

Report to: Justin Bloomfield - Parking Lead Officer

Date: 15th September 2023

Report of: Norma Adjepong –Traffic Engineer

**THE BOROUGH OF WATFORD (VARIOUS ROADS, PART B WATFORD)
(PROHIBITION OF WAITING RESTRICTIONS) ORDER 2023**

1.0 SUMMARY

1.1 The purpose of this report is:

1.1.1 To inform the Parking Lead Officer of the need to implement the proposal, which forms the subject of the above named Traffic Regulation Order (TRO).

1.1.2 To seek authorisation to publish “Notice of Proposals” and:

a) where no objections are received or where objections are subsequently withdrawn “Make” the TRO and implement the proposal and:

b)where objections are received and not subsequently withdrawn, report the details of the objections together with Officer’s recommendations so that further instructions can be obtained.

1.1.3 To seek authorisation to consult residents and school in the immediate vicinity of the proposal by means of a letter and plan drawing their attention to the published “Notice of Proposals” and explaining how they can obtain more details of the proposals and make representations should they wish. In addition to consult with statutory consultees, erect on street notices and advertise a Notice of Proposal in the Watford Observer.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 That the Parking Lead officer authorises all as described in paragraphs 1.1.2 and 1.1.3 above.

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3.0 DETAILED PROPOSALS

- 3.1 Requests for minor amendments to waiting restrictions received from residents and elected members across the borough have been collated into a “minor waiting restriction programme” for the year 2022/2023. Requests have been reviewed between officers and ward councillors during Spring/Summer 2023 and those which were considered appropriate were taken forward to the informal consultation stage with residents/school. A total of 9 schemes were proposed across 6 different wards.
- 3.2 The informal consultation stage involved sending letters to residents and school which set out the justification of the restrictions along with a plan showing the proposals. The informal consultation took place between the 14th July and 4th August 2023.
- 3.3 All comments received from residents, following the informal consultations were subsequently shared with ward councillors, along with officer recommendations and comments.
- 3.4 Ward councillors have agreed not to proceed to statutory consultation on one of the proposals as there was no majority support from residents in these areas for the proposed changes. Of the remaining 8 schemes, ward councillors are content to proceed to statutory consultation- 5 as per the proposals shared during the informal consultation and 3 with Minor amendments; 2 based on feedback received during the informal consultation and 1 based on recommendation from the Ward Councillor.

Table 1 sets out proposals which were informally consulted on and recommendations following receipt of comments.

Table 1: List of Proposals and Recommendations of actions

<u>Road (Ward)</u> Proposed Restrictions	Recommendation
<u>Cambridge Road and Granville Road junction (Central)</u> Reduce the existing parking bay by 3 metres and extend the adjacent existing the no waiting and no loading any time restrictions.	To remove from programme and not proceed as objections were received from residents in regard to loss of permit bay parking.
<u>Access to Cherry Tree School (Leggatts)</u> To introduce no loading at any time restrictions just before the turning circle and to revise the end of the existing limited waiting restrictions from 3pm to 4pm.	Proceed to statutory consultation
<u>Dell Road, Chestnut Walk and The Harebreaks junction (Leggatts)</u> To introduce No waiting at any time around the two adjacent junctions	Proceed to statutory consultation

<p><u>Dell Side and The Harebreaks junction (Leggatts)</u> To introduce No waiting at any time at the junction</p>	<p>Amend the proposals shared during the informal consultation to extend the no waiting at any time restriction by 35 metres to encompass the area opposite Brett Place junction and proceed to statutory consultation</p>
<p><u>Melia Close/ St. Albans Road junction (Meriden)</u> To introduce No waiting at any time restrictions at the junction</p>	<p>Proceed to statutory consultation</p>
<p><u>Haydon Road (Oxhey)</u> To provide for a short term bay to operate Mon – Sat, 8am – 6.30pm, 2 hours, No return within 2 hours outside no. 4</p>	<p>To not proceed with the initial proposal shared during the informal consultation as a result of the objections received from residents; but to reduce the wait time on a nearby existing parking bay from 2 hrs to 30mins and proceed to statutory consultation</p>
<p><u>Imperial Way junction with Balmoral Road (Tudor)</u> Introduce No waiting At Any Time at the junction</p>	<p>Proceed to statutory consultation</p>
<p><u>Trinity Hall Close (Tudor)</u> Request to remove the single yellow lines on the road and; to extend the No Waiting at Any Time on the northern side from the junction and around the carriageway pinch-point outside property number 7</p>	<p>To amend the proposals shared during the informal consultation to exclude the removal of the single yellow line and proceed to statutory consultation</p>
<p><u>Louvian Way junction with Lyndon Court (Woodside)</u> Introduce No waiting at any time restrictions at the junction</p>	<p>Proceed to statutory consultation</p>

As can be seen from Table 1, majority of the schemes are based around implementation No Waiting at Any Time proposals and these will be advertised in the TRO listed below:

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One of the schemes is based around the implementation of No loading at Any time proposals and the other, an extension of the existing single yellow line restriction. Both of these are also covered in the above order.

A copy of the Draft TRO is shown in **Annex A**.

4.0 **IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 **Financial**

- 4.1.1 The cost of the schemes is estimated at £2,500 for the legal advertising. Should there be no objections and the schemes implemented a cost of £5000 is allocated for Signing & Lining Works.
- 4.1.2 It has been confirmed there is a sufficient budget in HDR004 DO544

4.2 **Legal Issues** (Monitoring Officer)

- 4.2.1 Watford Borough Council has been given delegated authority to make traffic regulation orders and implement proposals to manage parking on public highways and other roads, pursuant to arrangements made under Section 19 of the Local Government Act 2000 and the Local Government (Arrangement for discharge of Functions) (England) Regulations 2012 with Hertfordshire County Council, and is exercising the powers conferred on it under Section 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (which said Act of 1984 is hereinafter referred to as "the 1984 Act") and of all other enabling powers.

4.3 **Equalities**

- 4.3.1 The programme of works aim to improve road safety and amenity for vehicles and pedestrians, thus paying regard to the council's duty according to the Equality Act 2010 as set out below.

Under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010, the 'general duty' on public authorities is set out as follows:

A public authority must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to -

- eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act;
- advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;
- foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it

- 4.3.2 No issues have been raised during the informal consultation process. Should the council be made aware through the statutory consultation process of any impact on specific groups, a review of the Equalities Impact Assessment will take place.

5.0 Potential Risks

5.1	Potential Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Overall score
	Some members of the public/school will perceive on-street parking controls as an unnecessary imposition by the Council.	2	1	3
	Failure to implement new parking controls will lead to continued complaints from the public, school and residents in regard to road safety and school accessibility.	1	2	3
	Total	3	3	6

Background Papers

Annex A: Draft Traffic Regulation Order

NOTIFICATION OF OFFICER DECISION

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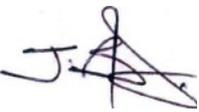
Decision Summary

1. That a "Notice of Proposals" is published and for those proposals where no objections are received or where objections are subsequently withdrawn "Make" the TRO and implement the proposals and for those proposals where objections are received and not subsequently withdrawn, report the details of the objections together with Officer's recommendations so that further instructions can be obtained.

2. That residents/school in the immediate vicinity of the proposals be consulted by means of a letter and plan drawing their attention to the published "Notice of Proposals" and explaining how they can obtain more details of the proposals and make representations should they wish.

Name of Officer exercising delegated authority:

Justin Bloomfield, Parking Lead Officer

Signature: 

Date:19 September 2023.....