

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1.	Meeting:	Cabinet Member for Planning, Highways and Street Scene Services
2.	Date:	1st September 2014
3.	Title:	Proposed No Waiting At Any Time restrictions on Doncaster Road, East Dene; Ward 12 Rotherham East
4.	Directorate:	Environment and Development Services

5. Summary

To report the receipt of objections / concerns regarding the proposal to introduce additional lengths of waiting restrictions (double yellow lines) along part of Doncaster Road in East Dene.

6. Recommendations

It is recommended that Cabinet Member resolves that:

- i) the objections to the proposed waiting restrictions be not acceded to, and the objectors / those making representations be informed of the decision;**

- ii) the proposed waiting restrictions be approved and that the scheme is implemented.**

7. Proposals and Details

The proposed scheme will involve the implementation of waiting restrictions, in the form of double yellow lines, on the southern side of Doncaster Road between properties 121 and 131, extending the existing restrictions by approximately 50 metres in a north-easterly direction, and in front of The Yews.

On the northern side of Doncaster Road the proposed restrictions will be extended from their current location outside a property named The Hollies up to the existing zebra crossing to the north-eastern side of Cranworth Road, indicated on the plan attached as Appendix A

8. Finance

Funding for the proposed waiting restrictions will come from the Councils Revenue budget for 2014/15 and are estimated to cost £1,500 including advertisement of the associated Traffic Regulation Orders.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

The proposed waiting restrictions may result in some vehicle migration from Doncaster Road onto other side roads during large events at Clifton Park.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

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

11. Background Papers and Consultation

To ensure the safe and free-flow of vehicles, particularly large / articulated ones, past the existing pedestrian refuges on Doncaster Road located between Middle Lane and Cranworth Road, proposals were made to implement two lengths of waiting restrictions (double yellow lines) on the southern side of Doncaster Road, whilst extending the existing ones on the northern side.

Consultations undertaken with the Emergency Services, Bus Companies, Ward Members and a number of residents along Doncaster Road within the extents of the scheme, did not result in any objections. However, following advertisement of the Traffic Regulation Order on site, and in the press, four representations were received from the residents of Old Garden Drive due to the potential migration of parked vehicles from Doncaster Road during large events at Clifton Park. The basis of the objections is that the proposals would encourage motorists who currently park on Doncaster Road during events in Clifton Park to migrate onto their road, leading to blocked driveways and obstructive parking (Copies attached as Appendix B).

Although initial concerns could have potentially been resolved through the introduction of white 'H' markings across driveways that were not immediately obvious to motorists, correspondence received later appears to suggest the existing problems are more widespread, and that this type of measure wouldn't be particularly effective.

Observations undertaken on site during and after the receipt of representations from the residents of Old Garden Drive indicated that a large number of residents and visitors currently park on the footway and in close proximity to driveways due to the narrowness of the carriageway. As a consequence, the only feasible answer to

resolving the existing problems along Old Garden Drive, and to over-come future parking issues would be to implement additional waiting restrictions along this road as well, which is unlikely to be popular with residents.

As the proposed waiting restrictions along Doncaster Road would be implemented either side of the existing pedestrian refuges and near accesses, they are unlikely to result in widespread migration of vehicles, due to the proposals simply formalising where motorists shouldn't park at the present time. In addition, the existing issues being raised about Old Garden Drive generally appear to be managed by residents living there taking into account the limited amount of parking available. In those circumstances where problems occur, such as obstructive parking, enforcement can be undertaken by the Police, and this would not penalise residents throughout the year.

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