

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1.	Meeting:	Cabinet Member and Advisers for Safe and Attractive Neighbourhoods
2.	Date:	Monday 3 November 2014
3.	Title:	Proposed, no waiting Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm restrictions on Broom Road, Rotherham
4.	Directorate:	Environment and Development Services

5. Summary

To inform Cabinet Member of the outcome of statutory consultations about the proposed no waiting Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm restrictions on the A6021Broom Road

6. Recommendations

Cabinet Member is asked to resolve that

- (i) That the proposed no waiting Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm restrictions, as shown on drawing 126/18/TT607 be implemented.**
 - (ii) The effects of those restrictions on non-residential parking on Broom Crescent be monitored and investigate other traffic management measures to mitigate the effects of this, if required**
 - (iii) That the petitioners be informed accordingly.**
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7. Proposals and Details

Minute No 14 of the meeting of the Cabinet Member and Advisers for Regeneration and Development held on 14th June, 2013 refers to a resolution to implement a scheme which aimed to improve road safety and accessibility on the A6021 Broom Road in the vicinity of Rudston School.

This scheme included:-

- Construction of an enlarged pedestrian refuge outside the Rudston School and new pedestrian refuge between the Rotherham hospice and Broom Crescent,
- the undertaking of statutory consultations for the proposed no waiting at any time and, no waiting Monday to Friday 9.00 am to 4.00 pm restrictions on the south west side of the A6021 Broom Road,
- a proposed cycle lane on the A6021 Broom Road, with coloured surfacing, and advisory cycle lane and sheltered parking area, on the north east side of A6021 Broom Road which was approved in principle but subject to funding being available to introduce the cycle lane in conjunction with a carriageway resurfacing scheme.

The full scheme including the uphill cycle lane and sheltered parking area and the resurfacing of Broom Road has recently been completed.

Statutory notices for additional waiting restrictions were placed both on street and in the local newspaper. Subsequently a 9 signature petition from residents objecting to the additional restrictions was received. This is attached as appendix A.

The grounds for objection are that there has been a significant increase in non-residential parking on of the A6021 Broom Road near Rotherham Hospice. A number of vehicles are already parking at the south east end of Broom Crescent. This has been attributed by the petitioners to the additional “community services” taken on by the Hospice following local NHS reorganisation. It is also alleged that the Hospice by providing additional services and practices, maybe exceeding the terms of existing planning consents.

Residents feel that the introduction of further parking restrictions on the A6021 Broom will make the current levels on non-residential parking on Broom Crescent worse. It therefore asks if implementation of the restrictions can be delayed until Hospice staff parking can be addressed, by both Rotherham Borough Council and the Hospice.

Whilst the Broom Road scheme incorporated a substantial sheltered parking area on the north east side of A6021 Broom Road, some on street parking availability has been reduced in the vicinity of the hospice entrance to accommodate the termination of the sheltered parking area, and cycle lane together with the pedestrian refuge. The displaced vehicles are likely to have migrated to other places including Broom Crescent and the opposite carriageway.

Furthermore in order to accommodate the uphill cycle lane and a sheltered parking area, the width of the south western carriageway opposite the Hospice has been reduced. Consequently any vehicles that park here are now interfering with the safe and free flow of traffic travelling towards Rotherham. There have also been complaints that some of these parked vehicles are interfering with the access and egress to driveways on the south western side of Broom Road.

It is acknowledged that the implementation of further parking restrictions on the south west side of Broom Road may cause a further migration of parking which could have an impact on Broom Crescent. However in view of the need to maintain the safe and free flow of traffic on this route, the restrictions should be implemented at the earliest opportunity.

Once the restrictions have been implemented, their full impact on Broom Crescent can be assessed and, traffic management measures to mitigate the effects on residents can be fully investigated, including any consultation as necessary with residents. A copy of the letter from Broom Crescent residents has been passed onto the Planning Service to investigate if the Hospice is complying with existing planning consents. Transportation Unit staff have also offered to meet representatives of the Hospice to discuss and advise on the practicalities of providing additional staff parking within the Hospice site.

8. Finance

The cost of introducing these additional waiting restrictions will be met from the scheme budget identified for the A6021 Broom Road scheme, which will be funded from the LTP Integrated Transport Block grant for 2014/15.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

The impact of displaced traffic on Broom Crescent is unknown but this will be monitored.

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; policy S to encourage active travel and develop high quality cycling and walking networks, policy W To encourage safer road use and reduce casualties on our roads, policy Y to focus safety efforts on vulnerable road groups

11. Background Papers and Consultation

Appendix A – petition from residents

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