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SCHOOL LANE, STAVERTON
PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS

Purpose of Report

1. To consider the objections received in response to the formal advertisement of the Traffic Regulation Orders associated with the proposed waiting on School Lane, Staverton.

Background

2. In November 2012 a feasibility study was undertaken as part of the Taking Action on School Journeys Project, to investigate ways in which cycling and walking to school could be improved and to reduce traffic congestion on School Lane.
3. Following an assessment by Wiltshire Council Highway Engineers it was identified that the introduction of two crossing areas on School Lane would help encourage walking, and to accompany the crossing area, waiting restrictions would need to be in place 10 metres either side of the crossings to ensure visibility to the crossing areas.
4. The Traffic Regulation Orders for the proposals were advertised during May 2013. During the formal consultation period seven letters of objection were received, including comments from Wiltshire Councillor, Trevor Carbin.

Main Considerations for the Council

5. To consider the comments received during the consultation period. A summary of the issues raised and officer comments are included in **Appendix 1**. Details of those who commented are provided in **Appendix 2**.

Environmental Impact of the Proposal

6. The introduction of the parking controls will involve the laying of lines. This will have an impact on the visual aspect but has to be balanced against the need to ensure that safe access and visibility is provided.

Equalities Impact of the Proposal

7. There are none with this proposal.

Risk Assessment

8. If schemes, programmed for design or delivery within the current financial year, are not progressed the Council risks the potential of delayed delivery in subsequent years due to other funding demands and uncertainty of future budget.

Financial Implications

9. There is an allocation in the 2013-14 Local Transport Plan (LTP) Integrated Transport budget for design, construction, supervision and monitoring works.
10. If a decision is taken to delay current proposals this may result in the loss of the budget.

Legal Implications

11. None.

Options Considered

12. To:
- (i) Implement the proposals as advertised.
 - (ii) Abandon the proposals.
 - (iii) Amend the proposals in accordance with the comments received.

Reason for Proposals

13. The proposals have been developed in response to concerns raised by Staverton Primary School regarding the negative impact of vehicles causing congestion along School Lane through inappropriate parking. The proposals have been discussed with Staverton Primary School through the Taking Action on School Journeys project.

Proposals

14. That:
- (i) The proposals be amended to prohibit parking "*Monday – Friday 8.30 am - 9.30 am and 2.30 pm – 3.30 pm*".
 - (ii) The objectors be informed accordingly.

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

None