

Bath & North East Somerset Council

DECISION MAKER:	Cllr Charles Gerrish, Cabinet Member for Customer Services		
DECISION DATE:	On or after 4th December 2010	EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN REFERENCE:	
		E	2199
TITLE:	Proposed waiting restrictions Kelston Road, Penn Hill Road and Penn Gardens		
WARD:	Weston, Newbridge		
AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM			
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1 THE ISSUE

1.1 In June 2010, the Council received a number of adverse comments and objections to a draft Traffic Regulation Order for waiting restrictions in the vicinity of Oldfield School, Kelston Road, Bath. In order to satisfy the concerns of residents, some of the waiting restrictions would have to be removed from the Order before it is made and a new Traffic Regulation Order prepared for the revised restrictions. The restrictions excluded and the variations to the made Order could be considered and implemented separately in conjunction with the results of the Council's Parking Services' consultations currently in progress concerning waiting restrictions in the areas around the Royal United Hospital.

2 RECOMMENDATION

The Cabinet member is asked to agree that:

- 2.1 Waiting restrictions in Penn Gardens should be removed from the draft Traffic Regulation Order.
- 2.2 The amended Traffic Regulation Order should be made.
- 2.3 The consultations about waiting restrictions around the Royal United Hospital currently being undertaken by Parking Services should include the comments from residents concerning the proposed waiting restrictions in the vicinity of 130 Kelston Road, in part of Penn Hill Road and in Penn Gardens.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are sufficient funds within the 2010/2011 capital programme budget to implement the waiting restrictions.

4 CORPORATE PRIORITIES

- *Promoting the independence of older people*
- *Improving life chances of disadvantaged teenagers and young people*
- *Improving school buildings*
- *Improving transport and the public realm*

5 THE REPORT

- 5.1 In 2006, a study of measures to improve road safety along the busy A431 between Swineford and Bath identified various features including traffic calming and revised speed limits, pedestrian facilities and waiting restrictions in the vicinity of Oldfield School, Kelston Road. The revised speed limits have now been implemented and a puffin crossing was installed at the school in August 2009.
- 5.2 In March 2010, residents were invited to comment on draft proposals for waiting restrictions near the new puffin crossing in Kelston Road and in Penn Hill Road and Penn Gardens.
- 5.3 In June 2010, the proposed waiting restrictions were advertised. No objections were received from statutory consultees. One resident with a vehicular access within a section of proposed single yellow line on the eastbound approach to the puffin crossing on Kelston Road requested double yellow lines so that parked vehicles do not obstruct sight lines. One resident of Penn Hill Road requested double yellow lines on the corner of the road leading to the school entrance. Three residents objected to the proposed waiting restrictions in Penn Gardens.

6 RISK MANAGEMENT

- 6.1 The report author and Cabinet member have fully reviewed the risk assessment related to the issue and recommendations, in compliance with the Council's decision making risk management guidance.

7 EQUALITIES

- 7.1 A proportionate equalities impact assessment is not appropriate for the proposals.

8 RATIONALE

- 8.1 This scheme improves road safety for all and therefore meets the requirements of the Council's overall road safety, traffic calming and community safety priorities for urban areas.
- 8.2 It is important that drivers approaching the puffin crossing on Kelston Road have good visibility to the signal heads and to the students and other pedestrians using the footways. Some residents have a need for on-street parking near their properties and some residents require the highway to be clear of parked vehicles so that they can manoeuvre in/out of driveways. The proposed waiting restrictions

have taken account of these limitations and requirements. However, parked vehicles obstruct sight lines from one vehicular driveway within a section of proposed single yellow line on the eastbound approach to the puffin crossing.

8.3 Penn Hill Road is very busy, particularly at school opening and closing times. Parked vehicles restrict forward visibility on the bend opposite the entrance to the school. The residents have private driveways and are in favour of the proposed double yellow lines at this location. At school opening and closing times, Penn Hill Road is used for dropping off/picking up students and some drivers park dangerously or restrict safe access to driveways. The waiting restrictions will limit this parking to the west side of Penn Hill Road which will improve road safety and assist with easier access to driveways on the east side.

8.4 Penn Gardens is also used for dropping off/picking up students and some drivers restrict safe access to private driveways. The proposed waiting restrictions would alleviate this problem but some residents park vehicles on the highway and object to the restrictions. Further consultations with the residents may result in revised waiting restrictions acceptable to all residents.

9 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

9.1 Consideration has been given to the installation of a zebra crossing on Kelston Road but this option was rejected due to the high vehicle approach speeds and substandard visibility due to parked vehicles.

9.2 Consideration has also been given to the installation of a mini roundabout at the junction of Kelston Road and Penn Hill Road to reduce the speed of westbound traffic approaching a zebra crossing at the school. This option was rejected in favour of providing a puffin crossing.

10 CONSULTATION

10.1 Ward Councillor; Staff; Other B&NES Services; Service Users; Local Residents; Community Interest Groups; Other Public Sector Bodies.

10.2 Initial consultation was carried out with Ward Councillors, representatives of Oldfield School, the Police and local residents. Public consultation was via letter to residents and through the Traffic Regulation Order process with public advertisements in the Press and on street.

11 ISSUES TO CONSIDER IN REACHING THE DECISION

11.1 Customer Focus, Health and Safety.

12 ADVICE SOUGHT

12.1 The Council's Monitoring Officer (Council Solicitor) and Section 151 Officer (Divisional Director - Finance) have had the opportunity to input to this report and have cleared it for publication.

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Background papers	None
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