

Stourbridge Area Committee – Monday 19th November 2007

Report of the Director of the Urban Environment

Cranbourne Road and Adjacent Streets, Stourbridge – Proposed Prohibition of Waiting Order

Purpose of Report

1. To seek Area Committee's support for the introduction of a Prohibition of Waiting Order in Cranbourne Road, Sherbourne Road, Red Hill, The Heathlands and Margaret Drive, Stourbridge.

Background

2. Cranbourne Road and Red Hill form part of a network of local distributor roads which serve Stourbridge Town Centre and at the same time provide local road links. Cranbourne Road also links the A491 Hagley Road, which is a primary route of considerable strategic importance, to Red Hill; a local distributor route.
3. Each of the roads varies in width, standard and age with residential development on both sides, which is also of varying standards and age. The vast majority of residents have off-street parking facilities. During the day, on-street car parking obstructs and creates dangers for through traffic at the road junctions. This parking is mostly caused by students of Stourbridge College and residents of Hagley Road as they have little or no off-street parking.
4. To address the problems detailed above, it was proposed to introduce a waiting prohibition on these streets, as shown on drawing number TM2566A.
5. Letters and plans were sent to Ward Members and the Police on 17 January 2007.
6. The proposals were advertised in the Express & Star on 8 May 2007 and Notices were maintained on-street from 8 May until 4 June 2007.
7. Eight letters of objection and two letters of support were received.

Three residents of Hagley Road objected on the grounds that, if introduced, they would not be able to park on-street in Cranbourne Road.

Three residents of Cranbourne Road and The Heathlands request a day time and early evening restriction to be introduced. It has, however, been considered that this could make enforcement difficult and would encourage obstructive parking outside these hours.

Two residents believe the restriction is not appropriate for Red Hill.

8. Two residents of Cranbourne Road support this scheme as shown on drawing number TM2566A. West Midlands Police and West Midlands Fire Service also support these proposals.
9. It is considered that the proposals protect the junction and access into Cranbourne Road, Sherbourne Road, Red Hill, The Heathlands and Margaret Drive. Committee is therefore recommended to support the introduction of the proposals as advertised.
10. Background papers will be available for Members to view.

Finance

11. The cost associated with the making and introduction of this Traffic Regulation Order is likely to be around £2,000, which cost can be met from the Minor Works Capital Allocation.

Law

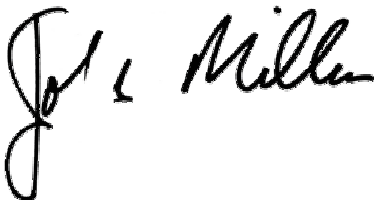
12. Traffic Regulation Orders are made under Section 1 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Equality Impact

13. The proposals contained within this report comply with the Council's equal opportunities policy.
14. If introduced, the proposals would assist pedestrian and cyclist movements, especially during peak hours and at school opening and closing times.

Recommendation

15. That having fully considered the report, Members support the making of the Traffic Regulation Order as modified and shown on drawing number TM2566A.
16. The Cabinet Member for Transportation be recommended to introduce the scheme one month after the introduction of Civil Parking Enforcement in Dudley.



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List of Background Papers

1. Letters to Members and Police
2. Letters from 8 members of public
3. Notice of proposal to introduce Traffic Regulation Order
4. Letter from Police received 18th January 2007
5. Letter from West Midlands Fire Service received 25th May 2007