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**VARIOUS ROADS, TROWBRIDGE  
PARKING AND WAITING RESTRICTIONS**

**Purpose of Report**

1. To:
  - (i) Consider objections to the advertised proposals for parking controls at various locations within Trowbridge.
  - (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. The Local Highway & Footway Improvement Groups (LHFIG), formally CATGs, now have waiting restrictions, such as yellow lines, under their remit and budget for assessments and implementation. The Trowbridge LHFIG agreed to fund the assessment of new and outstanding requests across the town.
4. The proposed restrictions were requested by the Town Council and Local Members in response to requests received by their constituents. In the main to prevent obstruction, physical or to visibility caused by inappropriate parking and to change existing restrictions to suit the current environment. This included several areas of new Residential Parking zones for Trowbridge.

**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 123 items of correspondence was received in response to the proposals contained within the advertised TRO. Of the 123 items of correspondence received, 52 expressed support for the Council's proposals, 68 objected the proposals in their current form and 3 made general comments.

## **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. Funding for these works has been approved by the Trowbridge LHFIFG from their allocated funding.

## **Legal Implications**

15. All changes to existing parking restrictions require amendments to the TRO. 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 received indicate that it is considered appropriate to reduce the impact of some of the proposals. These reductions are shown in **Appendix 3**.

### **Proposals**

18. That:
- (i) The proposed restrictions be amended as recommended and implemented.
  - (ii) The objectors to be informed accordingly.

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**The following unpublished documents have been relied on in the preparation of this report:**

Letters of representation  
Proposed plans of all locations  
Recommended amendments to several locations