ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL - REPORT TO MEMBERS

1.	Meeting:	Cabinet Member for Safe and Attractive Neighbourhoods.
2.	Date:	1 st December 2014
3.	Title:	Proposed 'No Waiting at Any Time' – Fitzwilliam Street, Festival Road, Stump Cross Road, Cross Street & Fitzwilliam Avenue, Wath upon Dearne.
4.	Directorate:	Environment and Development Services

5. Summary

To seek Cabinet Member approval not to accede to six objections to the proposed introduction of no waiting at any time waiting restrictions on Fitzwilliam Street, Festival Road, Stump Cross Road, Cross Street & Fitzwilliam Avenue, Wath upon Dearne.

6. Recommendations

It is recommended Cabinet Member resolve that:

- i) The objections to the proposed scheme be not acceded to.
- ii) The objectors be informed of the decision and the reasons why.
- iii) The Director of Legal and Democratic service makes the proposed Traffic Regulation Order as advertised.

7. Proposals and Details

The proposed introduction of 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions around the junctions of Fitzwilliam Street, Festival Road, Stump Cross Road, Cross Street & Fitzwilliam Avenue, Wath upon Dearne is in response to a significant number of complaints regarding parking around the junctions during school drop off and pick up times; a request has also been received from South Yorkshire Police (SYP) via the Wentworth North Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT). Parking at these locations has caused obstruction to driveways, and footways thereby causing pedestrians to be diverted from their desired line of travel and walk into the carriageway and has also seriously reduced visibility at junctions

Due to this parking it is proposed to introduce 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions on the above junctions to aid with the free and safe movement of traffic at these locations and to assist with the safe passage of pedestrians on the footway. Proposed waiting restrictions are shown on the attached Drawing Number 126/18/TT599.

In order to deter parking at these locations it is proposed to introduce 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions on both sides of the junctions to a minimum distance of 10 metres. The proposed waiting restrictions are shown on the attached Drawing Number 126/18/TT599 (Appendix 2).

Consultation with Statutory Consultees and Ward Members took place on the 10th April 2014, with no objections received. The proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) was advertised on street and in the Rotherham Advertiser on 9th May 2014. In addition consultation letters were also sent to residential properties adjacent to the proposed restrictions. Six objections were received in response to this proposal. The objections were made on the grounds that the proposal would seriously reduce available parking for residents at this location, and would also displace parked vehicles closer to resident's properties; copies of these objections are attached as Appendix 3.

After a site meeting with officers from the SNT and further consultation with Ward Councillors an amended proposal was produced (Appendix 2a) which would reduce the number/length of restrictions to a minimum whilst still ensuring that the junctions most affected by this type of parking are kept clear. Therefore we recommend partly acceding to the residents objections to the original scheme and propose implementing the amendments shown in Appendix 2a.

8. Finance.

Minimal cost associated with the introduction of the yellow lines.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

Should the objection be acceded to and the proposed restrictions not be implemented then obstruction of the junctions and footways at this location will continue with the result that pedestrians will be prevented from safely using footways and drivers from safely exiting the junctions.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

11. Background Papers and Consultation

Ward Members have been consulted; and all broadly support the Councils views on this matter,

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