

AGENDA ITEM:

**REPORT TO APPEALS &
COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE**

2 DECEMBER 2015

**REPORT OF CORPORATE
DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT &
NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES**

PROPOSED PARKING RESTRICTIONS – HIGH STREET, NORTON

1.0 SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek Members' views regarding outstanding objections' received, following statutory advertising of a Traffic Regulation Order for proposed parking restrictions in High Street, Norton.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:-

- (i) Members give consideration to the objection received from Ms C Duell, Ms Clancy and Mrs Smith during the statutory process, also to the comments of the Head of Economic Growth and Development Services as detailed in the report.
- (ii) A recommendation on the merits of the objections is made to the Head of Economic Growth and Development Services.
- (iii) The Local Ward Councillors, Norton Village Residents Association and the objectors are informed of the Committee's recommendation.

3.0 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 In 2011 a Borough wide parking study was undertaken. Norton was identified as an area for assessment. The Central Area Transport Strategy (ATS) Group whose members are local transport stakeholders have been given an annual budget allocation to spend on transport priorities in their particular area. Stakeholders include Ward Councillors and Norton Village Residents Association. The Central ATS Group approved a study into parking in Norton given the perceived parking issues in the area and to investigate the feasibility of introducing pedestrian crossing facilities at Leven Road.
- 3.2 Information received from Norton Village Residents Association (NVRA) demonstrates that the main concern is obstructive and indiscriminate parking for both residents and businesses. Introducing limited waiting and no waiting restrictions that can be enforced can reduce the impact of such parking.
- 3.3 On street parking surveys have been undertaken that indicates that there is high use and turnover throughout the day along the east and west side of the High Street carriageway. Three areas have been identified as potential 2 hour limited waiting areas:
 - The existing car park close to the amenities, adjacent to 4-10 High Street;
 - The uncontrolled area adjacent to 8-12 Harland Place;
 - An increase to the duration of stay to 2 hours in Leven Road is proposed to allow a more consistent approach.

- 3.4 It is also proposed to formalise the Keep Clear restriction on the west side service road (Fox Alms Houses) to no waiting at anytime restrictions, to allow regular access and stop obstructive parking.
- 3.5 An exhibition and drop in session was carried out in Norton Library, the drop in session was well attended and the reply results are summarised below.

	Support	Do Not Support	Total Consultations Returned with a comment
Zebra Crossing	29 88%	4 12%	33
Leven Road Limited Waiting	23 77%	7 23%	30
2Hr Limited waiting Harland Place	30 91%	3 9%	33
2Hr Limited waiting 4-10 High St	28 85%	5 15%	33

- 3.6 As a result of the exhibition and drop in session the following suggestions were made and have been incorporated into the scheme.

- Introduce an evening Taxi Rank in the west side service road from 47 to 53 High Street the operating times will be 8pm to 4am.
- Bollard to be installed at the puffin crossing next to Norton Fisheries.
- Additional Keep Clear markings and hatching to assist vehicles exiting service roads along the length of the High Street.

- 3.7 Authorisation to advertise the proposed Traffic Regulation Order in Norton High Street as per drawing **TM14/124 in Appendix 1** was subsequently given in June 2014 (decision record TS.T.38.14).

- 3.8 Statutory advertising ran from 8 July 2015 until 5 August 2015 during which time the Council formally received 3 objections opposed to the 2 hour Limited Waiting on parking in the existing car park adjacent to 4-10 High Street and from 8-10 Harland Place.

4.0 DETAILS OF THE OBJECTIONS

- 4.1 A copy of the objection letters are attached from Ms Duell **Appendix 2**, Ms Clancy **Appendix 3** and Mrs Smith **Appendix 4**. The letters and draft report were presented to the Head of Economic Growth & Development Services and Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Transport at their de-brief meeting on 15 October 2015.

- 4.2 A summary of the objections and response from the Head of Economic Growth and Development services are set out in **Appendix 5**.

5.0 FINANCIAL & LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The estimated cost of statutory advertising and necessary signing/lining is £7500, to be funded from the 2015/16 Borough Wide Parking budget.

6.0 POLICY CONTENT

The proposals are consistent with the Council's Local Transport Plan and Sustainable Community Strategy.

7.0 CONSULTATION

The police and emergency services have no objections to the proposals. The local Ward Councillors were previously consulted, no formal comments were received. Scheme approval has been given by the Head of Economic Growth and Development Services in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Transport. Statutory consultations involving advertising on site and in the local press were undertaken. This resulted in three outstanding objections being received. The objectors will be invited to the Appeals Committee Meeting.

8.0 CONCLUSION

The proposed measures were developed in response to the Borough wide parking study that was undertaken. The proposals aim to provide additional short stay parking opportunity to the benefit of local businesses, displaced long stay parking opportunity is available elsewhere on the High Street, though this will be monitored should the proposals be progressed.

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Environmental Implications

None

Community Safety Implications

None

Background Papers

Scheme of Delegation Reports TS/T/38/14

Education Related Item?

No.

Ward(s) and Ward Councillors:

Norton North: Councillors; Councillor Mrs K Nelson and Mr S Nelson