



Decision Ref. No.

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Subject: THE HERTFORDSHIRE (VARIOUS ROADS, HERTFORD) (RESTRICTION OF WAITING) AND (REVOCATION) ORDER 2017

Staff Contact: Neil Richardson

Executive Member: Ralph Sangster

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Portfolio: Highways

1. Decision:

- To proceed with the implementation of "No waiting at any time" waiting restrictions as advertised on parts of Windsor Drive, Cherry Tree Green, Bentley Road, Thieves Lane, Calton Avenue, Edmunds Road, Alexander Road, Sadlers Way and Chandler Way.
- To proceed with the implementation of "No waiting at any time" waiting restrictions with amendments to the advertised Notice at the junction of Norwood Close with Edmunds Road.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- The proposals are to introduce No waiting at any time waiting restrictions following concerns received about the current on-street parking causing reduced forward visibility and obstructing access at various junctions and locations identified.

The proposed scheme was designed to:

- Maintain access and visibility for both pedestrians and vehicular traffic,
- Ensure free flow of traffic and
- Discourage inconsiderate parking.

2.1 Informal consultation stage (23rd Sept – 7th October 2016)

Consultees' consulted: 11

Replies: 1

Support: None

No objection: 1

Object: None

Residents consulted: Alexander Road & Sadlers Way: 7

Replies: 4

Support: 4

Object: None

Residents consulted: Alexander Road, Welwyn Road, Chandlers Way & Sadlers Way: 14

Replies: 2

Support: 2

Object: None

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Residents consulted:	Bentley Road and Calton Avenue:	12
Replies:		2
Support/Object:		1
Object:		1
Residents consulted:	Bentley Road & Edmunds Road:	8
Replies:		2
Support:		None
Object:		2
Residents consulted:	Bentley Road, Thieves Lane & Windsor Drive:	27
Replies:		4
Support:		2
Object:		2
Residents consulted:	Calton Avenue & Edmunds Road:	8
Replies:		2
Support:		2
Object:		None
Residents consulted:	Norwood Close:	29
Replies:		3
Support:		None
Object:		3
Residents consulted:	Windsor Drive & Cherry Tree Green:	9
Replies:		1
Support:		None
Object:		1

2.2 Formal consultation stage (2nd - 23rd February 2017)

Consultees' replies:		1
Support:		None
No Objection		1
Object:		None
Residents' replies:	Alexander Road, Welwyn Road, Chandlers Way & Sadlers Way:	4
Support:		3
Object:		1

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Residents' replies:	Bentley Road and Calton Avenue:	1
Support:		1
Object:		None
Residents' replies:	Bentley Road & Edmunds Road:	2
Support:		None
Object:		2
Residents' replies:	Bentley Road, Thieves Lane & Windsor Drive:	4
Support:		1
Object:		3
Residents' replies:	Calton Avenue & Edmunds Road:	1
Support:		None
Object:		1
Residents' replies:	Norwood Close and Edmunds Road:	2
Support:		None
Object:		2
Residents' replies:	Windsor Drive & Cherry Tree Green:	1
Support:		1
Object:		None

Residents/businesses that were informally consulted were informed of the consultation results. The scheme was to progress to formal consultation.

During formal consultation, we received a reply from the Hertfordshire Constabulary (HC) who raised no objection.

There were 7 objections received during the formal stage:

- a) 1 from Alexander Road, Sadlers Way and Chandlers Way. The objector cited safety for children at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic school during drop-off/pick up time. The objector did not respond to the last communication from the Council via e-mail. His initial views were that the council wanted to put double yellow lines for the roads within the area.
- b) 5 from Bentley Road, Thieves Lane, Norwood Close, Edmunds Road and Windsor Drive citing lack of parking places in the area. 2 of the objectors have disabled children these were advised to apply for disabled parking where alternative parking can be provided (disabled parking).
- c) 1 from Calton Avenue and Edmunds Road citing lack of parking in the area.

Considering the objections received:

There were concerns that the Council wanted to put double yellow lines affecting all roads within the area. This was not true and officers contacted the objectors and clarified that the measures are for junction protection only. Whilst sympathetic to lack of parking in the area, drivers should adhere to the Highway Code rules which prohibit parking within 10m of a

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junction or bend. The measures proposed are considered to be the most effective way of deterring parking at various junctions and there is little scope for deviation.

