

**Halesowen Area Committee – 28 June 2006**

**Report of the Director of the Director of the Urban Environment**

**Furnace Lane, Newfield Lane, Newfield Crescent, Halesowen**

**Proposed Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting Order**

**Purpose of Report**

1. To seek Area Committee's support for the introduction of additional waiting prohibitions and restrictions in Furnace Lane, Newfield Lane and Newfield Crescent, Halesowen.

**Background**

2. Furnace Lane is a local distributor road, which links the roundabout at Earls Way/Stourbridge Road, A458, with Haden Hill Road (A459) and Gorsty Hill Road (A4099) . It also provides access to the residential areas of Newfield Lane and Crescent and those off Whittingham Road. It also serves the Earls High School and the Halesowen College Campus and car parks in Whittingham Road.
3. Traffic problems arise in Furnace Lane, when coaches wait for students leaving Halesowen College, and in Newfield Lane and Newfield Crescent where demand for parking exceeds the provision made for on-campus parking. Furthermore, students park their cars in Furnace Lane, Newfield Lane and Newfield Crescent.
4. At your meeting in February 2003 Area Committee considered the outcome of a public meeting held on 7 January in respect of parking problems arising at Halesowen College, which had resulted in a 250 signature petition. The report presented agreed to note the issues raised and that further reports be presented following investigations and consultations.
5. In December 2004 a further petition with some 12 signatures was received from the residents of Newfield Lane and Newfield Crescent complaining about problems caused by coaches and cars parking on-street.

6. Last year plans were prepared to modify the prohibitions of waiting at the southern end of Furnace Lane, extending the prohibition past the refuges and then promoting limited waiting of 30 minutes to assist vehicles waiting to pick up and set down students. To further assist and improve the safety of traffic flow additional prohibitions are proposed between Newfield Lane and Whittingham Road, and along parts of Newfield Lane and Newfield Crescent.

#### Consultation

7. Letters and plans were sent out to the Ward Members on the 29 September 2005 and the Police and following comments from members the proposals were amended and a revised letter and revised plans issued on the 18 October 2005.
8. A reply supporting the proposals was received from the Police, dated 17 November 2005.
9. The proposals were advertised in the Express and Star on the 9 February 2006 and on-street for the period up to 6 March 2006.

#### Public Observations regarding Newfield Lane and Newfield Crescent

10. Three letters commenting on the proposals for Newfield Lane and Newfield Crescent have been received. Whilst these are not considered to be objections, two complain that prohibitions of waiting at any time in their streets would be excessive as the problems only occur during school hours. It is therefore now proposed that the proposals be modified, for Newfield Lane and Newfield Crescent to restrict waiting to 09.00 to 17.00 hours on weekdays only.
11. Other proposals remain as advertised.
12. Therefore, the present proposals are as follows:-

- (a) 30 minutes limited waiting, 8 am to 5 pm Monday to Friday;

##### Furnace Lane – West Side

Between a point 75 metres south of the centre line intersection point at the junction with Newfield Lane to a point 150 metres south of the centre line intersection point at the junction of Newfield Lane.

- (b) No Waiting at Any time

##### Furnace Lane – West Side

Between a point 55 metres south of the centre line intersection point of the junction with Newfield Lane, to a point 75 metres south of the centre line intersection point at the junction with Newfield Lane and between a point 10 metres north of the centre line intersection point of the junction with Newfield Lane to a point 135 metres north of the centre line intersection point at the junction with Newfield Lane.

- (c) No Waiting, 9 am to 5 pm, Monday to Friday;

Newfield Lane – East Side

Between a point 20 metres north – west of the centre line intersection point at its junction with Furnace Lane, up to and including the junction with Newfield Crescent.

Newfield Lane – West Side

Between a point 20 metres south of the centre line intersection point of its junction with Newfield Crescent up to and including the Newfield Crescent junction.

Newfield Crescent – North Side

Between a point 90 metres west of the centre line intersection point of its junction with Newfield Lane up to and including its junction with Newfield Lane.

Newfield Crescent – South Side

Between a point 10 metres west of the centre line intersection point of its junction with Newfield Lane up to and including its junction with Newfield Lane.

### **Finance**

11. The cost associated with the making and introduction of Traffic Regulation Orders can be met from the Minor Works Capital allocation.

