

WARDS: Kingswinford North and Wall Heath

AGENDA

ITEM NO.

DUDLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

BRIERLEY HILL AREA COMMITTEE – 25th NOVEMBER 2003

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE URBAN ENVIRONMENT

TITLE - CROSS STREET, KINGSWINFORD : OBJECTION TO PROPOSAL TO INTRODUCE WAITING PROHIBITIONS

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To report on an objection to a proposal to introduce a further section of prohibited waiting in Cross Street, Kingswinford.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Most of the cul-de-sac section of Cross Street, Kingswinford, is protected from obstructive parking by waiting prohibitions (double yellow lines).
- 2.2 However, for the distance of two cars, a central part of the cul-de-sac has unrestricted waiting. This was left following the introduction of previous lengths of waiting prohibitions.
- 2.3 A recent request has been made for waiting prohibitions to be introduced in the unrestricted section of the cul-de-sac. This request was made because of difficulties in gaining vehicular access to a residential property opposite the area of unrestricted waiting. Also, as this cul-de-sac has no turning head, it was felt that drivers might enter this section looking for parking, then have to carry out awkward turning manoeuvres. Once motorists commit themselves to enter the cul-de-sac, they would have difficulty in turning round.
- 2.4 It would not be possible to construct a turning facility in this cul-de-sac, as no land is available.
- 2.5 Accordingly, a proposal to introduce prohibited waiting here was publicly advertised. The proposal is described in Appendix A and shown on the attached plan.

2.6 Consultation

- 2.6.1 Details of the proposal were sent to the Police on 19th May, 2003.
- 2.6.2 On 30th May, the Police replied that they supported the proposal.

- 2.6.3 Details of the proposal were sent to the three Ward Members on 19th May, 2003.
- 2.6.4 On 2nd June, 2003, a Ward Member responded that she could not support the request for prohibited waiting in this area because of public unease regarding the introduction of previous prohibited waiting schemes.
- 2.6.5 The proposal was published in the “Express and Star” newspaper on 7th August, 2003, and also on-street between 7th August and 1st September, 2003.

2.7 Observation

- 2.7.1 During the public advertisement period, one observation was received, from a resident of Cross Street. The correspondent wishes the current yellow lines in front of his home to be removed so that his visitors could park on the public highway in front of his home.
- 2.7.2 It has not been proposed that any existing waiting prohibitions be removed, so this cannot be considered under the present proposal.

2.8 Sustainable Transport

Introduction of the proposal could encourage the use of sustainable forms of transport.

3.0 PROPOSAL

- 3.1 Having fully considered the observation received, that the Order be made.

4.0 FINANCE

- 4.1 Funds to implement the introduction of waiting prohibitions, estimated at £300, are available from this year’s Highways Capital Budget.

5.0 LAW

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

6.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

- 6.1 The proposals contained in this report comply with the Council’s Policy on Equal Opportunities.

7.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 7.1 That Members support the proposals contained in Paragraph 3.0 of this report.

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Background documents used in the preparation of this report:-

19.05.03	-	Letter to Police
30.05.03	-	Letter from Police
19.05.03	-	Letter to Ward Members
02.06.03	-	E-mail from a Ward Member
07.08.03	-	Proposal advertised
19.08.03	-	Letter of objection sent

APPENDIX A

THE BOROUGH OF DUDLEY (CROSS STREET, KINGSWINFORD, (PROHIBITION OF WAITING) ORDER 2003

NO WAITING AT ANY TIME

CROSS STREET
(cul-de-sac section)
south-east

- north-east side -

between a point 24 metres
of the north-western
extremity and a point 10
metres north-west of
Summer Street.