



Open Report on behalf of Andy Gutherson, Executive Director of Place

Report to:	Planning and Regulation Committee
Date:	05 July 2021
Subject:	Bardney, Silver Street - Proposed Waiting Restrictions

Summary:

This report considers objections to the introduction of waiting restrictions proposed at the above location as shown at Appendix B.

Recommendation(s):

That the objections are overruled so that the Order as advertised may be introduced.

Background

Following a request from Bardney Parish Council for waiting restrictions to be introduced at various locations in the village a number of site visits took place to identify issues resulting from on street parking.

Problems were not evident at the locations provided by the Parish Council. However it was apparent that parking on Silver Street near to its junction with Horncastle Rd substantially reduces the available width of usable carriageway. As a result traffic flow is disrupted and larger vehicles travelling eastwards can be delayed causing vehicles to back up onto Horncastle Road, posing danger to moving traffic and other highway users. A 24 hour restriction is therefore proposed and this was subject to statutory consultation as shown at Appendix B.

The proposals were publicly advertised from 14th October to 11th November 2020 and residents and businesses in the area were consulted during this period.

Two objections were received, one from a resident of Silver Street and the other from the proprietor of the nearby Post Office. The concern raised suggests that the restrictions will result in a reduction in available on street parking for residents and customers visiting the shop. Many of these customers are elderly or disabled and rely on being able to park close by. There is a belief that the narrowing of the carriageway by parked vehicles encourages traffic to slow down at this point and therefore parking should be retained to maintain this traffic calming effect. It is also felt that the restrictions will be ignored, particularly by delivery vehicle drivers.

Bardney Parish Council expressed its concerns about the restrictions proposed, but is in support of any measures to improve highway safety at this location.

In response to the objections raised, monitoring at this location has confirmed that on street parking close to where the road narrows on Silver Street restricts the flow of traffic as described earlier in this report and that the restrictions proposed are the minimum required to promote the safer movement of vehicles.

A small number of parked vehicles will be displaced by the restrictions. However on street parking will be available elsewhere on Silver Street and on Horncastle Road. Parking is retained in the layby on Silver Street.

Whilst it is acknowledged that the presence of parking can reduce vehicle speeds, its removal at this location is unlikely to lead to a significant increase in speed owing to the close proximity of the junction with Horncastle Rd.

Vehicles will be exempt from the restrictions for the purposes of loading/unloading, as will Blue Badge holders for up to three hours. This being the case, the proposals afford more opportunity to park for these activities as general parking will be removed.

Conclusion

The restrictions proposed serve to facilitate traffic flow on Silver Street through a narrow section of carriageway, particularly for HGVs and agricultural vehicles. There will be low impact on the availability of on street parking, with some potential benefit for delivery vehicles and Blue Badge holders.

Consultation

The following were consulted with regard to these proposals: Local County Councillor, West Lindsey District Council, Bardney Parish Council, Lincolnshire Police, Fire & Rescue, East Midlands Ambulance, Stagecoach, PC Coaches, Road Haulage Association Ltd, Freight Transport Association and National Farmers Union. All residents and businesses in the area were also consulted.

a) Risks and Impact Analysis

None carried out

Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Site Location
Appendix B	Plan indicating extent of proposed waiting restrictions

Background Papers

The following background papers as defined in the Local Government Act 1972 were relied upon in the writing of this report.

Document title	Where the document can be viewed
None	None

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