

Summary Sheet

Title: Markfield Drive, Flanderwell – reporting of waiting restriction consultation

Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan?

No

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Ward(s) Affected:

Wickersley

Executive Summary:

To report receipt of objections to the statutory consultation recently undertaken in respect of proposals to implement no waiting at any time parking restrictions on Markfield Drive and Greenfield Court, Wickersley.

Recommendations:

That the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment exercise his delegated powers and:

- (a) Notes the results of the consultation;
- (b) In response to the majority of objections received supports that the proposal is amended from 'no waiting at any time' to 'no waiting between the hours of 8am and 4pm Monday to Friday';
- (c) That the objectors be informed accordingly.

List of Appendices Included:

Appendix 'A'

Background Papers:

Drawing No 126/18/TT668 original proposal

Drawing No 126/18/TT668a amended proposal

Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel:

No

Council Approval Required:

No

Exempt from the Press and Public:

No

1. Recommendations

- 1.1 It is recommended that the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment exercise his delegated powers and:
- (a) Notes the results of the consultation;
 - (b) In response to the majority of objections received supports that the proposal is amended from ‘no waiting at any time’ to ‘no waiting between the hours of 8am and 4pm Monday to Friday’;
 - (c) That the objectors be informed accordingly.

2. Background

- 2.1 Markfield Drive is a residential road serving a large housing development in the Flanderwell area (within the Wickersley Ward). Greenfield Court is an adjacent side road which serves as the main entrance to Flanderwell Primary school.
- 2.2 A complaint has been received that inconsiderate parking (particularly around school times) on Markfield Drive, around its junction with Greenfield Court, is affecting visibility and the safe and free flow of traffic. To maintain the safe and free flow of traffic on Markfield Drive it was proposed to introduce no waiting at any time parking restrictions as shown on the attached drawing No 126/18/TT668.
- 2.3 The proposal was advertised in the local press, on street and a letter was sent to affected residents on 14th October 2016.
- 2.4 19 comments were received of which 5 were from residents of either Greenfield Court or Markfield Drive the other 14 came from visitors to Flanderwell Primary School.

3. Key Issues

- 3.1 Five responses were received from residents of either Greenfield Court or Markfield Drive which are set out below with the Councils’ response directly beneath:
- Two residents agree with the proposal but would like to see further restrictions on Greenfield Court. They allege that vehicles parking on the footway restrict access for pedestrians
 - This is to be investigated once the original proposal is implemented
 - A resident felt the proposed restrictions are unnecessary and furthermore the restriction will prevent him parking outside his own house. He sometimes needs to take his car out of his garage and park on Greenfield Court. He would no longer be able to do this. Parking is only prevalent at school times and not at other times. Could the restriction be limited to school hours?

- An elderly resident has carers and family who visit daily. The imposition of parking restrictions would make it difficult for these. The problem is only prevalent at school times so could the operational hours of the restrictions reflect school hours and term times.
 - In response to both these points it is proposed to reduce the times of operation of the proposed restrictions from No waiting at any time to No waiting Monday to Friday 8:00am to 4:00pm.
- A further house hold supports the proposal but both residents are severely disabled and their drive is not wide enough for wheel chair access. Relatives who call to take them out have to park on the road, they have asked for blue badges so that they can be picked up and dropped off outside their home.
 - Waiting restrictions in the form of yellow lines allow the picking up and setting down of passengers,
 - Even so colleagues in 'Occupational Therapy' may be able to assist with the request for a blue badge and may also be able to fund improvements to their driveway.
 - As indicated previously it is proposed to reduce the times of operation of the proposed restrictions from No waiting at any time to No waiting Monday to Friday 8:00am to 4:00pm

3.2 A further 14 comments were received from parents/carers of children attending Flanderwell Primary School which can be summarised as follows with our response immediately below:-

- The inconvenience caused by having to park further away from school.
- Safety concerns for children who are dropped off and walk unescorted to school.
- Safety concerns for those collecting children attending after school clubs who would have further to walk, particularly on winter evenings.
- Further walking distance for those with limited mobility.
 - Observed levels of parking around the junction are affecting the safety of pedestrians (predominantly children) and also the safe and free flow of vehicles.
 - The current proposal will displace approximately 9 vehicles and will not significantly increase the walking distance to school.
 - The operational times of the proposed restrictions can be reduced to reflect the school day, so will not affect the collection of children from after school clubs.
 - Those with limited mobility can apply for a blue badge which would allow them to park on the restriction.

A more detailed summary of the concerns raised is attached as Appendix 'A'

4. Options considered and recommended proposal

- 4.1 Inconsiderate parking on Markfield Drive around its junction with Greenfield Court, particularly around school time is affecting visibility and the safe and free flow of traffic here. Observations together with evidence supplied by the complainant have confirmed the obstruction of the driveway of 380 Markfield Drive on a number of occasions in spite of the presence of and advisory “H” marking.
- 4.2 The original proposal; Drawing No 126/18/TT668 refers, was to introduce restrictions that prohibit parking at all times but in light of concerns expressed by some of the respondents it is proposed to amend this to ‘No Waiting between 8am and 4pm Monday to Friday as shown on Drawing No 126/18/TT668a.

5. Consultation

- 5.1 Consultations took place with Local Ward Members, Statutory Consultees which include the Emergency Services and the Passenger Transport Executive as well as the wider public.
- 5.2 A letter of consultation was sent to affected residents on 16th October 2016 including legal notices displayed on street. The responses are considered in section 3
- 5.3 Councillor Hoddinott expressed support for the original proposal stating “I have dealt with numerous complaints about the problem parking (on pavements and blocking driveways) in this location around the school and requested extra road markings for this area back in November 2013. I have also dealt with a case where the police were called as there was an altercation between a lady and a driver over parking on the pavement”.

6. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision

- 6.1 Subject to Strategic Director Approval the proposal could be implemented within 10 weeks; to allow adequate time to provide the necessary signs and road markings.

7. Financial and Procurement Implications

- 7.1 Funding for waiting restrictions here would come from the Councils Revenue budget for 2017/18 and are estimated to cost £2,500 including advertisement of the associated Traffic Regulation Orders.

8. Legal Implications

- 8.1 Waiting restriction schemes are in line with the objectives set out in the Sheffield City Region Transport Strategy, and the associated road safety and casualty reduction strategy for improving road safety.

9. Human Resources Implications

- 9.1 None directly arising from this report.

10. Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults

10.1 Waiting restrictions can improve the highway environment for road users by removing inappropriate parking.

11 Equalities and Human Rights Implications

11.1 The proposed scheme is in line with the Councils' objectives of achieving safer roads and also accords with the Equalities Policy.

12. Implications for Partners and Other Directorates

12.1 None

13. Risks and Mitigation

13.1 Existing parking may migrate to other areas.

14. Accountable Officer(s)

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