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REPORT ON SNUFF STREET AND NEW PARK ROAD, DEVIZES – VARIOUS ORDERS

Purpose of Report

To consider an amendment to The County of Wiltshire (Devizes) (Prohibition and restriction of waiting, taxi rank clearways and on-street parking) Consolidation Order 2009 (Amendment No.7) Order 2015 and the implementation of The County of Wiltshire (Couch Lane and Snuff Street, Devizes) (one-way traffic) Order 2015.

Consultation

The draft Traffic Orders were subject to formal advertisement between 30 July 2015 and 24 August 2015. During the advertisement period a total of 9 items of comment were received. This report deals with those comments made in relation to the proposed introduction of additional waiting restrictions at New Park Road, Devizes and the implementation of a one-way with exemption for cyclists on Snuff Street, Devizes.

Options Considered

To:

- (i) Make the Order as advertised.
- (ii) Not make the Order as advertised.

Reason for Decision

The proposal for waiting restrictions in New Park Road was put forward to facilitate the widening of the footway alongside the hospital site in order to create a safer and more convivial route for pedestrians. Widening the footway would narrow the carriageway such that parking along either side could create difficulty for vehicles to pass through.

The proposal for a one-way Order with exemption for cycles on Snuff Street is aimed at creating a continuous cycle route between Quakers Walk and the town centre in both directions.

The pedestrian and cycle improvements that would be made possible by the introduction of the proposed TROs were subject to public consultation in 2014 and have been prepared in conjunction with the Devizes Air Quality and Transport Working Group.

It is felt that the proposal for Snuff Street should be taken forward in order to deliver the proposed cycle route and provide a key link in the Devizes Cycle Network.

It is felt that it is appropriate to put the implementation of waiting restrictions on New Park Road on hold until such time that a decision has been made with regard to a residents' parking scheme.

INTENTION TO MAKE DECISION

Following consultation with officers I give notice that I intend to make the decision set out in the attached report. If you would like to make any representations to me on this issue please do so by 29 October 2015

The following supporting documents are attached:

Appendix 1 – List of commenters

Appendix 2 – Summary of comments made on the proposed TRO and officer responses

The following supporting documents are available from the officer named above:

None

Date

Signed.....

Cllr Philip Whitehead
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Relevance to the Council's Business Plan

2. The proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) meets two of the priorities of the Council's Business Plan. These priorities being:

Outcome 2 – People in Wiltshire work together to solve problems locally and participate in decisions that affect them.

Outcome 5 – People in Wiltshire have healthy, active and high quality lives.

Outcome 6 – People are as protected from harm as possible and feel safe.

Background

3. There is a need to provide improved routes and facilities for pedestrians and cyclists between the Quakers Walk development and Devizes town centre. Proposals to achieve this have been prepared in conjunction with the Devizes Air Quality and Transport Working Group with wider consultation having been undertaken with local residents in 2014.
4. The proposed changes will provide a safer and continuous route for pedestrians and cyclists between the development at Quakers Walk and Devizes town centre.

Summary of Proposals

New Park Road

5. To introduce No Waiting at Any Time as follows:

New Park Road – east side – from a point 10 metres north of its junction with Victoria Road to a point 37 metres north of that junction

New Park Road – west side – from a point 5 metres north of its junction with Victoria Road to a point 37 metres north of that junction

6. The removal of parking is intended to allow the widening of the footway alongside Devizes Community Hospital to provide an improved route for pedestrians.

Snuff Street.

7. To introduce an exemption for pedal cycles to the one-way Order at Snuff Street, Devizes to allow contraflow cycling to take place. This is intended to provide a continuous cycle link in both directions between Quakers Walk development and Devizes town centre.

Main Considerations for the Council

8. To consider the comments received during the consultation period. Details of those who commented are provided in **Appendix 1**. A summary of the issues raised relating to the Traffic Order and officer comments are included in **Appendix 2**.

Safeguarding Implications

9. There are no safeguarding implications.

Public Health Implications

10. There are no public health implications.

Corporate Procurement Implications

11. There are no corporate procurement implications.

Environmental and Climate Change Considerations

12. There is potential for parking to be displaced to other locations

Equalities Impact of the Proposal

13. There are considered to be no equalities impacts.

Risk Assessment

14. If the Orders do not go ahead, the overall package of measures to improve pedestrian and cycle facilities between Quakers Walk and Devizes town centre will be compromised.

Financial Implications

15. All expenditure for the necessary works will be funded from S106 monies held on account as a result of the Quakers Walk development.

Legal Implications

16. The implementation of the proposed restrictions requires the processing of a TRO. The process of introducing a TRO is governed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and associated procedural regulations. Failure to adhere to the statutory processes could result in the TRO being successfully challenged in the High Court.

Options Considered

17. To:
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Reasons for Proposals

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19. The proposal for a one-way Order with exemption for cycles on Snuff Street is aimed at creating a continuous cycle route between Quakers Walk and the town centre in both directions.
20. The pedestrian and cycle improvements that would be made possible by the introduction of the proposed TROs were subject to public consultation in 2014 and have been prepared in conjunction with the Devizes Air Quality and Transport Working Group.
21. It is felt that the proposal for Snuff Street should be taken forward in order to deliver the proposed cycle route and provide a key link in the Devizes Cycle Network.
22. It is felt that it is appropriate to put the implementation of waiting restrictions on New Park Road on hold until such time that a decision has been made with regard to a residents' parking scheme.

Proposals

23. That:
 - (i) The Order relating to Snuff Street be taken forward to implementation.
 - (ii) The Order relating to New Park Road not be taken forward to implementation.
 - (iii) Objectors be notified accordingly.

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

- Letters of objection