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**WILTSHIRE COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
THE COUNTY OF WILTSHIRE (WARMINSTER) (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF
WAITING, TAXI RANK CLEARWAYS AND ON STREET PARKING) CONSOLIDATION
ORDER 2013 (AMENDMENT NO.5) ORDER 2016**

Purpose of Report

To:

- (i) Consider 11 objections to the proposed “No waiting at any-time” restrictions on Grovelands Way/Victoria Road, Warminster (see **Appendix 2**).
- (ii) Recommend implementation of the restrictions as advertised (see **Appendix 1**).

Consultation

Consultations have been undertaken with the Fire Service, Police and Ambulance Service and also with the relevant bus companies, the Town Council, the Local Member. Advertisements have been posted in the local press and notices were posted in prominent positions at the site (see **Appendix 1**).

Options Considered

To:

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

Reason for Decision

At planning stage the Council acknowledged the current on-street parking and its negative effect on the safety of the Victoria Road/Groveland’s Way junction. The introduction of a new development will increase the number of vehicle movements at the junction and increase the risk to safety. Planning approval decision 14/10302 included Condition Number 5 which secured the implementation of waiting restrictions (lengths as per those advertised) before occupation. The extent of restriction allows for an improvement to the visibility and safety of the Victoria Road/Groveland’s Avenue junction. The lines have been extended further into Groveland’s Way to secure visibility and to ensure that the development access is free of on-street parking. Displaced parking can be addressed under future reviews of parking in Warminster.

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Relevance to the Council’s Business Plan

2. All costs, associated with the Consultation and implementation, are being met by the developer so there is no expense to the tax payer.

Background

3. In March 2014 planning approval for eight dwellings was granted approval. At the time, the Highway Officer noted that “to ensure visibility at the junction of Groveland’s Way and Victoria Road the introduction of waiting restrictions 40 metres either side of the junction will be required along with parking restrictions along Victoria Road adjacent to the retail units to ensure maximum visibility and to prevent customers parking on the highway”. This recommendation led to the application of Condition Number 5 of the approval which states “no occupation until the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) has been implemented or otherwise agreed with the LPA”. In response to the consultation process 11 objections have been received. The majority of these objections raise concerns over displaced parking on adjacent roads namely Swaledale Road and Marshfield Roundabout. The extent of restriction allows for an improvement to the visibility and safety of the Victoria Road/Groveland’s Avenue junction. The lines have been extended further into Groveland’s Way to secure visibility and keep the road free of parking at the development access. It is the Council’s position that any displaced parking can be addressed under future reviews of parking in Warminster and that the displacement of parking is not a significant enough issue to not pursue the restrictions as advertised.

Main Considerations for the Council

4. Current levels of on-street parking have an adverse impact on the safety of the users of Groveland’s Way and the junction of Groveland’s Way and Victoria Road. The new development will increase the use of the adjacent road network and in particular the junction. The introduction of waiting restrictions is likely to displace this parking on to adjacent roads as many properties in the area do not have the benefit of off-street parking. Future waiting restrictions, as part of an overall review, may be required.

Overview and Scrutiny Engagement

5. There is no impact on Overview and Scrutiny.

Safeguarding Considerations

6. There is no impact on safeguarding.

Public Health Implications

7. On-street parking leads to congestion of vehicles. Removal of congestion will lead to less emissions and a nicer environment, which in turn will hopefully encourage people to walk.

Corporate Procurement Implications

8. All costs implications will be covered by the developer.

Environmental and Climate Change Considerations

9. Removal of parked vehicles will allow for freer movement of vehicles meaning that there will be less congestion and idling of vehicles reducing the likely emissions.

Equalities Impact of the Proposal

10. The removal of parked vehicles will improve the safety for users of the highway on Groveland's Way and at its junctions with Victoria Road. Displaced parking may have a negative impact on other roads in the vicinity. Displaced parking can be considered under future parking reviews.

Risk Assessment

11. The removal of parked vehicles will improve the safety for users of the highway on Groveland's Way and at its junction with Victoria Road. There may be a risk of displaced vehicles being encouraged to park elsewhere.

Financial Implications

12. All costs for the advertisement and implementation of the proposal fall to the developer.

Legal Implications

13. Consultations have been undertaken with the Fire Service, Police and Ambulance Service and also with the relevant bus companies, the Town Council, the Local Member. Advertisements have been posted in the local press and notices were posted in prominent positions at the site.

Options Considered

14. To:
 - (i) Implement the proposals as advertised.
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Reason for Proposal

15. At planning stage the Council acknowledged the current on-street parking and its negative effect on the safety of the Victoria Road/Groveland's Way junction. The introduction of a new development will increase the number of vehicle movements at the junction and increase the risk to safety. Planning approval decision 14/10302 included Condition Number 5 which secured the implementation of waiting restrictions (lengths as per those advertised) before occupation. The extent of restriction allows for an improvement to the visibility and safety of the Victoria Road/Groveland's Avenue junction. The lines have been extended further into Groveland's Way to secure visibility and to ensure that the development access is free of on-street parking. Displaced parking can be addressed under future reviews of parking in Warminster.

Proposal

16. That the proposals be implemented as advertised.

The objectors be informed of the decision.

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

None