

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1.	Meeting:	Cabinet Member and Advisers for Regeneration and Development
2.	Date:	Monday 7 April 2014
3.	Title:	Objections to proposed waiting and one-way street restrictions – Winlea Avenue, Brecks Crescent and Bawtry Road, Brecks
4.	Directorate:	Environment and Development Services

5. Summary

Reporting receipt of objections to the proposed No Waiting At Any Time restriction on Brecks Crescent, Winlea Avenue and the proposed one-way street order on Bawtry Road service road.

6. Recommendations

- **That the 3 objections to the waiting restrictions are not acceded to and the Order be made by the Director of Legal and Democratic Services**
- **That the 2 objections to the One-way street Order are acceded to and the proposal is withdrawn**
- **That all objectors are informed of the outcome.**

7. Proposals and Details

In June 2013 Traffic Regulation Orders were promoted that would see the introduction of No Waiting At Any Time restrictions and a one-way street Order. Objections were received from residents for each of these proposals (Appendix C).

Proposed No Waiting At Any Time restrictions

The introduction of No waiting At Any Time restrictions was proposed for sections of Winlea Avenue, Brecks Crescent and the Bawtry Road service road. Drawing No. 126/18/TT553 indicates the extents of the restrictions proposed (Appendix A). These

restrictions were proposed to address problems caused by vehicles parking too close to junctions, in inappropriate places and on footways in this area.

The area has a mix of commercial and residential uses and vehicles that are regularly parked on Winlea Avenue and Brecks Crescent can interfere with the free and safe movement of traffic. The introduction of waiting restrictions would deter drivers from parking in these locations and ensure the free movement of vehicles.

Following the advertisement of the proposals three objections were received from residents (Appendix C). One of the objectors considered that the introduction of restrictions on Winlea Avenue would be beneficial but would not be so on the other streets. The main concern stated in the three objections is that the introduction of waiting restrictions in the proposed locations could lead to an increase in parking stress further into the estate and near their own homes thereby causing access problems. Whilst this is a possibility, the likelihood is that those drivers currently parking on the streets in question do so because of the close proximity to the businesses. With the introduction of the waiting restrictions these drivers may then opt to use the closer car parks of the Listerdale Shopping Centre, the Sainsbury's or off street on Brecks Crescent rather than park in the residential areas having to then walk back to the businesses. However, if some parking were to displace into the residential area it should have a limited impact as the properties close to the commercial area all have off street parking facilities available.

Whilst the above concerns have been raised it is recommended that the waiting restrictions are introduced to ensure adequate visibility and access is maintained.

Bawtry Road (service road) – Proposed One Way Street

Bawtry Road service road is a short link parallel to A631 Bawtry Road that serves Brecks Crescent, Beech Avenue and the Listerdale Shopping Centre. There is a bus stop but there are currently no restrictions to traffic movements.

It was considered that introducing a One-Way Order for traffic travelling in an easterly direction would eliminate any potential for vehicle conflict that could exist when traffic is travelling in both directions. Drawing No. 126/18/TT565revA. indicates the location and extent of the proposed one-way (Appendix B)

Two objections and one letter of support were received. The objections were on the grounds that introducing a one-way restriction would affect the mobility of Brecks residents. If the one-way were implemented movement within the estate would require drivers heading westwards to cross the A631 Bawtry Road dual carriageway or travel via Gibbing Greaves Road.

After further review it is now recommended that the proposed one-way street is not implemented. On site observations indicate that only a very small amount of vehicles travel in a westward direction on this road either to the Listerdale shopping Centre or onto Brecks Crescent. There is also no record of injury accidents on this road in the last five years.

8. Finance

Funding for the Traffic Regulation Orders is from the council's revenue budget.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

Without waiting restrictions the safe operation and movement of traffic through the area will continue to be compromised.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

The proposals are in line with objectives set out in the Sheffield City Region Transport Strategy / Local Transport Plan 3.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

June 2013 public consultation and advertisement of proposed Traffic Regulation Orders

Appendix C - Objections

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