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WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ACT 2004**

- 1. THE COUNTY OF WILTSHIRE (DEVIZES) (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING, TAXI RANK CLEARWAYS AND ON STREET PARKING) CONSOLIDATION ORDER 2009 (AMENDMENT NO.8) ORDER 2015**
 - 2. 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.14) ORDER 2015**
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Purpose of Report

1. To consider a single objection to the proposed “no waiting at any time” restrictions on Quakers Road and Keepers Road, Devizes, submitted to the Council by Mrs Hannah Leigh, 19 Quakers Road, Devizes.

Relevance to the Council’s Business Plan

2. The development contributes to the Council’s Business Plan to promote sustainable development.

Background

3. A number of planning applications from 2007 to 2010 culminated in the approval for a residential development off London Road, Devizes. This included a primary school. The residential development has become known locally as Quakers Walk.
4. As the number of properties occupied increased and the school became operational, inconsiderate on-street parking became an increasing safety concern.
5. The issue of school traffic on the highway adjacent to the school was raised with the developer by the Council. It was agreed that a safety audit would be carried out. As part of the safety audit (Ted Smith, July 2013) waiting restrictions were outlined as a method of maintaining visibility splays at the entrance to the school. After further observations at the site over a period of time, it was decided to proceed with the waiting restrictions (see **Appendix 2**).
6. After monitoring the situation, it became clear that safety was being compromised, and that waiting restrictions were necessary. The lengths of restriction have been based on the safety audit recommendations. It was also considered necessary to continue the lines around the bend in proximity to 2 Quakers Road to prevent obstructive parking and to promote ease of access for public transport.

7. In response to the consultation, a representation was received from Mrs Hannah Leigh of 19 Quakers Road. It stated that:

“It is difficult to see where the yellow lines would go up to outside 19 Quakers Road. We do need the ability to park outside the front of our house for unloading. This area is also used for visitors to Nos. 19, 7 and 9 when needed. Regarding the lines outside the school, I fear that this will only move the problem further down the road and it will still be difficult pass at peak times.”

8. A response to Mrs Leigh (via email) was sent from the Council, it contained written clarification of both the detailed extent of the lines and the fact that the restriction enables a restricted loading and un-loading opportunity. In return, Mrs Leigh wrote to confirm that she wished to maintain her objection in relation to the loss of parking to the front of her dwelling.

Main Considerations for the Council

9. The roads are currently still within the private ownership of the developer. However, they are open to the general public and the developer has given permission to allow both the implementation and enforcement of the proposed waiting restrictions.
10. Inconsiderate parking in the vicinity of the school is having a continued detrimental effect on the amenity and safety of the users of the highway, both vehicular and pedestrian (especially that of children). The introduction of on-street waiting restrictions will help ensure safety and amenity is protected.
11. A safety audit of the development (see **Appendix 2**) was undertaken in response to issues with car parking across the site frontage of the school and on the bend adjacent to the school. The safety audit was promoted by both the Council and the developer. It was recommended that the on-street parking should be monitored and, if deemed necessary, waiting restrictions introduced.
12. Waiting restrictions will still afford residents the ability to load and un-load and a permit can be purchased to allow for a longer stay.
13. Any displaced parking will be monitored and further restrictions can be applied to the roads before full adoption; all costs will be met by the developer.
14. The introduction of the waiting restrictions will promote easier and safer access to the school for pedestrians.

Overview and Scrutiny Engagement

15. No comment.

Safeguarding Implications

16. There are none.

Public Health Implications

17. The introduction of waiting restrictions will deter on-street parking in the vicinity of the school. This may make it more desirable to find alternative methods of travel, including cycling and walking, encouraging a healthier lifestyle.

Corporate Procurement Implications

18. There are none.

Environmental and Climate Change Considerations

19. The introduction of waiting restrictions will help to deter travel to the school by vehicle, helping to reduce overall emissions.

Equalities Impact of the Proposal

20. The prevention of on-street parking will help mitigate the potential of vehicle and pedestrian conflict in the vicinity of the school. The potential for displaced on-street parking will be monitored and re-addressed before full adoption of the roads.

Risk Assessment

21. The roads have been subject to safety assessments at each stage of the design.

Financial Implications

22. All costs in regards to the advertisements and implementation have been met by the developer.

Legal Implications

23. There are none.

Options Considered

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

Reason for Proposal

25. Inconsiderate parking in the vicinity of the school is having a continued detrimental effect on the amenity and safety of the users of the highway, both vehicular and pedestrian (especially that of children). Supported by a safety audit it has been decided to promote the introduction of on-street waiting restrictions on specific lengths of Quakers Road and Keepers Road. The introduction of the waiting restrictions will help ensure safety and amenity is protected.

Proposal

26. That the proposals be implemented as advertised.

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

None