

Local Waiting Restriction Programme

Report of the Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport

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 2 to this report are agreed.**

1. Summary

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

2. Background

In October 2021, a list of requests for new or amended waiting restrictions for the 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 26 May until 20 June 2022.

A summary of the proposals advertised can be found in Appendix 1 and the associated plans have been attached as supplementary information to this report.

3. Consultations/Representations

Details of the comments received to these proposals, and the County Council's response are shown in Appendix 2 to this report.

Following advertisement:

- Proposals which did not attract objections will be implemented.
- Proposals that received objections are detailed in Appendix 2 to this report with recommendations for each location.

4. Strategic Plan

The restrictions proposed support the priorities in the Strategic Plan as they aim to improve road safety to improve health and wellbeing and to better manage traffic and parking in the areas to respond to the climate emergency and support sustainable economic recovery.

5. 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.

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)

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.

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

There is not considered to be any public health impact.

11. 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 the area and therefore comply with Section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

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Electoral Divisions: All in Torridge

Local Government Act 1972: List of Background Papers

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Background Paper	Date	File Reference
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Details of Proposals Advertised

Councillor	Plan Reference	Location	Parish/Town	Proposals	Statement of Reasons
Dermot McGeough	ENV5939-01	Richmond Road	Appledore	Upgrade the school keep clear to a mandatory status.	To prevent obstructive parking.
Andrew Saywell	ENV5939-02	A3124	Beaford	Introduce no waiting 8am-6pm.	To prevent obstructive parking.
Linda Hellyer	ENV5939-03	Rope Walk	Bideford	Extend length of existing no waiting Mon-Sat 8am-6pm.	To prevent obstructive parking.
Jeffrey Wilton-Love	ENV5939-04	Union Close	Bideford	Introduce no waiting at any time.	To prevent obstructive parking.
Linda Hellyer	ENV5939-05	Access to Alverdiscott Industrial Estate	East the Water	Introduce no waiting Mon-Sat 8am-4pm.	To prevent obstructive parking.
Linda Hellyer	ENV5939-06	Torrington Lane	East the Water	Introduce no waiting at any time.	To prevent obstructive parking.
Andrew Saywell	ENV5939-07	South Street	Great Torrington	Introduce no waiting at any time and replace a loading bay with limited waiting 8am-5pm.	To prevent obstructive parking.
Jeffrey Wilton-Love	ENV5939-08	Fore Street	Hartland	Replace a section of limited waiting with loading only Mon-Sat 7.30am-10.30am.	To prevent obstructive parking.
Jeffrey Wilton-Love	ENV5939-09	The Square	Hartland	Introduce no waiting at any time.	To prevent obstructive parking.
Andrew Saywell	ENV5939-10	Barton Meadow Road	High Bickington	Introduce no waiting at any time.	To prevent obstructive parking.
Andrew Saywell	ENV5939-11	A386	Merton	Extend existing no waiting at any time.	To improve visibility along A386.

Councillor	Plan Reference	Location	Parish/Town	Proposals	Statement of Reasons
Dermot McGeough	ENV5939-12	Bay View Road	Northam	Extend existing no waiting at any time.	To improve junction visibility at Highfield.
James Morrish	ENV5939-13	Chapel Street	Holsworthy	Introduce no waiting at any time at the junction with Uplands Terrace to replace the existing no waiting. Introduce new section of no waiting at any time next to bus shelter and for passing.	To prevent obstructive parking and improve junction visibility.

