

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.

1) Recommendation

That the Committee be asked to:

- (a) note the work on the local waiting restriction programme;
- (b) agree the recommendations contained in Appendix 2 to this report.

2) Background

In October 2022, 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 16 March until 6 April 2023.

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

Following advertisement:

- The proposal that did not attract objections will be implemented.
- Proposals that received objections are detailed in Appendix 2 to this report with a recommendation 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, to secure 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) 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: Bideford East and Torrington Rural

Local Government Act 1972: List of background papers

Background Paper Nil

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Appendix 1 to CET/23/39**Details of Proposals Advertised**

Councillor	Plan Reference	Location	Parish/ Town	Proposals	Statement of Reasons
Andrew Saywell	ENV6037-102	Borough Road	Great Torrington	Introduce No Waiting At Any Time	To improve visibility and prevent obstructive parking.
Linda Hellyer	ENV6037-209	Alverdiscott Road	East The Water	Introduce No Loading At Any Time	To prevent obstruction of the highway.
Linda Hellyer	ENV6037-210	Bridge Street	Bideford	Introduce Limited Waiting Monday to Saturday 8am – 6pm No Return Within 2 Hours	To improve access to local businesses.

Summary of Submissions

ENV6037-102 – Borough Road, Great Torrington 1 respondent – 1 resident of Hatchmoor Estate	
Comments	Devon County Council Response
<p>1 respondent supports the proposals.</p> <p>Supporting arguments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Restrictions would address current safety concerns. <p>Suggestions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Move the pavement to the front of the layby and then people can have driveways put onto their property and still use the layby as well for other members of the public. If everyone had a driveway, people could still use the layby for about 6-8 cars, some houses have more than one car so it's difficult to park. <p>Questions/Additional Info:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Resident expresses concern that people will park in the layby right outside her house and it's hard to get a space to park as it is. 	<p>Reason for Proposal: Introduce 'No Waiting At Any Time' to improve visibility and prevent obstructive parking.</p> <p>Officer comments: Comments noted, however adjustments to the footway are not within the remit of the scheme.</p> <p>There is already sufficient depth of land at the front of these properties if a resident wished to apply for a vehicle crossing/driveway.</p> <p>Understand needs of residents, however, it is not the responsibility of the County Council to provide parking on the public highway.</p>
<p>Recommendation It is recommended that the proposals are implemented as advertised.</p>	

ENV6037-210 - Bridge Street, Bideford
1 respondent – 1 resident of Bridge Street

Comments

1 respondent supports the proposals.

Supporting arguments:

- Resident is currently paying for a permit in the long stay car park.
- It takes resident a long time to get to the long stay car park.

Questions/Additional Info:

- Resident is a blue badge holder and has contacted Bideford Town Council, Torridge District Council & Devon County Council regarding residents parking permits within Bridge Street but has not received a response or acknowledgement to date.
- Resident has heard that only houses and not converted buildings are permitted Residents parking and states that if true then this amounts to economic apartheid [segregation] which by way of copying this message to their MP Geoffrey Cox will be made aware of this very unreasonable & unfair practice. Resident formally requests that this matter is taken very seriously as it indicates a deeply discriminative attitude.

Devon County Council Response

Reason for Proposal:

Change 'No Waiting Mon-Sat 8am-6pm' to a 'Limited Waiting Mon-Sat 8am-6pm 2 Hours No Return Within 2 Hours' to improve access to local businesses.

Officer comments:

This is not a proposal for residents parking but a limited waiting bay (with unrestricted overnight & Sunday parking). As the resident is a blue badge (BB) holder they will be able to park in the limited waiting bay for as long as they need whilst they have their BB on display, but they are not guaranteed a parking space.

We can find no record of a request or enquiry from the resident, if resident wishes to contact us by email, then the address is csc.roads@devon.gov.uk

If a building is converted into multiple properties where there is an existing residents parking scheme, then those properties would not be eligible for a residents permit.

New residents parking schemes would include any residential properties (houses, flats, converted building) within the agreed area, at the time of designing the scheme. Any new residents parking scheme would be subject to a public consultation before any final decisions were made.

However, there is no resource to consider this request at this time and would recommend the respondent discusses this with their County Councillor and wider community.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the proposals are implemented as advertised.