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VICARAGE CLOSE, MARLBOROUGH: PARKING CONTROLS OBJECTIONS TO PROPOSALS

Purpose of Report

1. To:
 - (i) Consider objections to the advertised proposals for parking controls at Vicarage Close in Marlborough.
 - (ii) Recommend the making of the Order with minor amendments.

Background

2. The review of parking controls in Marlborough was advertised in July 2009. There were a number of objections to the proposals at that time for Vicarage Close and St. Martins. The recommendation to the Cabinet Member (report number HT-004-10) was that Vicarage Close be reconsidered and a more comprehensive scheme developed.
3. Proposals for Vicarage Close were developed and were supported by the Town Council. The proposals have been advertised, as part of the statutory procedure for making Traffic Regulation Orders, and are detailed on the plan in **Appendix 1**.
4. As a result of the public advertisement 25 letters of objection/support have been received. These are listed in **Appendix 2**, together with a summary of their comments. Officer comments on the points raised are set out in **Appendix 3**.

Main Considerations for the Council

5. Consideration needs to be given to the responses received and a decision made on the way forward. Statute states the highway is for the passage and repassage of persons and goods and, consequently, any parking on the highway is an obstruction of that right of passage. There are no rights to park on the highway but parking is condoned where the right of passage along the highway is not impeded. The consideration of the objections to the introduction of controls has to be considered in this context.

Environmental Impact of the Proposal

6. The introduction of the parking controls will involve the laying of lines and installation of a small number of signs. This will have an impact on the visual aspect but has to be balanced against the need to ensure that safe access and visibility is provided.

Equalities Impact of the Proposal

7. There is none in this scheme.

Risk Assessment

8. There is no risk to the Council as a result of these proposals.

Financial Implications

9. There is an allocation in this year's Network Management budget for the implementation of this scheme.

Options Considered

10. To:
- (i) Implement the proposals as advertised.
 - (ii) Not implement the proposals.
 - (iii) Implement the proposals with amendments.

Reason for Proposals

11. The comments set out in **Appendix 3** on the various objections received indicate that it is considered appropriate to introduce the scheme with the minor amendments detailed in **Appendix 4**.

Proposals

12. That:
- (i) The restrictions be implemented as advertised, subject to the relaxations detailed in **Appendix 4**.
 - (ii) The objectors be informed accordingly.

The following unpublished documents have been relied on in the preparation of this Report:

Letters of representation