Summary of Submissions

ENV5939-01 - Richmond Road, Appledore 3 respondents – 2 residents of Richmond Road, 1 resident of Richmond Terrace	
Comment	Devon County Council Response
<p>3 respondents commented on the proposals.</p> <p>Objection:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Residents object to the school keep clear being at all times. - Parking is already difficult in the area, especially during holiday periods, therefore the restriction will make the situation worse and cause problems elsewhere. <p>Supporting arguments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Restrictions would be supported by all respondents if only active during school hours. <p>Suggestions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - will there be resident parking available in the near future? How about making Richmond green into a parking area for residents? Or for example creating parking bays within the extra wide section of pavement as already happens down the street. - change restrictions to be active during school hours only. 	<p>Reason for Proposal: To prevent obstructive parking.</p> <p>Officer comments: Objections and support noted.</p> <p>We can adjust the school keep clear so it is only enforceable Mon - Fri 8am - 6pm to allow for after school activities. It is not practical to take into account the school holidays, as these change each year, also there may be activities and clubs throughout the school holidays.</p> <p>Suggestions are beyond the remit of this TRO. Comments will be forwarded to the appropriate DCC officer to discuss with the County Councillor.</p>
<p>Recommendation It is recommended that proposals are relaxed to adjust the times to Mon - Fri 8am - 6pm and implemented.</p>	

ENV5939-04 - Union Close, Bideford 1 respondent – 1 resident of Union Close	
Comment	Devon County Council Response
<p>1 respondent supports the proposals.</p> <p>Supporting arguments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bad and inconvenient parking causes access issues for emergency services and the refuse lorry, causes drivers to bump up the kerb. <p>Suggestions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Have tried to get lines put on the narrow section opposite numbers 5 to 9 to make the estate safer for drivers. - Drivers also park on the footway between number 4 and 5 which then causes danger to pedestrians, so in my view the lines should be brought further up Union Close to start opposite number 5 where the narrowing ends. 	<p>Reason for Proposal: To prevent obstructive parking.</p> <p>Officer comments: Support noted.</p> <p>It is not possible to extend the restrictions at this time, without re-advertising the restrictions.</p> <p>However, it is recommended that the restrictions are implemented as advertised and if it is considered necessary, further restrictions can be considered as part of a future review.</p>
<p>Recommendation It is recommended that the proposals are implemented as advertised.</p>	

ENV5939-06 - Torrington Lane, East the Water**2 respondents – 1 resident of Ayres Close, 1 resident of Sentry Corner**

Comment	Devon County Council Response
<p>1 respondent supports and 1 respondent opposes the proposals.</p> <p>Objections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Parking is already a struggle and restrictions will cause issues for those who don't have a drive. - Restrictions will just cause vehicles to be parked in other areas causing further obstructive parking. <p>Supporting arguments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Agrees the proposals are required. <p>Suggestions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Serious issues which haven't been highlighted in the proposal, how many cars/vans are now parking on Torridge Hill East the Water (ETW) between the turning to Chudleigh Avenue and the roundabout at the top of ETW. Also, how dangerous the parking has become on Alverdiscott Road ETW during school drop off and pick up times. Both of these areas are much more of a problem than this current area and both are serious accidents waiting to happen, whether that is between road users or pedestrians, so should be prioritised. - How will the proposals impact on parking and the residents of Ayre Close. 	<p>Reason for Proposal: To prevent obstructive parking.</p> <p>Officer comments: Objection and support noted.</p> <p>These proposals seek to improve visibility out of Ayres Close and prevent parking on verges and the footway which is causing damage.</p> <p>Impact of the restrictions can be reviewed, but vehicles that are displaced must park appropriately and safely so as not to cause an obstruction.</p> <p>Suggestions are beyond the scope of this TRO. Comments will be forwarded to the appropriate DCC officer/s to discuss with the County Councillor.</p>

Recommendation

It is recommended that the proposals are implemented as advertised.

ENV5939-07 - South Street, Great Torrington**1 respondent – 1 business on South Street**

Comment	Devon County Council Response
<p>1 respondent supports the proposals.</p> <p>Supporting arguments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supports the proposals. <p>Suggestions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Too many loading bays and not many lorries on High Street and South Street. Businesses rely on passing trade, could easily change 2 of the bays into 30 minute parking bays to help struggling shops. 	<p>Reason for Proposal: To prevent obstructive parking and increase limited waiting availability.</p> <p>Officer comments: Support noted.</p> <p>Suggestions are beyond the remit of this TRO. Comments will be forwarded to the appropriate DCC officer to discuss with the County Councillor to understand if there would be support for these changes.</p>

Recommendation

It is recommended that the proposals are implemented as advertised.

