

**REGULATORY COMMITTEE**  
**11<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2003**

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**TISBURY: WAITING RESTRICTIONS - OBJECTIONS**

**Purpose of Report**

1. To consider objections to the advertised changes to waiting restrictions in Tisbury and to recommend implementation of the proposals with certain amendments.

**Background**

2. The introduction of decriminalised parking enforcement to the Salisbury District area in April 2001 and the consequent increase in enforcement activities highlighted some possible inappropriate restrictions in Tisbury. In particular a request was received from one resident asking for the time limit on the on-street bay to the north of Victoria Hall to be removed to allow residents to park during the day. At its meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> March 2002 Regulatory Committee approved the review of waiting restrictions in Tisbury in the overall work programme.
3. Consultants undertook a review of waiting restrictions and their appropriateness and in conjunction with the Parish Council produced proposals to address the concerns raised. Copies of the site notice proposal plans are included at **Appendices 1 and 2** and the advertised proposals are summarised at **Appendix 3**.

**Main Considerations for the Council**

4. As a result of the public advertisement of the proposals six letters of objection have been received. All six object to the removal of the time limit on the northernmost on-street bay in the High Street, whilst two also object to the removal of the time limit on the two other on-street bays in High Street. One letter includes an objection to the introduction of the two-hour waiting with two-hour no return period proposed for the majority of the on-street bays. A summary of the points of objection is given in **Appendix 4**. Full copies are available in the **Members' Room** and from the Environmental Services Department prior to the meeting.
5. The District Council enforcement team also commented that they would like to see a return period of twice the waiting period to aid enforcement activities. It should be noted however that the choice of time limit and return period is primarily governed by the needs of the area in which the restrictions are being introduced and to aid the local community and not specifically to aid enforcement activities.

6. Given the nature of the objections and after discussion with the local member, Mr. Willan, it was considered appropriate to ask the Parish Council, as the local representatives, for their views on the received objections. Following a Parish Council meeting the following resolutions were passed:-
- (i) *Parking throughout the entire length of High Street, from Albany House in the Square to Heaton's by the Cross Inn – parking restricted to one-hour, with a two-hour 'no return'.*
  - (ii) *From Nobles past the Recreation Ground as far as the proposed yellow lines – Councillors resolved to request two-hour restricted parking, as previously discussed.*
  - (iii) *Off-station parking – Councillors accepted advice from Wiltshire County Council that a 'wait and see' policy should be adopted. If displaced parking becomes a problem along the lane by the South Western Hotel, then further restrictions may be proposed.*

A full copy of the Parish Council note is included at **Appendix 5**.

7. In view of the objections and the further Parish Council comments it would be reasonable to maintain the three northernmost on-street bays as time limited bays. Members attention is drawn to the original request for the on-street bay to the north of Victoria Hall to have its time limit removed to allow residents to park all day. In practice, to leave one bay unrestricted whilst all others were time limited would be unworkable. It is likely that this bay would be occupied for the majority of the day and there would be no guarantee of a space for residents. Furthermore, there would be nothing to prevent non-residents leaving vehicles in the bay throughout the day and overnight if they so wished. By retaining the bay as time limited it guarantees a turnover of vehicles giving more chance for residents to find a space. With the hours of operation from 8am – 6pm residents could park overnight from 5pm to 9am the following morning. It should be noted that no comments either for or against the proposals were received from residential properties near this on-street bay.
8. Similarly, given the objections and the further Parish Council comments, it would be reasonable for the time limit on the on-street bays in the High Street to be one-hour with a return period of two hours, with those in Station Road being two hours waiting, two-hour return as advertised. This partly addresses the comment made by the District Council enforcement team.

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

9. Given that waiting restrictions, on-street bays, and the associated signs already exist in Tisbury and that the proposals seek to amend these, it is considered that the proposals have a neutral impact overall.

### **Financial Implications**

10. The proposals are to be funded from the Traffic Management Revenue budget for 2003-04.

### **Options Considered**

11. Implement the proposals as advertised.
12. Implement the proposals as proposed and amended as recommended in paragraphs 7 and 8 above.
13. Abandon the proposals.

### **Reasons for Proposals**

14. The advertised proposals and subsequent amendments have been drawn up in close co-operation with the Parish Council as the local community representatives. The amended proposals are now considered to be appropriate for the needs of Tisbury and the residential and commercial use that takes place in the High Street.

### **Proposals**

15. That:-
  - (i) The proposals be implemented as proposed subject to the amendments recommended in paragraphs 7 and 8 above and listed below:-
    - That the three northernmost bays in the High Street remain time limited;
    - That the time limit for the bays in the High Street be one hour with a return period of two hours, with those in Station Road having a time limit of two hours with a return period of two hours.
  - (ii) The objectors be informed accordingly.

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

Letters of objection