AGENDA ITEM

REPORT TO APPEALS & COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE

22 JANUARY 2018

REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT

ROCHESTER COURT, INGLEBY BARWICK – PROPOSED SCHOOL TIME WAITING AND LOADING RESTRICTIONS SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek Member's views regarding an outstanding objection item to determine whether it is possible to leave a gap in the proposed school time loading and waiting restrictions on Rochester Court, Ingleby Barwick for a resident to park a vehicle on the road.

1.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:-

- (i) Members give consideration to the objections raised and the comments of the Director of Economic Growth & Development.
- (ii) The local Ward Councillors and the objectors are informed of the Committee's recommendation.

2.0 DETAIL

2.1 An Appeals and Complaints Committee meeting was held on Thursday 12 October 2017 to consider proposed school time loading and waiting restrictions on Henshaw Drive, Holystone Drive, Rochester Court and Blair Avenue, Ingleby Barwick. Objectors to the proposed restrictions on Rochester Court were invited to the committee, with one attending who was given opportunity to speak.

Proposed school time loading and waiting restrictions on Henshaw Drive, Holystone Drive and Blair Avenue, Ingleby Barwick

2.2 The proposed school time loading and waiting restrictions (as shown on drawing number TM2/207. **Appendix 1)** were presented to the members of the Appeals and Complaints Committee. Members were mindful that the proposed school time loading and waiting restrictions on Henshaw Drive, Holystone Drive and Blair Avenue may displace parking to other roads or further along the named roads, they supported the need to prevent obstructive parking near the junctions of those roads and for the new access to the church. Members therefore unanimously recommended that these proposed waiting restrictions be supported by the Director of Economic Growth and Development.

Proposed school time loading and waiting restrictions on Rochester Court, Ingleby Barwick

2.3 The proposed school time loading and waiting restrictions were presented to the members of the Appeals and Complaints Committee. The objector to these proposals

was then given the opportunity to speak. Members noted the objectors' comment who works from home with no other available location to park his work van with equipment in. Whilst members agreed that the restrictions were necessary for the safety of children accessing the school via the pedestrian route off Rochester Court, they requested that an investigation be carried out to leave a gap in the waiting restrictions to enable the objector to park his vehicle on the road.

3.0 DETAILS OF THE OBJECTION AND RESPONSE FOLLOWING AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE POSSIBILITY OF LEAVING A GAP IN THE PROPOSED RESTRICTIONS

CONCERN COMMENTS 18 Rochester Court is located at the north The resident of 18 Rochester Court requested a gap to be left in the end of Rochester Court on the west side of proposed school time loading and the turning head. waiting restrictions for a vehicle to be parked on the road outside this On the east side of the turning head there is a pedestrian access route to Barley Fields property. primary school. This pedestrian access is daily (mon-fri) used by school children and their parents when walking to/from school via Thirlwall Drive and Rochester Court. The footpath between Thirlwall Drive and Rochester Court is adjacent to the shared driveway access for 16 Rochester Court and 39 Thirlwall Drive, which also leads into the west side of the Rochester Court turning head. There is no physical segregation between the footpath and the driveway access. The parking of a vehicle in front of 18 Rochester Court would obstruct the shared driveway access to 16 Rochester Court and 39 Thirlwall Drive. As a result, access to and from the properties could only be achieved by driving over the adjacent pedestrian footway (Thirlwall Drive / Rochester Court link), resulting in a pedestrian/vehicle conflict. With this is in mind, it would not be possible to leave a gap in the restrictions without adequately mitigating the associated risks to pedestrian safety.

The outstanding objection to the proposed restrictions is from:-

mike.campbell359@btinternet.com (dated 12 October 2017)

5.0 FINANCIAL & LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The estimated cost of processing the Order and for the associated signing and lining works is £3,500. This will be funded via the Traffic Management budget.

6.0 POLICY CONTENT

The restrictions will assist with the safe and expeditious movement of traffic and pedestrians on the affected lengths of Henshaw Drive, Holystone Drive, Rochester Court and Blair Avenue, Ingleby Barwick.

7.0 CONSULTATION

Scheme approval has been given by the Director of Economic Growth and Development in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport. Statutory consultations involving advertising on site and in the local press was undertaken and resulted in 6 (six) emails (3 objections and 3 comments) being received. All the objectors were invited to the Appeals Committee Meeting on Thursday 12 October 2017 from which the above objector only attended the meeting.

8.0 CONCLUSION

The recommendation of this investigation is that it is not possible to leave a gap in the proposed school time waiting and loading restrictions to allow a vehicle to park on the road outside 18 Rochester Court, Ingleby Barwick without adequately mitigating the associated risks to pedestrian safety.

The parking of a vehicle on the road outside 18 Rochester Court would cause a pedestrian/vehicle conflict by forcing the residents of 16 Rochester Court and 39 Thirlwall Drive to drive their vehicles over the adjacent footway which is regularly used by parents and children as a pedestrian route to Barley Fields School.

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Environmental Implications

None.

Community Safety Implications

None.

Background Papers

Officers Traffic Group (Min Ref) 75/16 & 267/16 Scheme of Delegation Report EGDS.T.251.16 Appeals and Complaints Committee meeting dated 12 October 2017

Education Related Item?

No

Ward(s) and Ward Councillors

Ingleby Barwick West Councillors K Dixon, D Harrington and R Patterson