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**VARIOUS ROADS WITHIN WEST WILTSHIRE PARISHES  
PARKING AND WAITING RESTRICTIONS**

**Purpose of Report**

1. To:
  - (i) Consider objections to the advertised proposals for parking controls at various locations within the West Wiltshire Parishes area.
  - (ii) Recommend the making of the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) with minor amendments to the advertised proposal.

**Relevance to the Council's Business Plan**

2. The proposed scheme helps to meet key priorities of the Business Plan, as the local community worked together with Wiltshire Councillors and council officers on the proposals – making it an involved community scheme that was delivered together.

The restrictions will help protect vulnerable road users and will support the local businesses by protecting accesses.

**Background**

3. During the COVID-19 period all non-statutory work was placed on hold. This resulted in a backlog of Parking and Waiting restrictions requests. This particularly impacted requests within the West Wiltshire Parishes area as requests were due to be considered in 2020/21.
4. It was agreed that as these requests were outstanding that the Local Highway and Footway Improvement Groups (LHFIG's) covering the West Wiltshire Parishes would not be required to fund these proposals but would be able to make additional request before the proposals were formally consulted on. Proposals in some areas were reduced or removed entirely, whilst others were extended.

**Detail**

5. The TRO for this proposal was advertised from 31 March to 1 May 2023, allowing an additional week over the recommended consultation period due to the Easter Bank Holidays.
6. During the advertisement period a total of 56 items of correspondence were received in response to the proposals contained within the advertised TRO. Of the 56 items of correspondence received, 45 expressed support for the Council's proposals, 11 objected the proposals in their current form. Supporting statements for the proposals in their Parish areas were received from Edington, Sutton Veny and Winsley Parish Councils, these are included in **Appendices 2 and 3**.

## **Main Considerations for the Council**

7. Consideration needs to be given to the responses received and a decision made on the way forward. Statute states the highway is for the passage and re-passage of persons and goods and, consequently, any parking on the highway is an obstruction of that right of passage. There are no rights to park on the highway, but parking is condoned where the right of passage along the highway is not impeded. The consideration of the objections to the introduction of controls has to be considered in this context.

## **Safeguarding Considerations**

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

## **Public Health Implications**

9. There is none in this scheme.

## **Corporate Procurement Implications**

10. There is none in this scheme.

## **Environmental and Climate Change Considerations**

11. The proposed parking restrictions will require limited street furniture and road markings to be introduced where non currently exist. The signage required within the legalisation will be kept to a minimum allowed under the guidance and legislation. However, it is recognised that there is a potential for visual impact to the environment.

## **Equalities Impact of the Proposal**

12. There is none in this scheme.

## **Risk Assessment**

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

## **Financial Implications**

14. There is an allocation in this year's Traffic Engineering budget for design, implementation, supervision and monitoring works.

## **Legal Implications**

15. All changes to existing parking restrictions require amendments to the Traffic Regulation Order. The process is governed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and Associated Procedural Regulations. Failure to adhere to the statutory processes could result in the restrictions being successfully challenged in the High Court.

## **Options Considered**

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

## **Reason for Proposals**

17. The comments set out in **Appendix 2** on the various objections and comments received indicate that it is considered appropriate to introduce the majority of the proposals as advertised, but with minor amendments in Sutton Veny, detailed in **Appendix 4**.

## **Proposals**

18. That:
- (i) The restrictions be implemented as advertised, subject to the minor amendments to the proposals in Sutton Veny detailed in **Appendix 4**.
  - (ii) The objectors be informed accordingly.

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

Letters of representation