

## Bath & North East Somerset Council

DECISION MAKER:	Cllr Caroline Roberts, Cabinet Member for Transport	
DECISION DATE:	On or after 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2013	EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN REFERENCE
		E 2580
TITLE:	Proposed Parking Restrictions – North Road, Combe Down TRO	
WARD:	Combe Down	
<b>AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM</b>		
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### 1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 Whether to install double yellow lines along North Road, to act as a visibility splay for the redevelopment of the Rockery Tea Gardens, Combe Down.

### 2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That the proposed changes should not go ahead.

### 3 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCE, PROPERTY, PEOPLE)

- 3.1 The works would be funded by the developer.

### 4 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS AND BASIS FOR PROPOSAL

- 4.1 The developer proposes additional parking restrictions, but the majority of residents and people who park in the area see the proposal as disrupting their right to access open areas and exercise their dogs and themselves.

- 4.2 Most of the objections have highlighted the perceived reduction in safety to children walking to school by removing the cars parking along the road.

## **5 THE REPORT**

- 5.1 As part of the redevelopment of the Rockery Tea Gardens, the developer has designed in a visibility splay on the entrance.
- 5.2 The proposed splay is 90m in each direction, centred on the entrance to the site. There are existing restrictions in place on the entrance to Shaft Road to the east, so these overlap, giving an overall restricted length of 207m. This is shown on drawing CG2178 / TRO-1 rev. A (Existing / Proposed Layout)
- 5.3 The proposal, outlined above, was consulted on with local residents and interested parties. The overwhelming response was negative, with 31 people objecting, and two supporting the idea.

## **6 RATIONALE**

- 6.1 Although the existing situation (which allows cars to park on the carriageway) appears to cause congestion, the residents generally think that, although visibility is reduced, because moving vehicles need to slow down to negotiate the parked vehicles, this acts as a safety measure.
- 6.2 A line of cars along the road is also seen locally as an aid to safety for the large number of children who walk along the road to school. It is felt that removing this buffer between the children and the vehicles may increase the likelihood of accidents happening.
- 6.3 The existing parking spaces are regularly used by people walking their dogs in Rainbow Woods and on the Skyline Walk. The loss of these spaces would reduce access to outdoor activities and exercise.

## **7 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 7.1 One resident was in favour of the proposal, but did suggest that the restriction should only go as far as those houses that have off-road parking available. This would leave the rest of the road free for parking, and also still keep the traffic calming effect in place.

## **8 CONSULTATION**

- 8.1 A full consultation process has been undertaken. This involved carrying out internal consultations with other departments and external consultation with interested parties and members of the public. This was carried out by means of both e-mail and erecting notices on site, asking for feedback.

## 9 RISK MANAGEMENT

9.1 A risk assessment related to the issue and recommendations has been undertaken, in compliance with the Council's decision making risk management guidance.

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<b>Background papers</b>	
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