

## ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1.	Meeting:	Cabinet Member and Advisers for Regeneration and Development
2.	Date:	Monday 2 June 2014
3.	Title:	Objections to Proposed Waiting Restrictions – areas of Wellgate and Moorgate, Rotherham
4.	Directorate:	Environment and Development Services

### 5. Summary

Reporting objections received to the proposed introduction of waiting restrictions on various roads in the Wellgate and Moorgate areas.

### 6. Recommendations

- That the objections to proposed waiting restrictions on various streets are considered and acceded to or not acceded to as indicated in this report.
- That the Legal Orders for the waiting restrictions as indicated on Drawing No.122/18/1291RevC-2014 are implemented by the Director of Legal and Democratic Services in the 2014/15 financial year.
- The objectors are informed of the decision.

### 7. Proposals and Details

#### Background

In 2008 public consultation was undertaken into a proposed Residents' Parking Scheme in the Wellgate areas (north and south of Wellgate). This was the subject of a report to the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Developments Services on 2 March 2009 (Minute Number 201 refers) and was not implemented due to a lack of overall support for the proposals.

One of the recommendations in the report was to promote a Traffic Regulation Order to introduce No Waiting At Any Time restrictions. This was in order to address

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concerns about vehicles being parked too close to junctions and in other unsuitable locations that restricted reasonable access for traffic. In addition to general traffic this would greatly assist refuse or emergency services vehicles needing to access the area.

The Highway is primarily for the movement of traffic; on-street parking can be accommodated where parked vehicles do not interfere with or distract from the free and safe movement of traffic. The streets on both sides of Wellgate are primarily residential and experience a high demand for resident and visitor parking. It was considered that the rationale for the waiting restrictions was still valid so proposals were designed and consultation prepared.

### Consultation on Proposals – May 2013

In May 2013 a series of proposed No Waiting At Any Time restrictions were advertised for the streets around Wellgate and Moorgate; Drawing No. 122/18/1291-RevB2013, Details A-D (Appendix A). These were considered to be areas where parking should not be taking place; an example being that most of the proposed restrictions would extend 10metres back from the junction, as suggested in the Highway Code. Currently, the high demand for on street parking in some of the streets does see some drivers park in inappropriate places; too close to give way lines, on corners or on opposite sides of the road creating narrow channels. The proposals were promoted as it was considered that the improvements to movement through the areas, as is the Highway priority, would arguably outweigh the disbenefits of the reduction in on street space. However, the opportunities for alternative parking for residents either off-street or on-street are limited. The result of the introduction of waiting restrictions, whilst preventing inappropriate parking, would nevertheless see an actual reduction in on street capacity. This would then likely see parking migration onto other roads and areas.

The streets on which the proposals have been advertised have been split into four areas shown as drawing detail A to D (Appendix A). This was for practical purposes during the consultation stages but also provides a clear way of considering the objections received.

Drawing No. 122/18/1291- RevB2013	Area consulted	Proposed
Detail 'A'	Wellgate to Clifton Lane	No Waiting At Any Time restrictions
Detail 'B'	South of Wellgate	No Waiting At Any Time restrictions
Detail 'C'	Hall Road to Reneville Road	No Waiting At Any Time restrictions
Detail 'D'	Streets off Moorgate	No Waiting At Any Time & No Waiting Monday-Friday restrictions

Public consultation on the proposals by area (Appendix A):

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## Objections to the proposals (attached as Appendix B)

### • **Wellgate to Clifton Lane (Detail 'A')**

#### Albany Street/ Allan Street

5 objections from Albany Street

1 letter of support and Beeversleigh Action Group requests  
(Appendix B1)

The objections to the proposals in this area primarily share the concern that the restrictions would reduce space for on street parking. They highlight existing problems of demand for parking exceeding the availability and express concerns that the introduction of restrictions would only make this worse. In this case we have promoted restrictions at junctions and locations where we consider no vehicles should be parked to ensure suitable access. The close proximity to the Town Centre, Clifton Park and Rotherham Colleges makes this area attractive for commuters to use and so it is accepted that parking for residents can be difficult. The opportunity for off street parking is limited or nil and so we have to balance the needs of residents for parking with the needs of the Highway for movement.

Most of these objectors request a new consultation on a residents parking scheme for the area. A Residents Parking scheme to address daytime commuter parking issues was promoted in 2008 but not supported by a majority. This is not being considered again at present as this was not supported previously and other areas where commuter parking problems exist are being investigated further first.

A letter of support for the proposals at the Albany Street/ Allan Street junction has been received and the Beeversleigh Action Group have continually requested improvements to this junction to ensure better access for vehicles requiring access to the Beeversleigh building.

The waiting restrictions proposed were to extend 10 metres from the junction on all arms of Albany Street/ Allan Street. In this instance 7 metres may be more appropriate to still maintain access and better visibility but to also minimise the reduction in on street parking capacity for residents.

It is recommended that the objections to the Albany Street/ Allan Street junction are not acceded to and that the waiting restrictions are implemented but to a shorter extent than promoted. The revised restrictions are shown on Drawing No. 122/18/1291RevC-2014(Detail A) (Appendix C)

#### Clifton Mount

2 objections from Clifton Mount residents.  
(Appendix B1)

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The proposals for Clifton Mount included No Waiting At Any Time restrictions at both ends of the road and along its entire western side. Clifton Mount is a narrow road so there is potential for the road to be blocked when drivers park on both sides of the road. The proposed waiting restrictions were promoted to prevent this by removing parking near the junctions and encouraging parking on one side of the road.

