

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	Introduction of Resident Permit Holder Parking Places Only and Waiting Restrictions on Lichfield Avenue, Hereford and Surrounding Junctions
Date of decision:	20 March 2020
Decision maker:	Acting Assistant Director Highways & Transport / Head of Infrastructure Delivery
Authority for delegated decision:	<p>Directorate scheme of delegation: updated 1 November 2018 Directorate: Economy and Place, section 69.</p> <p>To act on behalf of the council in respect of the legislation specified in the foregoing:</p> <p>Traffic Management Act 2004, Road Traffic Act 1988 Acting Assistant Director for Highways and Transport (Traffic Manager designate) and The Traffic Manager may in making arrangements to ensure that the authority has: (a) determined specific policies or objectives in relation to different roads or classes of road in their road network; (b) monitored the effectiveness of – 117</p>
Ward:	Eign Hill
Consultation:	<p>As previously eluded to in this report a pre-scheme meeting was held with the Ward Councillor in July 2019 in which they had the opportunity to discuss the reasoning behind the request and show the perceived issues on the stretch of road. The site was assessed by officers after the meeting. Support was gained from the residents of Lichfield Avenue for the current recommendations following three periods of consultation as described above. The Parish Council was contacted on multiple occasions but offered no comments, therefore it can be assumed there they have no objections.</p> <p>An Initial Consultation was sent to Statutory Consultees on 6th December 2019 informing them of the proposals, the reasoning behind them and a plan detailing their extents. The consultees responses are summarised below.</p> <p>Ward Councillor Foxton – Fully supports the proposals.</p> <p>Hereford Parish Council – Offered no objections (see paragraph 30).</p> <p>Traffic Management Advisor, Warwickshire and West Mercia Police – Offered no objections to the proposals.</p> <p>Appendix E contains a summary of the responses.</p>
Decision made:	<p>Subject to the consideration of the receipt of any objections arising from the formal Notice of Proposal a new Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) will be introduced under Part 1, Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 32, 35, 45, 46, 49 and 51 and Part 4 of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 the effect of which will be:</p> <p><u>Schedule 1 - Introduce No Waiting at Any Time restrictions on the following stretches of road;</u></p>

Lichfield Avenue (Western Side)

- From its junction with Hampton Park Road for a distance of 10m in a north-easterly direction
- From its junction with Sedgefield Road for a distance of 10m in a south-westerly direction
- From its junction with Sedgefield Road for a distance of 10m in a north-easterly direction
- From a point 159m northeast of its junction with Sedgefield Road for a distance of 37m in a north-westerly direction around the bend
- From its junction with Brookside for a distance of 10m in a south-easterly direction
- From its junction with Brookside for a distance of 10m in a north-westerly direction
- From its junction with Ledbury Road for a distance of 20m in a south-easterly direction

Lichfield Avenue (Eastern Side)

- From its junction with Ledbury Road for a distance of 21m in a south-easterly direction

Ledbury Road (Southern Side)

- From its junction with Lichfield Avenue for a distance of 10m in a north-easterly direction
- From its junction with Lichfield Avenue for a distance of 2m in a south-westerly direction

Brookside (Northern Side)

- From its junction with Lichfield Avenue for a distance of 10m in a south-westerly direction

Brookside (Southern Side)

- From its junction with Lichfield Avenue for a distance of 10m in a south-westerly direction

Sedgefield Road (Eastern Side)

- From its junction with Lichfield Avenue for a distance of 10m in a north-westerly direction

Sedgefield Road (Western Side)

- From its junction with Lichfield Avenue for a distance of 10m in a north-westerly direction

Old Eign Hill (Southern Side)

	<p>— From its junction with Lichfield Avenue for a distance of 10m in an easterly direction</p> <p>Old Eign Hill (Northern Side)</p> <p>— From its junction with Lichfield Avenue for a distance of 13m in an easterly direction</p> <p>B4224 Hampton Park Road (Northern Side)</p> <p>— From its junction with Lichfield Avenue for a distance of 10m in a south-easterly direction</p> <p>B4224 Eign Road (Northern Side)</p> <p>— From its junction with Lichfield Avenue for a distance of 10m in a north-westerly direction</p> <p><u>Schedule 2 - Introduce Limited Waiting Restriction Monday to Friday 08:00-17:00 on the following stretches of road:</u></p> <p>Lichfield Avenue (Western Side)</p> <p>— From a point 20m southeast of its junction with Ledbury Road for a distance of 100m in a south-easterly direction</p> <p>— From a point 10m southeast of its junction with Brookside for a distance of 126m in a south-easterly direction</p> <p>Lichfield Avenue (Eastern Side)</p> <p>— From a point 24m northeast of its junction with Old Eign Hill for a distance of 173m in a north-easterly direction</p> <p>— From a point 122m southeast of its junction with Ledbury Road for a distance of 20m in a south-easterly direction</p> <p>— From a point 274m southeast of its junction with Ledbury Road for a distance of 218m in a south-easterly direction</p> <p><u>Schedule 3 – Resident Permit Holder Parking Places Only on the following stretches of road:</u></p> <p>Lichfield Avenue (Western Side)</p> <p>— From a point 10m northeast of its junction with Sedgefield Road for a distance of 149m in a north-easterly direction</p> <p>— From a point 142m southeast of its junction with Brookside for a distance of 196m in a south-easterly direction</p> <p>Lichfield Avenue (Eastern Side)</p> <p>— From a point 21m southeast of its junction with Ledbury Road for a distance of 101m in a south-easterly direction</p> <p>From a point 142m southeast of its junction with Ledbury Road for a distance of 132m in a south-easterly direction</p>
<p>Reasons for decision:</p>	<p>To consider a proposal to implement Permit Holder Only Parking Bays and Waiting Restrictions on Lichfield Avenue, Hereford and the surrounding junctions. The extents of the study area are shown in Appendix A.</p>

