and if problems arise then a change to the restrictions can be considered as part of a future review.</p>
<p><b>Respondent 2:</b> <b>Councillor Jeremy Yabsley</b></p>	
<p>South Molton Town Council have requested the junction have double yellow lines to prevent cars obstructing safe sight lines at the junction.</p> <p>Councillor Yabsley would support this request.</p>	<p>See above.</p>
<p><b>Respondent 3:</b> <b>Resident of MOLE RIDGE WAY</b></p>	
<p>Current single yellow lines aren't sufficient to tackle the obstructive parking issue which is causing a hazard to drivers and pedestrians.</p> <p>Suggests upgrade to double yellow lines.</p>	<p>See above.</p>
<p><b>Respondent 4:</b> <b>Resident of MOLE RIDGE WAY</b></p>	
<p>Obstructive parking is still occurring despite current restrictions causing a hazard.</p> <p>Suggests that it's either upgraded to double yellow lines or enforced better.</p>	<p>See above.</p>
<p>Where the current restriction ends, it only leaves a small unrestricted parking space which is often used by a bigger vehicle causing driveway obstruction.</p> <p>Suggests that the restriction is extended.</p>	<p>The proposed restrictions extend to the dropped kerbs on both sides of the road.</p> <p>It is an offence for vehicles to park across a dropped kerb.</p>