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### STRATEGIC SERVICES – HIGHWAYS AND PASSENGER TRANSPORT

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#### **THE COUNTY OF WILTSHIRE (PARISHES IN THE DISTRICT OF KENNET) (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING, CLEARWAYS AND ON-STREET PARKING) CONSOLIDATION ORDER 2006 (AMENDMENT NO. 11) ORDER 2012**

#### **Purpose of Report**

1. To:
  - (i) Consider objections raised in response to proposed waiting restrictions on Roundway Park, Devizes (Roundway Parish) (see **Appendix 1**).
  - (ii) Recommend the making of the Order.

#### **Background**

2. Outline planning permission (K/52761) was granted in 2005 for a residential development and a school. The school is due to be opened for use from April 2012. There is in place a S106 Agreement between the developer and Wiltshire Council which requires provision of Traffic Orders to be put in place (AGR3141, Clause 17). Removal of on-street parking during school times was also considered necessary to ensure the free passage of school passenger transport. A bus gate and 20 mph zone is also to be introduced.
3. In response to the consultation the Council received five comments from residents; four of which requested an extension of the proposed restrictions to meet the junction of London Road. One comment raises an objection (see **Appendix 2**). The Local Member, representing local residents, supports the proposed restrictions and has also made a request for the proposed restriction to be continued along Roundway Park to meet with the junction of London Road.

#### **Main Considerations for the Council**

4. Waiting restrictions along Roundway Park to be set to school time restrictions Monday - Friday 8.30 am – 10.00 am and 2.30 pm – 4.00 pm. Residents will be able to park unrestricted outside these times. The loading and unloading of vehicles is still permitted at any time.
5. Access to disabled residents will still be achievable and passes can be issued if needed.
6. Proposed times allow for school buses and other public transport vehicles to have free access to the bus gate in Keepers Road (Quakers Walk development).
7. It has been highlighted via consultation (and a Local Member request) that a further extension on Roundway Park to meet London Road (where the road narrows) would be of great benefit to local residents and a further advertisement is in process to have the restriction extended (see **Appendix 3**).

### **Environmental Impact of the Proposal**

8. 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 for public transport is ensured.

### **Equalities Impact of the Proposal**

9. The restrictions will mitigate the possible inconsiderate on-street parking associated with the new development, in particular with the school, and ensure the free passage of larger vehicles, in particular school buses and other public transport. The timing of the waiting restrictions has been chosen to minimise the effect on the adjacent residents, allowing on-street parking in the middle of the day, evenings and weekends.

### **Risk Assessment**

10. Removal of parked vehicles will ensure free passage for vehicles on the road, in particular, public transport and emergency services which need access to the new bus gate on Keepers Road.

### **Financial Implications**

11. All costs with regards to advertisement and implementation have been met in full by the developer.

### **Legal Implications**

12. All consultations and statutory procedures have been followed in full.

### **Options Considered**

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

### **Reason for Proposal**

14. Implementation of the proposed waiting restrictions will mitigate possible additional parking in Roundway Park resulting from the new school. The restrictions as proposed along with the additional extension (advertised separately) will ensure that the public transport service will be able to access the new bus gate/development.

### **Proposal**

15. That:
  - (i) The restrictions are implemented as advertised.
  - (ii) Objectors be informed accordingly.

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

None