

Decision maker:	Assistant Director Environment and Place
Decision date:	24 July 2017
Title of report:	B4214 Bishops Frome: Proposed Introduction of Parking Restrictions
Report by:	Engineering manager

Classification

Open

Key Decision

This is not a key decision.

Wards Affected

Bishops Frome & Cradley.

Purpose

A request was received from the Bishops Frome Parish Council to investigate the parking in Bishop's Frome around the shop that was located on the corner of the B4214 and the C1133 adjacent to The Chase Inn. On visiting the site investigations showed that the shop is now closed, converted to residential and the shop in the village now appears to be located as part of the Village Hall as the Bishops Frome Community Shop. The initial observations did not reveal any parking issues along the B4214 and the C1133 through the village and this was relayed back to Bishops Frome Parish Council and the Local Member Councillor Patricia Morgan for comment.

The Parish Council accepted that the original request was no longer relevant but wished to highlight a parking issue in Bishops Frome on the bends by the church. It is alleged that cars have been parking on both sides of the road here causing difficulty particularly for lorries and farm vehicles coming through the village. The Parish Council therefore hoped that this issue could be investigated in place of the original request as the location is very close to the original and asked that the introduction of parking restrictions could be

considered between the church and the Chase Inn. The proposals are depicted on the enclosed plan HD/T/BFR/161505/1a (Appendix B 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 road as detailed below:

Prohibition of waiting at any time:

B4214:

- i) On the north east side from a point 26 metres north of the centreline of its junction with the C1133 for a distance of 57 metres in a southerly then easterly direction.**
- ii) On the south west side from its junction with the C1133 for a distance of 80 metres in an easterly then southerly direction.**

C1133:

- i) On the south side from its junction with the B4214 for a distance of 7 metres in a westerly 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 around the bends on the B4214 through Bishops Frome is retained.

Reasons for Recommendations

- 2 A request was received from the Bishops Frome Parish Council to investigate the parking in Bishop's Frome around the shop that was located on the corner of the B4214 and the C1133 adjacent to The Chase Inn. On visiting the site investigations showed that the shop is now closed, converted to residential and the shop in the village now appears to be located as part of the Village Hall as the Bishops Frome Community Shop. The initial observations did not reveal any parking issues along the B4214 and the C1133 through the village and this was relayed back to Bishops Frome Parish Council and the Local Member Councillor Patricia Morgan for comment.
- 3 The Parish Council accepted that the original request was no longer relevant but wished to highlight a parking issue in Bishops Frome on the bends by the church. It is alleged that cars have been parking on both sides of the road here causing difficulty particularly for lorries and farm vehicles coming through the village. The Parish Council therefore hoped that this issue could be investigated in place of the original request as the location is very close to the original and asked that the introduction of

parking restrictions could be considered between the church and the Chase Inn. The proposals are depicted on the enclosed plan HD/T/BFR/161505/1a (Appendix B this report).

- 4 Discussions were carried out with the Local Member Councillor Patricia Morgan who fully supported the view of the Parish Council.
- 5 The implementation of the proposed parking restrictions is required for avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road or any other road or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising and for preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the road runs.

Key Considerations

- 6 The proposals for the B4214 through Bishops Frome are designed to combat parking taking place on both sides of the B4214 between the Chase Inn and St. Mary's Church causing difficulties for large vehicles passing through the village through the tight bends with little forward visibility.
- 7 This investigation was originally triggered by a request from the Bishops Frome Parish Council to investigate the parking in Bishop's Frome around the shop that was located on the corner of the B4214 and the C1133 adjacent to The Chase Inn. On visiting the village, site investigations showed that the shop is now closed, converted to residential and the shop in the village is now located as part of the Village Hall as the Bishops Frome Community Shop. In addition, the initial observations did not reveal any parking issues along the B4214 and the C1133 through the village.
- 8 However, the Parish Council accepted that the original request was no longer relevant but wished to highlight a parking issue in Bishops Frome on the bends of the B4214 between the Chase Inn and St. Mary's Church. It is alleged that cars have been parking on both sides of the road here causing difficulty particularly for heavy goods vehicles and farm vehicles coming through the village.
- 9 A site meeting with members of the Parish Council was held where the issues were highlighted, discussed in detail and proposals worked up to address the parking that does take place on the bends despite the nearby off-road car park. It was agreed to introduce parking restrictions on the B4214 between the Chase Inn and St. Mary's Church as depicted on the enclosed plan HD/T/BFR/161505/1a (Appendix B this report).
- 10 Part of the Chief Constable of West Mercia Police's response was *"If the restrictions are introduced it may be that vehicles park on the bus stop and obstruct its use. If there is scope to expand the proposal to include a Bus Stop Clearway, to discourage this potential course of action I would offer no objection to this."*
- 11 The Parish Council did not feel that there was a need to place a bus stop clearway marking at this time as the bus stop is sufficiently remote from the church and any overspill parking from the off-road car park. However, this could always be revisited in the future if parking at the bus stop becomes problematical.
- 12 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 and this proposal is fully supported by Bishops Frome Parish Council and the Local Member Councillor Patricia Morgan.

Community Impact

- 13 The proposals will look to avoid danger to persons or other traffic using the road or any other road or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising and to preserve and improve the amenities of the area through which the roads run.

Equality and Human Rights

- 14 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

- 15 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 £500 (at date of report).

Legal Implications

- 16 A TRO will be required to be made under the various relevant provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.
- 17 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.
- 18 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.
- 19 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

- 20 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

- 21 The Chief Constable of West Mercia Police, Bishops Frome Parish 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 Patricia Morgan, 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.

- 22 The Local Member Councillor Patricia Morgan responded to say “*This looks sensible to me.*”
- 23 The Chief Constable of West Mercia Police responded to say “*I refer to your e-mail dated 21st February 2017, seeking the Chief Constables views in respect to a proposal to reduce a section of Prohibition of Waiting restrictions on the B4214 in Bishop’s Frome. I have examined the proposals, as shown on drawing ref HD/T/BFR/161505/1a and visited the location on 24th February to see it first hand. I have no objection to the proposals, but would suggest some form of protection is considered for the Bus Stop opposite the Chase Inn PH. If the restrictions are introduced it may be that vehicles park on the bus stop and obstruct its use. If there is scope to expand the proposal to include a Bus Stop Clearway, to discourage this potential course of action I would offer no objection to this.*”
- 24 Bishops Frome Parish Council responded to say “*Yes, the shop has been gone for a while now, but the Councillors wanted to make you aware of a parking issue in Bishops Frome on the bends by the church. Cars have been parking on both sides of the road here causing difficulty particularly for lorries and farm vehicles coming through the village. They were wondering if the possibility of some yellow lines could be considered between the church and the Chase Inn.* ”
- 25 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/BFR/161505/1a

Background Papers

- None