

Stourbridge Area Committee November 2008

Report of the Director of the Urban Environment

Proposed Prohibition of Waiting Order

Glebe Lane, South Road, Cherry Street and Witton Street, Stourbridge

Purpose of Report

1. To seek approval for the introduction of the proposed Glebe Lane, Stourbridge and associated streets Prohibition of Waiting Order.

Background:

- 2. Glebe Lane is a busy residential road with two junctions located in close proximity at a point where the carriageway gradient increases sharply.
- 3. High volumes of on street parking are concentrated along Glebe Lane at it's junctions with Cherry Street and Witton Street.
- 4. Vehicles travelling from South Road along Glebe Lane in a south easterly direction are displaced into the oncoming traffic as a result of the on street parking. The problem being exacerbated by the reduced forward visibility due to the carriageway gradient. This has prompted various complaints from residents in connection with concerns arising from the increased probability of vehicular collisions and difficulty in accessing the aforementioned junction.
- 5. Proposals to address this situation by the introduction of double yellow lines in Glebe Lane (as shown in drawing TM/DH/2663/Rev A.) were advertised in the Express and Star on the 6th May 2008. The closing date for the receipt of objections was the 30th May 2008. Letters were also sent to Ward Members and the Police.
- 6. Thirty-nine letters were received from residents of the affected streets of which, eleven letters were supportive and twenty-eight objected to the original proposal. The Ward Members and the Police support the scheme.
- 7. Inspection of the objections received suggested that residents agreed with the Council's aim in removing obstructive parking in close proximity to junctions; however some consultees considered that the initial proposal was excessive and would unnecessarily penalise frontagers that currently park in a responsible

manner within the affected streets.

- 8. Further negotiations with all objectors revealed that residents were more amenable to a scheme where only the areas possessing the significant potential highway safety risks were preserved by the proposed Order.
- 9. The final proposal is shown in drawing TM/DH/2663/Rev D; copies of the plan were circulated to objectors on 21st July 2008 with final comments to be received no later than 18th August 2008. Twenty-three residents from the thirty-nine respondents to the first consultation now support the final scheme.

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 proposal contained within this report complies with the Councils equal opportunities policy.

Recommendation:

- 14. It is recommended that:-
 - ❖ That the making of the Glebe Lane, Stourbridge and associated streets Prohibition of Waiting Order be supported.
 - That the Cabinet Member for Transportation be recommended to introduce the scheme.

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List of Background Papers

1.	Letter to Ward Members and Police	06.02.2008
2.	Public Notice of Proposals	06.05.2008
3.	Original Proposal TM/DH/2663/Rev A.	18.03.2008
4.	Final Proposal TM/DH/2663/Rev D.	14.07.2008