Having fully considered the grounds of the objections it is considered that there is merit in proceeding to seal the order as originally proposed and as amended on part of Norwood Close/Edmunds Road.

The measures are consistent with the Highway Code (clause 243) which states that *"Do not stop or park anywhere you would prevent access for Emergency Services, at or near a bus or tram stop or taxi rank, opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space, opposite a traffic island or (if this would cause an obstruction) another parked vehicle, where the kerb has been lowered to help wheelchair users and powered mobility vehicles, in front of an entrance to a property, on a bend, where you would obstruct cyclists' use of cycle facilities except when forced to do so by stationary traffic."*

3.1 Alternative options considered and rejected ²

The only changes made are for Norwood Close/Edmunds Road where the double yellow lines are reduced to allow parking outside Nos 24 and 30/32. The rest of the other proposals remain unchanged throughout the process.

4. Consultation:

- (a) Comments of Executive Member ^{2 3}
Consulted on 18th May 2017 and confirmed agreement for proposed decision and for scheme to proceed via e-mail on the same day.
- (b) Comments of other consultees ⁴
The list below shows the local county member(s) and other Consultees who were consulted at informal stage of the process;
- Consultees consulted at Informal consultation stage:
CClir. Peter Ruffles,
District Councillors: (Ryan Henson and Steve Cousins),
East Herts District Council (EHDC) enquiries,
Town Clerk, Hertford,
Peter Nicholls – Hertfordshire Constabulary (HC),
Frank Gologly and Justin Jones - Fire & Rescue Service,
Network Management East Herts,
Gary Skinner – PTU,
Ambulance Services – (Claire Edmonds, Emma Coggins and Margaret Addison).
 - Consultees consulted at formal consultation stage:
CClir. Peter Ruffles,
Dominique Kingsbury – EHDC,
Andrew Stevenson – Member resources,
Jolanta Duraj -
Frank Gologly - Fire & Rescue Service,
Christopher Richards, John Hurst – Quality Monitoring/Enforcement Team,
Peter Nicholls - HC,
Traffic Orders – (trafficorders@here.com),
Tracy Winder - Ambulance Service,

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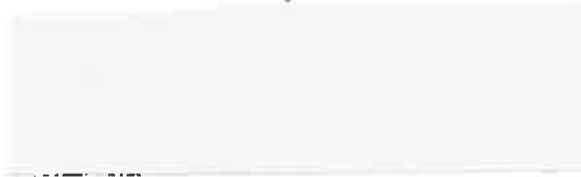
**Jolanta Duraj - Hertfordshire County Council Land Charges
Network Management East Herts.**

The HC stated they had no objection; the assumption is that EHDC are then willing to enforce.

The decision to proceed was supported by the then County Councillor Peter Ruffles in a meeting with Council officers on 24th April 2017.

- 5. Following consultation with, and the concurrence of the Executive Member, I am proceeding with the proposed decision.**

Signed:



Neil Richardson

Title: Highway Locality Manager

Date: 18th May 2017

- 6. Copies of agreed document to:**

- All consultees
- Chairman, and Vice-Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- Hard & electronic copy (for public inspection both at County Hall and on www.hertfordshire.gov.uk) Assistant Head of Member Services - Room 211 County Hall.

¹ for guidance see Chief Legal Officer's note "Taking Decisions"

² record any conflict of interest declared by any Executive Member consulted. If an Executive Member declares a conflict of interest DO NOT PROCEED without seeking advice from the Chief Legal Officer

³ If the matter has general significance for the Council and/or is, or is likely to be, controversial, then the officer shall consult the appropriate Executive Member before proceeding. In some cases it will be necessary to consult more than one Executive Member, and in some cases the Leader of the Council will need to be consulted

⁴ If the matter has local significance, but no general significance for the Council and no controversial aspects, the officer shall consult or inform the local member in writing (or by e mail) and proceed. It is essential that all officers responsible for delivering services ensure that local members are kept well briefed on issues affecting their areas.