ENV5939-09 - The Square, Hartland
1 respondent – 1 resident of West Street

Comment	Devon County Council Response
<p>1 respondent opposes the proposals.</p> <p>Objections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The proposals will make other parts of the village more congested as cars will simply park in less suitable areas. This bit of The Square is quite wide and is fine for cars, even when there are cars parked on both sides. - The measures you are proposing in order to make life simpler for visiting large vehicles, seem not to take into consideration the needs of the residents. <p>Suggestions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There are signs at the beginning of Fore Street, directing large vehicles down School Lane. These are often ignored and before placing yellow lines in said area, it might be a good idea to make these signs bigger and place them more effectively. It should at least be tried before imposing restrictions that will have a detrimental knock-on effect to the surrounding area. - The village stores and pub need deliveries, but this would be possible in smaller vehicles. 	<p>Reason for Proposal: To prevent obstructive parking.</p> <p>Officer comments: Objection noted.</p> <p>Vehicles that are displaced must park appropriately and safely so as not to cause an obstruction.</p> <p>Roads are not just for the use of cars; other larger vehicles require access via these routes and it is the responsibility of Devon County Council Highways to facilitate this.</p> <p>We have no jurisdiction over the size of vehicle used to deliver to businesses in the area.</p> <p>Traffic is using the main route through Hartland. There are no rights to park on the public highway and parking is only permitted at locations where it does not cause an obstruction to all types of traffic.</p>

Recommendation
It is recommended that the proposals are implemented as advertised.

ENV5939-11 - A386, Merton
2 respondents – 1 resident of Clinton Terrace, 1 of Rolle Estate Office (writing on behalf of the landlord of adjacent properties)

Comment	Devon County Council Response
<p>2 respondents oppose the proposals.</p> <p>Objections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Losing parking will affect resident and family life, as no alternative parking is being provided. - Would not have moved to the property had they known about the proposals. - Lack of parking available for residents and no capacity for alternative parking. - Concerned speeds will increase if parking is removed. 	<p>Reason for Proposal: To prevent obstructive parking.</p> <p>Officer comments: Objections noted.</p> <p>There are no rights to park on the public highway and parking is only permitted at locations where it does not cause an obstruction to traffic movements or visibility.</p> <p>There is still a significant length of highway available for parking to take place, which will maintain the traffic calming effect.</p>

Recommendation
It is recommended that the proposals are implemented as advertised.

ENV5939-13 - Chapel Street, Holsworthy**5 respondents – 1 resident of Old Market Place, 1 resident of Staddon Road, 1 resident of Upland Terrace, 1 resident of Chapel Street, 1 resident of Tetcott****Comment****Devon County Council Response**

3 respondent support and 2 respondents oppose the proposals.

Objections:

- A lot more vehicles on the road, parking on the corner is dangerous.
- Available parking is being taken up by Waitrose staff whilst alterations are taking place.
- No where else to park at night so want the single yellow line to remain so they can park in the evenings and on Sunday.
- Believes it is a serious risk having vehicles parked all the way down Chapel Street.
- Driving into Holsworthy, you have to commit to passing parked cars before you know anything is coming and there is no where to get out the way.

Supporting arguments:

- Cars are continually parked on this street making it difficult for vehicles going up the hill to see oncoming traffic and vice versa.
- Supports any action to prevent parking on Chapel Street.

Suggestions:

- Only vehicle parked during the day is in the disabled bay, suggests the SYL is continued down to the bus stop.
- 4 respondents feel double yellow lines should be marked from Uplands to Old Market Place.
- Parking restrictions need to be enforced otherwise no point.
- It would help visibility if the wide grass verge on the opposite side was cut.

Reason for Proposal:

To prevent obstructive parking and improve junction visibility.

Officer comments:

Objection and support noted.

If we were to extend the restrictions down to Old Market Place there would not be anywhere for residents to park, and speeds along this section of road would increase.

This proposal allows lengths of parking for residents, which act as traffic calming, but includes a passing place which can also be utilised by the bus and a passing place at the junction with Uplands.

There have been no collisions on this section of road to suggest that it is dangerous.

Comments regarding the cutting of the verge will be passed to the Neighbourhood Officer.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the proposals are implemented as advertised.