	<p>The recommendation is proposed for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road or any other road or preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising. • For preserving and improving the amenity of the area through which the road runs. • For the enhancement of the visibility at various junctions. • To make the road easier to navigate for the local bus service
<p>Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:</p>	<p>Community impact</p> <p>The recommendation to introduce ‘No Waiting at Any Time’, ‘Limited Waiting’ restrictions and ‘Permit Holder Only’ parking bays on Lichfield Avenue will enable the local bus service to pass down the Avenue safely and without facing obstacles. In addition, the restrictions will prevent inappropriate parking in the vicinity of the surrounding junctions, provide safe and convenient navigability for all vehicles passing on these junctions and will provide parking for residents in the vicinity of their homes.</p> <p>Overall the recommendation would have a positive impact on the local community in terms of road safety and amenity in accordance with section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.</p> <p>Equality duty</p> <p>The recommendation to progress with the proposed waiting restrictions and Permit Holder parking bays are considered to be low impact. The restrictions aim to improve navigability and safety for vehicles and convenience for residents, thus paying regard to the council’s duty according to the Equality Act 2010 as set out below.</p> <p>Under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010, the ‘general duty’ on public authorities is set out as follows: A public authority must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act; (b) advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it; (c) foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it. <p>Any impact as a result of the scheme will be equal to all parties.</p> <p>See Appendix D of this report for Equality Impacts and Needs Assessment (EINA).</p> <p>Resource implications</p> <p>Budgets are managed by Balfour Beatty Living Places on behalf of Herefordshire County Council. The cost of the implementation of the new restrictions on Lichfield Avenue and its surrounding junctions is approximately £11,000. This includes costs for statutory consultation, preparing and making the TRO, signage, road markings and advertising. This cost has been identified from the existing TRO budget.</p> <p>Legal implications</p>

	<p>The introduction of a new TRO under Part 1, Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 32, 35, 45, 46, 49 and 51 and Part 4 of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 will be required.</p> <p>Section 9 of Part 2 of the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 states that The Council, as Highway Authority, is required to consider any objections received after formal statutory consultation, (which includes advertising in a local newspaper) and a subsequent report will include any such objections or comments, for consideration.</p> <p>The council has discretion to amend its original proposals if considered 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 such a modification is considered to be substantial, then steps must be taken for those affected by the proposed modifications to be further consulted.</p> <p>Risk management</p> <p>The Local Transport Plan sets out to reduce the number and severity of casualties on the highway network in Herefordshire and provide a highway network that is safe and efficient. A Key Performance Indicator is contained in this Local Transport Plan and details a locally set target for a reduction in fatal or serious injuries on the highway network. The adoption of the recommendations in this report would contribute to these objectives in the Local Transport Plan as they would make it less dangerous to navigate this stretch of the road.</p> <p>It is important for safety, fairness and their effectiveness that parking restrictions are imposed appropriately having regard to the type of factors considered in this report. Parking restrictions should only be considered where inconsiderate parking is causing a safety concern and where there is a more convenient place for the parked vehicle to migrate to. This is the case on Lichfield Avenue.</p>
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	<p>Not to implement any restrictions on Lichfield Avenue – This would result in less cost, however would be in direct opposition to the desires conveyed by residents throughout the consultation process whom expressed a strong desire for residents parking bays to be included as part of this scheme. Further, this would ignore the existing issue regarding the local bus service being able to navigate Lichfield Avenue.</p> <p>Implement Limited Waiting Restrictions only – Whilst this would go some way to making Lichfield Avenue more navigable for the local bus service, as eluded to above it would go against the desires of the local residents and likely cause a large amount of objections during the Formal Consultation process if progressed.</p> <p>Reasons for not recommending the above alternative options are considered further below.</p>
Details of any declarations of interest made:	None

I am an officer delegated to make the decision

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