

AGENDA ITEM:

**REPORT TO APPEALS &
COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE**

12 DECEMBER 2016

**REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF
ECONOMIC GROWTH &
DEVELOPMENT**

**PROPOSED EXTENSION AND ADDITION OF NO WAITING AT ANY TIME RESTRICTIONS -
BEDALE AVENUE, BILLINGHAM**

1.0 SUMMARY

This report is to seek Members' views on 2 unresolved representations received, following statutory advertising of a proposal to extend and introduce additional No Waiting At Any Time Restrictions on Bedale Avenue in Billingham.

The response of the Director of Economic Growth and Development to the representations is included. It is not considered appropriate for the Director of Economic Growth and Development to consider the representations directly as he would effectively be reviewing his own decision.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:-

- (i) Members give consideration to the representations received during the statutory process, also to the comments in response from the Director of Economic Growth and Development, as detailed in this report.

3.0 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Bedale Avenue is an unclassified road leading from the B1275 Belasis Avenue to the 'Old Billingham' area of the town as well as providing access to the rear of Billingham South Community Primary School.
- 3.2 Bedale Avenue is an important bus route with 8 buses per hour in each direction, Monday to Saturday daytime, and 2 per hour in each direction Sunday. The bus operators have raised concerns that parking in the section of the proposed restrictions is causing difficulties for buses travelling through the area.
- 3.3 Ashwood Nursing Home have also raised concerns with school related parental parking across the entrance to their car park blocking vehicles trying to enter and exit.
- 3.4 Bedale Avenue is located near to Billingham South Community Primary School and forms part of the route to school. Inconsiderate parking can cause difficulties for parents and children walking to and from school.
- 3.5 There are 10 bungalows in this area that are served by an adopted access road located to the north of number 80 Bedale Avenue. Pedestrian access to the bungalows is via the access road and this access road to the bungalows allows for around 5 vehicles to park which is shown in **Appendix 1**.

- 3.6 Currently there are 'Residents Only Parking' signs. **Appendix 2** shows these signs however they are not regulatory and are not enforceable.
- 3.7 The current unrestricted areas allow for around 14 to 17 vehicles to park, the proposed restrictions would reduce this to 4 to 5 vehicles. **Appendix 3** shows the area to remain unrestricted.
- 3.8 Unrestricted parking will also be available nearby on Bedale Road to the north of the bungalows.
- 3.9 Evidence of parking on the centre island has been noted and can be seen in **Appendix 4**. If vehicles continue to park in this area in the winter months it is envisaged that considerable damage will occur to the grassed area.
- 3.10 This area is regularly patrolled by Enforcement Officers to combat school related parking issues. Officers have confirmed vehicles do park on the grassed centre island, however due to the lack of restrictions it makes it difficult to enforce.
- 3.11 Vehicles will still be allowed to temporarily stop on the proposed restrictions for the purpose of alighting and boarding of passengers as well as allowing deliveries to take place.
- 3.12 This area would not be considered for a residents parking area as parking is not implemented to address school parking issues which are not all day, everyday issues and schemes are not progressed for individual streets or single properties but for identifiable zones where long stay parking by commuters avoiding parking charges has a detrimental effect upon residents' ability to park near to their homes.

4.0 PROPOSED MEASURES (see Drawing TM2/214 in Appendix 5)

A permanent traffic regulation Order has been advertised. No waiting at any time restrictions are represented on the ground as double yellow lines.

5.0 CONSULTATION

- 5.1 Local Ward Councillors were consulted on the proposals. No responses were received.
- 5.2 Billingham Town Council were consulted on the proposals. No responses were received.

6.0 Statutory Consultation

- 6.1 The statutory consultation was conducted as required by the "Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England & Wales) Regulations 1989" as amended. In practice, this involved publishing a public notice in the "Herald & Post", site notices were posted on the affected highway. Copies of the site notice, plan and draft traffic Order were available on the Council's website for the duration. Statutory consultation ended on 2 June 2016.
- 6.2 2 representations remain unresolved following statutory advertising and exchange of correspondence. Copies of the correspondence exchanged are given in **Appendix 6**. The main points of the objections are summarised as follows with a response from the Director of Economic Growth and Development.

Objections summary

6.3 **Alison Welford, 79 Malvern Road, Billingham TS23 2PQ**

The residents of the bungalows are elderly and most have home help or nurses visiting regularly as well as visitors, putting this parking restriction into force will have a direct affect on them.

My mother relies heavily on us to assist her. Recently a sign was put up in the cul-de-sac is for residents only parking, this has led to family being forced to park on the main road at the front of the bungalows. If a 'no waiting zone' is put on the road where are visitors supposed to park?

Even if the parking is opened up to visitors in the cul-de-sac, there are 10 bungalows and only adequate parking for 4 cars. If all of the residents who have cars are parked there is no parking for visitors in the nearby vicinity.

6.4 **Response from the Director of Economic Growth and Development**

The proposed extension to the existing double yellow lines and the addition of further ones have been requested by the local bus operators due to concerns they have with parking in these areas which is causing difficulties for the safe movement of buses. The nearby nursing home has also expressed concerns with vehicles parking and blocking the entrance to their car park.

I can inform you that it is proposed that there will be a break in the restrictions outside the bungalows which will still allow for around 4 vehicles to park.

6.5 **Jean Harper, 82 Bedale Avenue, Billingham, TS23 1AL**

The residents of the bungalows are all in our later years and most of us have home help or nurses visiting regularly as well as our visitors, putting this parking restriction into force will have a detrimental effect on me and the other residents.

I am a 67 year old widow and would not manage without my family and friends visiting me regularly. Recently a sign was put up in the cul-de-sac is for residents only parking, this has led to all of my family being forced to park on the main road at the front of the bungalows. If a 'no waiting zone' is put on the road where are my visitors supposed to park?

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7.0 **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The estimated cost of processing the Order and for the associated lining works is £2,000. This is to be funded from Punctuality Improvement Partnership (PIP) funding.

8.0 POLICY CONTENT

The restrictions will help to maintain two way traffic flow along Bedale Avenue and prevent parking across the nursing home car park entrance.

9.0 CONCLUSION

The extension of and addition to the current restrictions will assist Enforcement to deal with dangerous and inconsiderate parking and also allow for the safe passage of buses along this section of road. Damage to the grass and pavements would also be reduced.

Provision of parking restrictions will enable Enforcement Officers to enforce any parking issues.

The unrestricted section outside the bungalows will still allow for parking for approximately 4 to 5 vehicles.

It is recommended that the representations are over ruled and the scheme be implemented.

Director of Economic Growth and Development

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Environmental Implications

None.

Community Safety Implications

None.

Background Papers

Cabinet Member Report EGDS.T.55.16
Officers' Traffic Group meeting December 2015, min 262/15 refers.
Officers' Traffic Group meeting January 2016, min 26/16 refers.
Officers' Traffic Group meeting April 2016, min 98/16 refers.

Education Related Item?

No.

Ward(s) and Ward Councillors:

Billingham South Ward Councillors; J. O'Donnell, M. Smith.

Billingham Town Council