### **Law**

12. Traffic Regulation Orders are made under Section 1 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

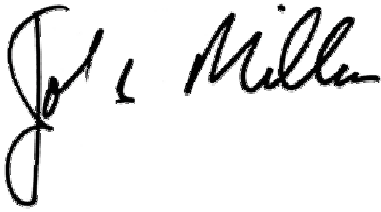
### **Equality Impact**

13. The proposals contained within this report comply with the Council's equal opportunities policy.

### **Recommendation**

14. That having fully considered the report, Members support the making of an amended Traffic Regulation Order as shown on drawing numbers TMD/CP/391 and TMD/CP/439A.

15. That the Cabinet Member for Transportation be recommended to introduce the scheme.



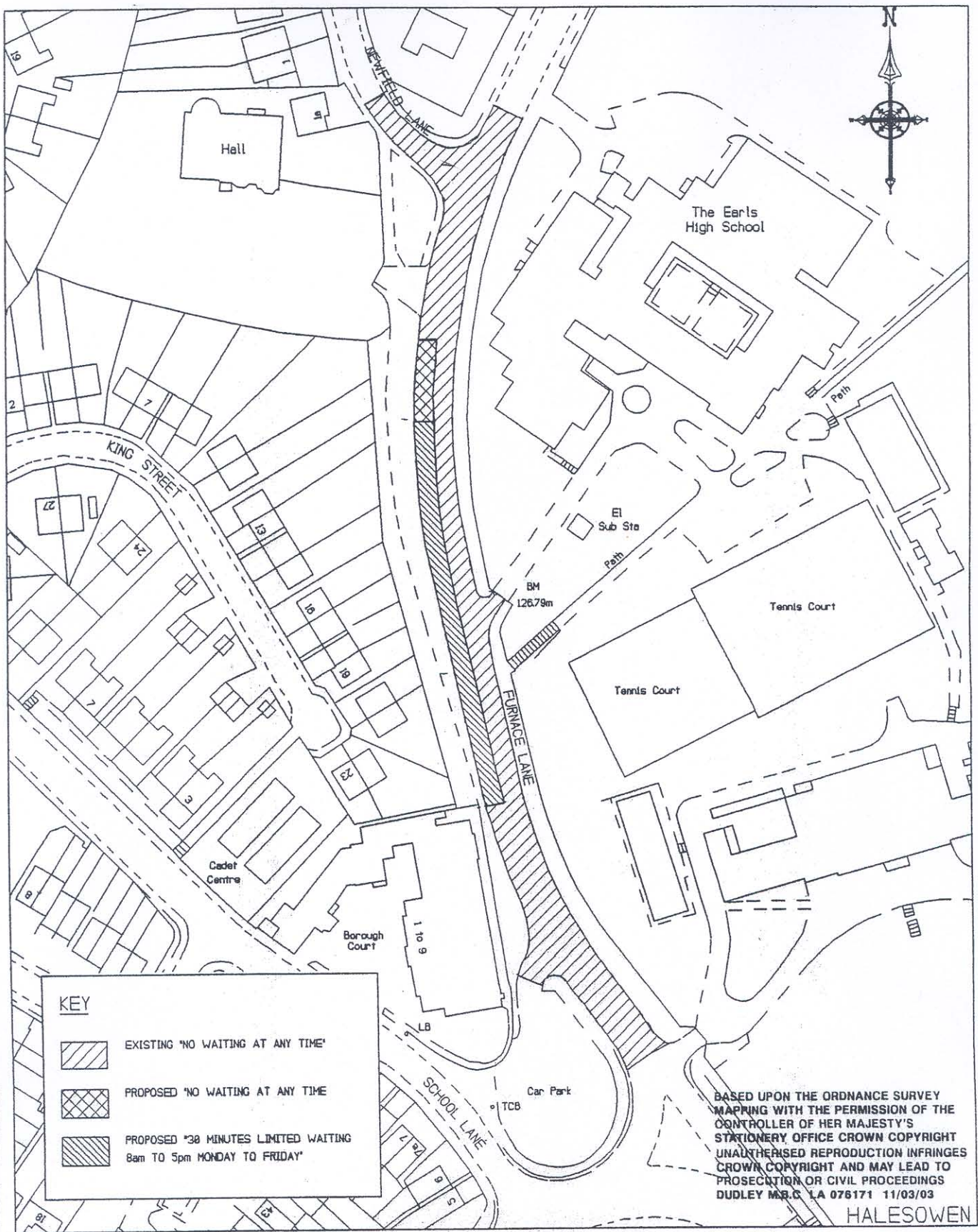
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


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#### **List of Background Papers**

1.      Petition of December 2002 (250 signatures)
2.      Petition of December 2004 (12 signatures)
3.      Report to February 2003 Committee
4.      Letters to Members and Police dated 18 October 2005
5.      Letters received (3 No.)