Further discussion with the objectors about this proposal resulted in a meeting with residents and Councillors Hussain, McNeely and Wootton in July 2013. The merits of the proposals were discussed and residents requested we consult again on an alternative for the western side of Clifton Mount. The Ward Members backed this amendment and suggested further consultation with Clifton Mount residents on a No Waiting Monday-Friday 9am-4pm. The result of that consultation being 9 in favour, 3 not in favour. This amendment would ensure access is still maintained through the working day but allow flexibility for residents outside of those times to park on either side of the road, so long as it was done safely and legally.

It is recommended that the No Waiting At Anytime restrictions are introduced at both ends of Clifton Mount but that the restriction introduced along the western side of the road is No Waiting Monday-Friday 9am-4pm as shown on Drawing No. 122/18/1291RevC-2014(Detail A) (Appendix C).

- **South of Wellgate (Detail 'B')**

3 objections from Godstone Road and Tooker Road.  
(Appendix B2)

The proposed waiting restrictions for the streets in this area essentially cover the junctions and corners to ensure adequate visibility and access is maintained. Objections received to the proposed waiting restrictions are on the grounds that the amount of on street parking space will be reduced in an area where parking demand is high. One of the objectors requests that the resident permit parking option is revisited. As stated above; this is not currently under consideration.

Following a meeting with Councillor Hussain to consider the viewpoints of the community it was requested that the lengths of the restrictions proposed be reduced. This would be to a level that still provide access improvements but that also minimised the impact to on-street parking.

It is recommended that the objections are not acceded to but that the lengths of No Waiting At Any Time restrictions in some locations are reduced to a maximum of 5 metres from the junction rather than 10 metres – these locations mainly being the minor arm of junctions. This would still prevent vehicles being parked on corners or across give way road markings but would retain the option for more on street parking space.

The revised restrictions are shown on Drawing No. 122/18/1291RevC-2014(Detail B) (Appendix C)

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- **Hall Road to Reneville Road (Detail 'C')**

(Appendix B3)

1 objection was received from a resident of Reneville Road. The objector requested the proposed 10 metre restriction at the junction with Reneville Close be reduced to 5 metres. The waiting restrictions for this junction were proposed as this area was identified as part of the Wellgate South Residents Parking Scheme. They were promoted to ensure adequate access at this location. However, after reviewing this location further it is not a location that suffers with high demand for on street parking. Therefore, it is recommended that the length of the restriction is reduced to 5 metres either side of Reneville Close.

The revised restrictions are shown on Drawing No. 122/18/1291RevC-2014(Detail C)  
(Appendix C)

- **Streets off Moorgate (Detail 'D')**

2 objections were received to the proposals on Heather Close.

1 objection was received for Rotherstoke Close.

(Appendix B4)

Heather Close

The proposals advertised for Heather Close included extending the No Waiting At Any Time on the northern side of the road and the introduction of a daytime Monday to Friday 8am-4pm restriction on parts of the road. This was promoted to address issues caused by commuter/ student parking. However, the issue of student parking has reduced as evidenced by site visits and comments from the objectors. The introduction of a daytime restriction does not now appear to be required. The extension of the No Waiting At Any Time restriction on the northern side of the road by 21 metres would ensure access further into Heather Close without disadvantaging residents.

It is recommended that the extension of the No Waiting At Any Time restriction should be implemented but that the objections to the proposed daytime restriction are acceded to and this part be withdrawn. If the student parking issue returned further review of their parking arrangements would be suggested.

The revised restrictions are shown on Drawing No. 122/18/1291RevC-2014(Detail D)  
(Appendix C)

Rotherstoke Close

The objection to the proposed No Waiting At Any Time restriction for Rotherstoke Close is on the grounds that it would reduce on street parking. They agree with the introduction of restrictions at the junction with Moorgate Road. The promoted restriction could have extended for 10 metres of No Waiting At Any Time from Moorgate Road on both sides as in other cases. However, the width of the road is such that when vehicles park on the southern side, as seems the most common, there is insufficient space for vehicles to be parked on the other side of the road

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between the Moorgate Road junction and the garages without blocking or significantly narrowing the road. Therefore, this extension to the proposed restriction on the northern side is to ensure parking is on one side of the road and that access is maintained to the garages. It should not in actuality remove any practical parking capacity from this road.

It is recommended that this objection is not acceded to and the proposed waiting restriction be implemented as advertised.

### Summary

It is recommended that the waiting restrictions as indicated on the amended Drawing No.122/18/1291RevC-2014(Detail A-D), attached as Appendix C, are implemented. This still represents the aims of the original proposal to ensure better access whilst also accepting some of the objectors concerns about the impact to on street parking capacity. This is reflected in the amendments.

### **8. Finance**

Funding for the Wellgate Scheme is from Rotherham's allocation from the Local Transport Plan 3 Sheffield City Region Integrated Transport budget.

### **9. Risks and Uncertainties**

Waiting restrictions were proposed for locations where parking a vehicle could negatively affect movement and visibility of traffic. Not introducing the restrictions in areas where parking stress can be high could encourage drivers to use this space. The waiting restrictions would prevent this.

### **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**

May 2013 public consultation

July 2013 meeting with Councillors

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