

<b>Decision maker:</b>	<b>Assistant Director Environment and Place</b>
<b>Decision date:</b>	24 July 2017
<b>Scrutiny committee call-in date:</b>	
<b>Date decision may be implemented:</b>	
<b>Title of report:</b>	<b>Court Orchard, Fownhope: Proposed Introduction of Parking Restrictions</b>
<b>Report by:</b>	<b>Engineering manager</b>

### **Classification**

Open

### **Key Decision**

This is not a key decision

### **Wards Affected**

Backbury

### **Purpose**

To consider the introduction of parking restrictions in Court Orchard, Fownhope near to St. Mary's C of E Primary School access to alleviate the parking congestion prevalent on the bend where the forward visibility and passing room is being severely compromised by parked vehicles.

### **Recommendation(s)**

**THAT:-**

- (a) having carefully considered all comments received, a Traffic Regulation Order be implemented the effect of which will introduce waiting restrictions on the road as detailed below:**

**Prohibition of waiting at any time:**

**U72216 Court Orchard:**

- i) On the north side from a point 200 metres in a northerly then westerly direction from its junction with the B4224 for a distance of 51 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 bend in Court Orchard, Fownhope, opposite St Mary's C of E Primary School entrance is retained.

**Reasons for Recommendations**

- 2 The removal of parking in Court Orchard, Fownhope near to St. Mary's C of E Primary School access around the bend on the opposite side to the existing "school keep clear" markings will allow for the passage of traffic in both directions along Court Orchard and reduce the parking congestion prevalent on the bend and improve the forward visibility and passing room for vehicles.
- 3 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**

- 4 A request was received from the Parish Council to investigate the parking in Court Orchard, Fownhope near to St. Mary's C of E Primary School access that was causing issues with regard to congestion. It was requested that the parking, around the bend on the opposite side to the existing "school keep clear" markings, be prohibited to allow for the passage of traffic in both directions along Court Orchard. The effect would be to reduce the parking congestion prevalent on the bend where the forward visibility and passing room is being severely compromised.
- 5 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 Fownhope Parish Council and St. Mary's C of E Primary School.

**Community Impact**

- 6 The proposals will look to avoid danger to persons using the road or any other road.

**Equality and Human Rights**

- 7 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

- 8 The cost for the creation of the TRO, provision of signing and lining for the scheme as recommended in this report is estimated as £500. This cost is allowed for in existing budgets.

## Legal Implications

- 9 A TRO will be required to be made under the various relevant provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.
- 10 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.
- 11 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.
- 12 If the order is made the council will need to publicise the order in accordance with the Local Authorities' Traffic Order (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996.

## Risk Management

- 13 The introduction of these traffic management proposals will contribute towards reducing the risk to injury or damage to the travelling public.

## Consultees

- 14 The Chief Constable of West Mercia Police, Fownhope Parish Council, St. Mary's C of E Primary School, 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 John Hardwick, 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.
- 15 The Chief Constable of West Mercia Police responded to say *"I have examined the proposals, as shown on the drawing you provided (No. HD/T/FOW/161502/1a) and offer no formal objection."*
- 16 Tim Milne, the Headteacher from St. Mary's C of E Primary School responded to say *"Yes, we continue to have congestion/ parking issues outside the school entrance. We have had some complaints from the residents about bad parking by our parents and I gather that there is still a lot of congestion at times, especially at the end of the school day. I know that when we have coaches coming to school for swimming and trips, parking can be very difficult. We have regularly asked parents to park safely and*

*avoid blocking resident's drives but I gather that there are still problems. I was also approached by one of our parents some weeks ago, who was concerned that parents parking on the main road through the village at drop-off and collection time was causing congestion through the village. I know that in the past, parents were asked to park on the main road and walk their children along Biggs Lane to enter and exit the school, rather than parking in Court Orchard. He suggested that a pull-in somewhere in the busy stretch would lessen the congestion. I asked him to approach the parish council with the suggestion."*

- 17 Fownhope Parish Council responded to say "Fownhope Parish Council discussed this at their meeting and I can confirm that the parking issues are still an issue at this location and that they would like you to continue looking at a TRO to alleviate the problem."
- 18 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/FOW/161502/1a

## **Background Papers**

- None