

Decision maker:	Assistant director environment and place
Decision date:	24 July 2017
Title of report:	Etnam Street & Pinsley Road, Leominster: Proposed Introduction of Parking Restrictions and extension of Residents' Parking
Report by:	Engineering manager

Classification

Open

Key Decision

This is not a key decision.

Wards Affected

Leominster East.

Purpose

After receiving a formal request from the Local Member, who had received representations from local residents, proposals were drawn up for the introduction of parking restrictions. After discussions and resident consultations the final proposals look to introduce a prohibition of waiting, loading and unloading at any time in order to combat the regular habitual parking of vehicles on the footways adjacent to the two pedestrian crossings and alongside the built out footway to the west of the junction with Falconer Street that is hampering visibility and passage to through traffic in each of these areas. The proposals are depicted on the enclosed plans HD/T/LEO/1652/2a and HD/T/LEO/1652/3a (Appendix B and C to this report).

In addition, a request has also been received from the residents of the Coach House, located on the spur road off Pinsley Road, asking that consideration be given to the

introduction of additional parking restrictions and an extra residents' permit parking bay to be included into Zone LF as shown on the enclosed plan HD/T/LEO/1652/1a (Appendix D to this report).

Recommendation(s)

THAT having carefully considered all comments received, a Traffic Regulation Order be made the effect of which will introduce waiting restrictions on the roads as detailed below:

Prohibition of waiting at any time:

C1105 Etnam Street:

- i) On the north side from a point 5 metres east of its junction with the centre line of U93632 School Lane to a point 35 metres east of that junction;
- ii) On the north side from the centre line of entrance to Etnam Street Car Park to a point 25 metres west of that junction;
- iii) On the north side from a point 24.5 metres west of its junction with the centre line of U93619 Falconer Place to a point 13 metres east of that junction;
- iv) On the south side from a point 2 metres west of its junction with the centre line of U93632 School Lane to a point 10.5 metres east of that junction;
- v) On the north side from its junction with the centre line of U93620 Pinsley Road to a point 95 metres west of that junction;
- vi) On the south side from its junction with the centre line of U93620 Pinsley Road to a point 19 metres west of that junction.

C1105 Worcester Road

- i) On both sides from its junction with the centre line of U93620 Pinsley Road to a point 30 metres south of that junction.

U93620 Pinsley Road

- i) On both sides from the junction with the C1105 Etnam Street for a distance of 15 metres in a northerly direction.
- ii) On the north east side of the spur road from a point 69 metres south east of its junction with the U93621 Church Street for its entire length in a south easterly direction.

Prohibition of waiting, loading and unloading at any time:

C1105 Etnam Street:

- i) On the north side from a point 12 metres west of its junction with the centre

line of U93632 School Lane to a point 5 metres east of that junction;

- ii) On the north side from the centre line of entrance to Etnam Street Car Park to a point 20 metres east of that junction;
- iii) On the south side from a point 2 metres west of its junction with the centre line of U93632 School Lane to a point 26 metres west of that junction;
- iv) On the south side from a point 3 metres west of its junction with the centre line of entrance to Etnam Street Car Park to a point 34 metres west of that junction.

Prohibition of waiting between 8.00 am to 6.00 pm on Monday to Saturday:

C1105 Etnam Street:

- i) On the north side from its junction with the eastern kerb line of U93624 South Street to a point 47 metres west of that junction;
- ii) On the south side from its junction with the eastern kerb line of U93624 South Street to a point 37 metres west of that junction.

Waiting restricted to 2 hours with no return permitted within 4 hours between 8.00 am to 6.00 pm on Monday to Saturday, except for Resident Parking Permit or Visitors Parking Permit holders:

U93620 Pinsley Road:

- i) On the south west side of the spur road from a point 69 metres south east of its junction with the U93621 Church Street for its entire length in a south easterly direction.

Any previous TRO, or part TRO, relating to the above, shall be revoked on implementation of the above said provisions.

Alternative Options

- 1 That the proposed parking restrictions are not implemented and the existing unregulated parking at the junctions is retained.

Reasons for Recommendations

- 2 After receiving a formal request from the Local Member, who had received representations from local residents, proposals were drawn up for the introduction of parking restrictions. After discussions and resident consultations the final proposals look to introduce a prohibition of waiting, loading and unloading at any time in order to combat the regular habitual parking of vehicles on the footways adjacent to the two pedestrian crossings and alongside the built out footway to the west of the junction with Falconer Street that is hampering visibility and passage to through traffic in each of these areas. The proposals are depicted on the enclosed plans HD/T/LEO/1652/2a and HD/T/LEO/1652/3a (Appendix B and C to this report).

- 3 In addition, a request has also been received from the residents of the Coach House, located on the spur road off Pinsley Road, asking that consideration be given to the introduction of additional parking restrictions and an extra residents' permit parking bay to be included into Zone LF as shown on the enclosed plan HD/T/LEO/1652/1a (Appendix D to this report).
- 4 These restrictions will preserve and improve the amenities of the area through which the road runs.

