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HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT SERVICE

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REFERENCE: HT-04-17

PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS, FROGWELL AREA, CHIPPENHAM

Purpose of Report

To consider comments received in relation to proposals to amend The County Of Wiltshire (Chippenham And Chippenham Without) (Prohibition And Restriction Of Waiting, Taxi Rank Clearways And On Street Parking) Consolidation Order 2009 (Amendment No. 5) Order 2016 to introduce new and amend existing waiting restrictions at various locations within the Frogwell area of Chippenham.

Consultation

During the advertisement period a total of 30 items of correspondence have been received in response to the proposals contained within the advertised Traffic Regulation Order (TRO). Of the 30 items of correspondence received, 25 expressed support for the Council's proposals, 6 objected with 8 matters of further comment being made.

Options Considered

To:

- (i) Implement the proposals as advertised.
- (ii) Amend the proposals in consideration of the comments received.
- (iii) Abandon the proposals.

Reason for Decision

The proposed restrictions in the Frogwell area are considered to retain a balance between keeping the roads clear whilst retaining some parking availability where it would not interfere with through traffic movements. Whilst there is an overall loss of parking availability on Frogwell, and a potential for displaced parking into adjacent side roads, the majority of comments received from residents indicates support for the Council's proposals.

DECISION MADE

I approve to proceed with the proposal as advertised with the addition of driveway protection markings at Nos. 43 and 45 Frogwell.

This decision was published on 10 March 2017 and will come into force on 20 March 2017

The following supporting documents are attached:

- Appendix 1 – Proposal plans
- Appendix 2 – Comments received and officers' response
- Appendix 3 – List of objectors and supporters

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

None

Date.....10 March 2017.....

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Cllr Philip Whitehead
Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport

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Relevance to the Council's Business Plan

2. The proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) amendment meets two priorities of the Council's Business Plan:
 - Outcome 2 – People in Wiltshire work together to solve problems locally and participate in decisions that affect them.
 - Outcome 6 – People are as protected from harm as possible and feel safe.

Background

3. Frogwell has become a well-used area for all day parking for employees of businesses on the Bumpers Farm Industrial Estate. This has led to persistent complaints from local residents raising concerns about road safety and their ability to access their properties safely. To address these concerns the Council developed proposals to introduce waiting restrictions and these have been subject to recent formal advertisement.
4. The requested waiting restrictions were advertised between 8 December 2016 and 9 January 2017.
5. During the advertisement period a total of 30 items of correspondence have been received in response to the proposals contained within the advertised TRO. Of the 30 items of correspondence received, 25 expressed their support for the Council's proposals, 6 objected with 8 matters of further comment being made.
6. Chippenham Town Council expressed support for the proposals. No comments were received from the local Wiltshire Council Member.

Summary of the Proposals

7. The proposals are shown on the plans contained at **Appendix 1**.

Main Considerations for the Council

8. To consider the objections received during the consultation period. A summary of the issues raised relating to the proposal and officer comments are included in **Appendix 2**. Details of those who commented are provided in **Appendix 3**.

Safeguarding Implications

9. There is no risk to the Council as a result of these proposals.

Public Health Implications

10. There are none with this proposal.

Corporate Procurement Implications

11. There are none with this proposal.

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. There is no risk to the Council as a result of these proposals.

Financial Implications

15. All expenditure for the necessary works will be funded from the Integrated Transport Block.

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:
 - (i) Implement the proposals as advertised.
 - (ii) Amend the proposals in consideration of the comments received.
 - (iii) Abandon the proposals.

Reason for Proposals

18. The proposed restrictions in the Frogwell area are considered to retain a balance between keeping the roads clear whilst retaining some parking availability where it would not interfere with through traffic movements. Whilst there is an overall loss of parking availability on Frogwell, and a potential for displaced parking into adjacent side roads, the majority of comments received from residents indicates support for the Council's proposals.

Proposal

19. To proceed with the proposal as advertised with the addition of driveway protection markings at Nos. 43 and 45 Frogwell.

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

None