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**EXPERIMENTAL ORDER – HAZEL GROVE, TROWBRIDGE**  
**WAITING RESTRICTIONS – NO WAITING 8AM TO 6PM MONDAY-FRIDAY**

**Purpose of Report**

1. To consider the comments received following the formal advertisement and undertaking of an experimental order relating to 'No Waiting 8am – 6pm Mon-Fri' waiting restrictions and to recommend an appropriate way forward.

**Relevance to the Council's Business Plan**

2. The proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) meets two of the priorities in the Council's Business Plan.
  - Outcome 2 – People in Wiltshire work together to solve problems locally and participate in decisions that affect them.
  - Outcome 6 – People are as protected from harm as possible and feel safe.

**Background**

3. Concerns were raised regarding the volume and nature of school related parking on Hazel Grove by residents, parents and Grove Primary School. This particularly related to the blocking of driveways, footway parking, constriction of the road width (blocking access for emergency vehicles) and reduced visibility of children crossing near the school entrance.
4. These concerns were considered by Trowbridge Town Council and Trowbridge Community Area Transport Group (CATG) and determined to be a priority for resolution by the CATG.
5. Discussion regarding potential solutions was undertaken with representatives of Wiltshire Council, Trowbridge Town Council, Grove Primary School and Wiltshire Police with input from residents and parents of pupils attending Grove Primary School.
6. An initial experimental order was operational from 19 December 2016 which provided 'No Waiting 8am – 6pm Mon – Fri' waiting restrictions on a section of Hazel Grove centred round Grove Primary School. A large number of comments were received on this, predominantly requesting further extension of the restrictions. Subsequently, a second experimental order became operational on 1 September 2017 extending the restrictions to cover the whole of Hazel Grove.
7. Plans outlining the extents of both experimental orders are provided in **Appendix 1**.

**Main Considerations for the Council**

8. To consider the comments received during the consultation period. A summary of the issues raised and officer comments are included in **Appendix 2**. Details of the commentator are provided in **Appendix 3**.

### **Overview and Scrutiny Engagement**

9. There are none in this scheme.

### **Safeguarding Implications**

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

### **Public Health Implications**

11. The introduction of measures which encourage the use of alternative and sustainable method of transport and travel, and reducing car use. This has the benefit of reducing air borne pollution and improving air quality.

### **Corporate Procurement Implications**

12. There are none with this proposal.

### **Environmental and Climate Change Considerations**

13. There are none with this proposal.

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

14. There are none with this proposal.

### **Risk Assessment**

15. There are none with this proposal.

### **Financial Implications**

16. There are none with this proposal.

### **Legal Implications**

17. There are none with this proposal.

### **Options Considered**

18. To:
- (i) Retain the waiting restrictions and convert the experimental order to a permanent traffic regulation order.
  - (ii) Amend the waiting restriction and advertise a permanent traffic regulation order.
  - (iii) Abandon the proposals and remove the waiting restrictions.

### **Reason for Proposals**

19. The restrictions are intended to improve road and pedestrian safety by removing inappropriate and inconsiderate parking. It is also intended to ensure emergency service

access. Despite the objections received, there has also been a great deal of support for the proposals and during the experimental order period, a positive impact upon pedestrian and road safety has been demonstrated.

### **Proposals**

20. That:

- (i) The waiting restrictions be maintained and the experimental order converted to a permanent traffic regulation order.
- (ii) The objectors be informed accordingly.

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

None