Key Considerations

- 5 The proposals for Etnam Street are designed to combat the regular habitual parking of vehicles on the footways adjacent to the two pedestrian crossings and alongside the built out footway to the west of the junction with Falconer Street that is hampering visibility and passage to through traffic in each of these areas on a regular basis interfering with visibility and causing road safety issues.
- 6 The original proposals for Etnam Street included the introduction of some form of residents permit parking scheme in both Etnam Street and Falconer Place pending the collation and analysis of the survey results and whether those results met the current criteria set out in the Councils Residents Parking Schemes Policy and Criteria 2017 document. A summary of those results are given below:

Etnam Street

Letters sent out	130
Number of responses	34
Yes	20
No	13
No comment	1

Falconer Place

Letters sent out	30
Number of responses	10
Yes	5
No	5
No comment	0

- 7 As can be seen from this summary there was no indication of a majority view for the introduction of a residents permit parking scheme in either Etnam Street or Falconer Place so there was therefore no alternative but to abandon that element and pursue proposals that look to reinforce and amend the existing parking restrictions around the junctions and adjacent to the pedestrian crossings where there is a road safety issue that requires addressing.
- 8 Formal statutory consultation, including the required "Notice of Proposal" in the Hereford Times, notices on site and full information given on the Council website was carried out. No objections to the proposals were received, but an email containing an attached letter was received from a resident of Etnam Street making several comments which were replied to and the reasoning for the proposals accepted as detailed in Appendix E to this report.
- 9 The request received from the residents of the Coach House, located on the spur road off Pinsley Road, asking that consideration be given to the introduction of additional parking restrictions and an extra residents' permit parking bay to be included into Zone LF has come about after repeated problems being experienced by

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long term parking in this area. The original proposals to introduce parking restrictions in the area left this section at the request of the local residents as they felt it would work better if left alone. However, it now transpires, as expected, that vehicles are being parked there for lengthy periods making it difficult for the residents of the property known as the Coach House to access/egress their property due to uncooperative parking of vehicles.

- 10 The proposals are designed to complement the existing parking restrictions and residents' parking areas already in place on the northern section of Pinsley Road.

Community Impact

- 11 The proposals will look to preserve and improve the amenities of the area through which the roads run.

Equality and Human Rights

- 12 The proposed prohibition of waiting at any time will have no adverse impact on the local community. Indeed, the introduction of this proposal, by removing parking, will improve road safety, visibility and access at the junctions concerned. See Appendix A for Equality Impacts and Needs Assessment (EINA).

Financial Implications

- 13 Budgets for this item are managed by Balfour Beatty Living Places, and a cost for the creation of the TRO, provision of signing and lining for the scheme as recommended in this report is estimated as £3,500 (at date of report).

Legal Implications

- 14 A TRO will be required to be made under the various relevant provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.
- 15 The council, as traffic authority, are required to consider any objections received after formal statutory consultation, (which includes advertising in a local newspaper), and this report includes any such subsequent objections or comments, for consideration.
- 16 The council has discretion to amend its original proposals, if felt desirable, whether or not in the light of any objections or comments received, as a result of such statutory consultation. If any objections received are accepted, in part or whole, and/or a decision is made to modify the original proposals, if the council considers those amendments to be substantial, then steps must be taken for those affected by the proposed modifications to be further consulted.
- 17 If the order is made the council will need to be publicise the order in accordance with the Local Authorities' Traffic Order (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996

Risk Management

- 18 Targets for casualty reduction are set out in the Local Transport Plan and exceed the Government targets for 2013. In general the introduction of traffic management proposals will contribute towards maintaining these targets.

Consultees

- 19 The Chief Constable of West Mercia Police, Leominster Town Council, Freight Transport Association, Road Haulage Association, Hereford & Worcester Ambulance Service, Hereford & Worcester Combined Fire Authority, Parking Enforcement Team Leader, David Hepworth and Local Member Councillor Jenny Bartlett, were asked to provide their views, being advised that should no comments be received, then it would be considered that they would have no objections to the proposal.
- 20 The Chief Constable of West Mercia Police responded to say *“I refer to your e-mail dated 18th January 2017, seeking the Chief Constables views in respect of a proposal to introduce a section of prohibition of waiting, loading and unloading at any time on Etnam St and a section of prohibition of waiting at any time and an additional residents parking bay on Pinsley Rd, both in Leominster. I have examined the proposals, as shown on the drawings you provided (No. HD/T/LEO/1652/1116/1a, 2a & 3a) and visited the location on 23rd January 2017. I understand the reasons behind the proposals and offer no formal objection.”*
- 21 The Parking Enforcement Team Leader, David Hepworth responded to say *“No objections from me.”*
- 22 Local Member Councillor Jenny Bartlett responded to say *“I am in support of these proposals for Etnam Street. They are in line with the original discussions about residents parking.”*
- 23 No other comments were received; it is therefore considered that there are no objections to the proposals.

Appendices

Appendix A – Equality Impacts and Needs Assessment (EINA)

Appendix B – Drawing Number HD/T/LEO/1652/2a

Appendix C – Drawing Number HD/T/LEO/1652/3a

Appendix D – Drawing Number HD/T/LEO/1652/1a

Appendix E – Letter & Correspondence

Background Papers

- None