

REGULATORY COMMITTEE
6th OCTOBER 2004

CALNE: OBJECTIONS TO WAITING RESTRICTIONS**Purpose of Report**

1. To consider objections to the proposed introduction of waiting restrictions associated with the Town Centre 20mph zone and associated traffic management features and to recommend the installation as advertised and amended.

Background

2. The proposal for a 20mph zone in Calne Town Centre has come about following the opening of the Northern Distributor Road. Funding for the scheme comes from a developer contribution, a contribution from Calne Town Council and an allocation from within this year's Local Transport Plan monies.
3. The draft Traffic Orders for the 20mph zone and supporting measures have recently been advertised. Whilst no objections have been received to the zone itself or any of the features within it, objections have been received regarding the introduction of waiting restrictions and consequent loss of kerbside parking space in the length of Curzon Street to the west of the zone.
4. In drawing up the proposed changes to the waiting restrictions, the philosophy used was that of ensuring protection of private accesses, together with introduction of time limited on-street bays to allow turnover for shopping trips.
5. The advertised proposals are shown on the plan at **Appendix 1**.
6. As a result of the formal advertisement six letters of objection were received. Full copies of the received letters are available in the **Members' Room** and from the Environmental Services Department prior to the meeting.
7. Given the Town Council's involvement with the scheme, copies of all the received objections were passed to them for consideration and comment. In order to address some of the objectors concerns and to meet some of the requirements of the Stage 2 safety audit, amendments to the advertised proposals were made to achieve a greater length of kerbside space for residential parking. The amended proposals are shown on the plan at **Appendix 2**. Copies of the plan showing the amended proposals along with a covering letter were sent to the objectors asking if they wished to pursue their objection or withdraw it. At the time of preparation of this report two responses have been received indicating that they wish their objection to stand. Should any further responses be received they will be reported verbally at Committee. Copies of the letters are available in **Members' Room** and from the Environmental Services Department prior to the meeting.

Main Considerations for the Council

8. The Committee has to consider the comments made and agree a way forward.
9. A summary of the main points in the letters of objection, together with officer comments are included in the table at **Appendix 3**.

Environmental Impact of the Recommendation

10. It is considered that the signing and lining will have a minimal impact on the environment. The physical changes to the highway in Curzon Street are intended to reduce vehicle speeds and deter rat-running and so contribute to an enhancement in safety and the environment.

Risk Assessment

11. There is no significant risk to the County Council if the waiting restrictions are implemented or not.

Financial Implications

12. There is allocation of £30,000 in the current approved Local Transport Plan Integrated Transport budget to cover these works, as approved by the County Council's Regulatory Committee in March 2004. Furthermore, as set out above in paragraph 2, there is a Developer contribution of £70,000, together with a Town Council contribution of £50,000 giving a total budget for the scheme of £150,000.

Options Considered

13. The options are to:-
- (i) Implement the proposals as advertised.
 - (ii) Implement the proposals as amended.
 - (iii) Abandon the proposals to which there are objections.

Reasons for Recommendation

14. The proposals form an integral part of the proposed entry point into the 20mph zone and are intended to prevent rat-running traffic movements. The amendments to the advertised proposals go some way in meeting the concerns of the objectors.

Recommendation

15. That:-
- (i) The proposals be implemented as amended.
 - (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