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-  PROPOSED 'NO WAITING AT ANY TIME'
-  PROPOSED '30 MINUTES LIMITED WAITING 8am TO 5pm MONDAY TO FRIDAY'

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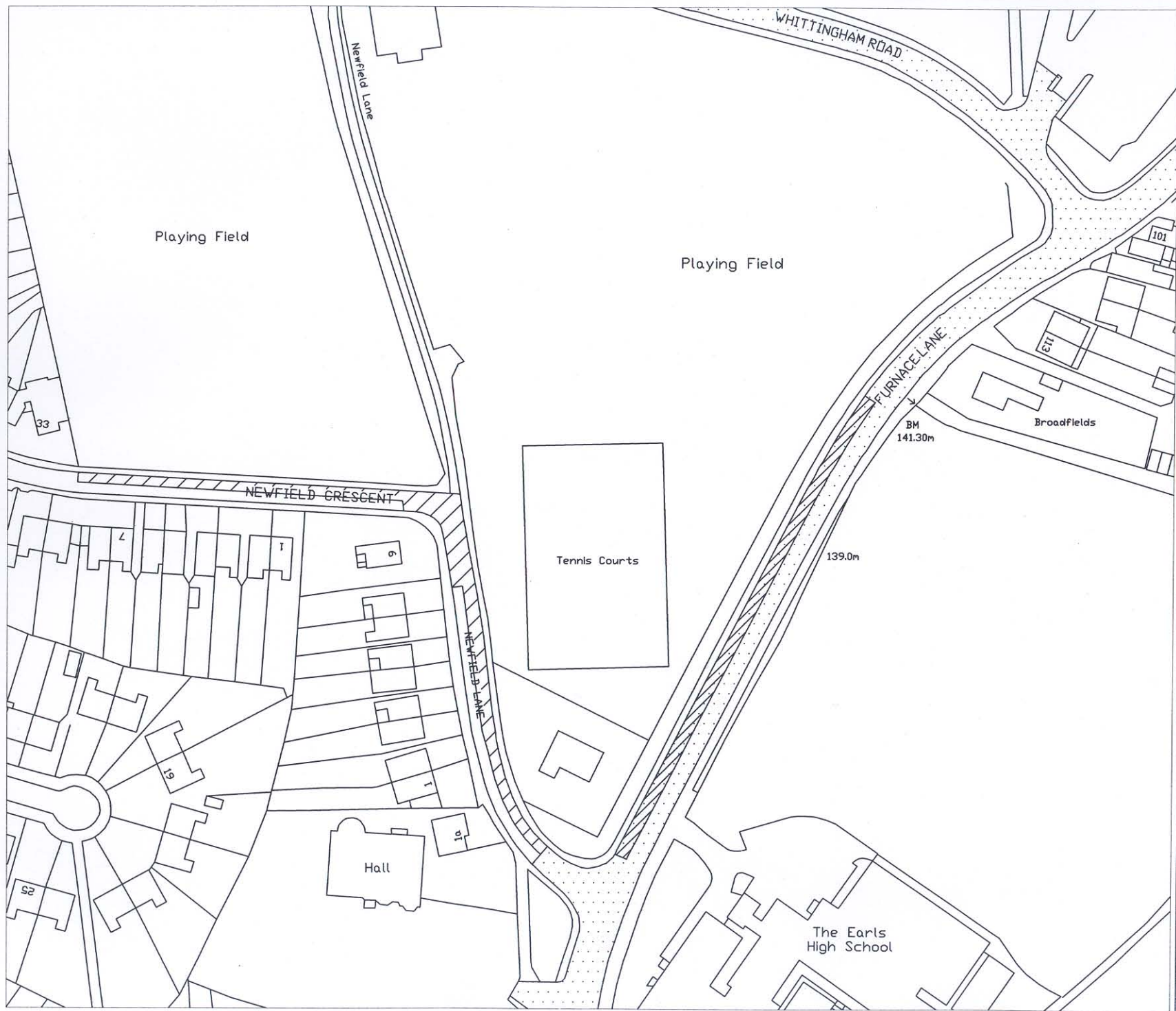
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
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**Project** Prohibition of Waiting

**Title** Prohibition Details

**Location** Furnace Lane, Newfield Lane & Newfield Crescent Halesowen

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