

Single Member Cabinet Decision

**Executive
Forward Plan
Reference**

E2199

Waiting Restrictions Kelston Rd, Penn Hill Rd, Penn Gardens TRO

Decision maker/s	Cllr Charles Gerrish, Cabinet Member for Customer Services
The Issue	<p>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.</p>
Decision Date	08/12/2010
The decision	<p>The Cabinet Member agrees that :-</p> <p>Waiting restrictions in Penn Gardens should be removed from the draft Traffic Regulation Order.</p> <p>The amended Traffic Regulation Order should be made.</p> <p>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.</p>
Rationale for decision	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p>

	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
Financial and budget implications	There are sufficient funds within the 2010/2011 capital programme budget to implement the waiting restrictions.
Issues considered	Customer Focus; Health & Safety
Consultation undertaken	Ward Councillor;; Staff; Other B&NES Services; Service Users; Local Residents; Community Interest Groups; Other Public Sector Bodies.
How consultation was carried out	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.
Other options considered	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>

Signatures of Decision Makers	
Date of Signature	
Subject to Call-in until 5 Working days have elapsed following publication of the decision	