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WILTSHIRE COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ACT 2004
1. THE COUNTY OF WILTSHIRE (TROWBRIDGE) (PROHIBITION AND
RESTRICTION OF WAITING, TAXI RANK CLEARWAYS AND ON-STREET
PARKING) CONSOLIDATION ORDER 2015 (AMENDMENT NO.5) ORDER 2017
2. THE COUNTY OF WILTSHIRE (HUNTINGFIELD, TROWBRIDGE)
(ONE WAY TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017
3. THE COUNTY OF WILTSHIRE (HUNTINGFIELD, TROWBRIDGE)
(PROHIBITION OF RIGHT HAND TURN) ORDER 2017

Purpose of Report

1. To consider 17 objections in regards to the proposed No Waiting at Any time on the road known as Leap Gate, Trowbridge (see **Appendix 2**).

Relevance to the Council's Business Plan

2. Not applicable.

Background

3. The road known as Leap Gate was constructed as part of the residential development locally known as Trowbridge East. The estate meets the government parking standards current at the time of approval, i.e. an average of 1.5 spaces per unit and 1 per five visitor spaces. Each property has either off-street, garage parking or court parking.
4. Leap Gate is a local distributor road designed to accommodate all types of through traffic. The road is subject to a 30 mph limit and accommodates two roundabouts and two right hand turn lanes.
5. There is currently a high level of on-street parking which has led to an increase level of vehicle conflict in the vicinity of the junctions to the detriment of highway safety.
6. In June 2017 a consultation for No Waiting at Any Time restrictions was proposed for the length of Leap Gate from Green Lane to the school roundabout. In response, several objections were received noting the inconvenience of the loss of on-street parking and the possible impact on vehicle speeds.
7. In response the Council has decided to progress a revised scheme allowing for two lengths of night time parking enabling residential parking and some mitigation to passing vehicle speeds (see **Appendices 3 and 4**).

Main Considerations for the Council

8. Leap Gate has been designed and implemented to be an internal distributor road for Trowbridge. Future development is likely to increase the vehicle use of the road. The removal of day time on-street parking (whilst allowing some night time parking) will enable the road to function to its full capacity whilst allowing some residential parking at peak desire times.

Safeguarding Considerations

9. Not applicable.

Public Health Implications

10. Removal of on-street parking will lessen the requirement for vehicles to stop and start to manoeuvre around parked vehicles and lessen emissions. Removal of parked vehicles will improve visibility for pedestrians wishing to cross Leap Gate and encourage people to walk, especially children to the local school.

Corporate Procurement Implications

11. Not applicable.

Environmental Impact of the Proposal

12. Removal of day time parking will reduce the need for vehicles to stop and start to manoeuvre around stationary vehicles and will in turn reduce emissions.

Equalities Impact of the Proposal

13. Vehicles using Leap Gate will be unhindered in their use. All properties in the vicinity have allocated off-street parking spaces.

Risk Assessment

Removal of off-street parking improves pedestrian and vehicle interaction.

Financial Implications

14. All costs associated with the consultation, order processing and implementation have been met by the developer.

Legal Implications

15. Full consultation has been undertaken to meet the statutory requirements of a Road Traffic Order.

Options Considered

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

Reason for Proposal

17. The introduction of two lengths of evening parking (between 6pm and 8am) will allow some on-street parking for residents and provide some informal traffic calming at a time where traffic movement is low and vehicle speeds may become higher (see **Appendices 3 and 4**).

Proposal

18. That the proposals be implemented with amendments.
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The following unpublished documents have been relied on in the preparation of this Report:

None