

# **PORTFOLIO HOLDER**

## **ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT**

# **DECISION NOTICE**

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At the meeting of the Portfolio Holder – Environment and Transport, held on the 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020 the following matters were discussed. The decisions of the Portfolio Holder are set out below in each item along with reasons for the decision and other options considered.

## DNPH.ETE.34 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made with regard to any items on the agenda.

DNPH.ETE.35 THE BOROUGH OF NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL OFF-STREET PARKING PLACES) ORDER 2020 The Portfolio Holder considered a report that proposed to introduce new 'The Borough of North East Lincolnshire Council (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 2020.

# **RESOLVED** – That the report be deferred to a future meeting to allow more time for the informal consultation to be considered.

#### DNPH.ETE.36 TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER – ABBEY AREA – RESIDENTS PARKING SCHEME: CONSIDERATION OF OBJECTIONS

The Portfolio Holder considered a report that considered objections of a residents parking scheme in Abbey Area.

RESOLVED – That approval was granted to the sealing of the Traffic Regulation Order as advertised, without amendment, for the introduction of a Residents Parking Scheme (RPS) as shown indicatively on drawing TR-18-22-V2 in Appendix A.

#### **REASONS FOR DECISION**

To improve the available on street parking for local residents Monday – Saturday between the hours of 8am-6pm, through the removal of allday commuter parking, whilst also maintaining a provision for short term visitors to the area.

To improve visibility for road users and reduce potential vehicular conflict by ensuring that clear unobstructed access throughout the identified RPS is maintained, particularly for emergency service and refuse vehicles.

#### OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

Do nothing – There has been a direct request from local residents and Ward Councillors for the introduction of measures to control nonresident parking. Should a scheme not be implemented parking in the affected streets will remain unregulated, resulting in continued issues with parking availability for local residents.

Introduce key safety restrictions only – Following a review of current restrictions in the scheme area, a number of elements were highlighted for improvement to mitigate potential road safety risks. It is recognised that the introduction and upgrade of 'No Waiting' restrictions is favourable but should not be considered in isolation given the need to address wider resident parking concerns.

Implement 'Limited Waiting' restrictions with no permit provision for residents – it is recognised that no one has an express right to park on the highway. However, a significant proportion of residential dwellings in the proposed scheme area do not have access to off-street parking.

Limited Waiting alone would prevent all day parking within the affected streets, however this would have a negative impact on the residents, as they too would need to comply with any imposed time limit.

Implement 'Residents Parking Only' – due to the number of streets who have requested residents parking and the size of the area concerned, a residents parking only restriction would not be suitable.

There are a number of local businesses within the area and in close proximity, these being Abbey Road and Wellowgate, Wellowgate Chapel and Auto Repair shop situated on Abbey Drive East. A residents parking only restriction would have a negative impact on customer access to these businesses.

### DNPH.ETE.37 TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER – VARIOUS LOCATIONS – SCHOOL PARKING RESTRICTIONS: CONSIDERATION OF OBJECTIONS

The Portfolio Holder considered a report that considered objections of school parking restrictions in various locations.

#### RESOLVED

1. That subject to additional formal consultation and no material objections being received, approval was granted for the making of a Traffic Regulation Order for the introduction of revised parking restrictions detailed in Appendix A and as shown indicatively on the drawings to Appendix C.

2. That in the event that there are unresolved material objections to the Order, these are referred back to the Portfolio Holder for determination and a decision, as to whether or not the Traffic Regulation Order be confirmed.

3. That approval was granted for the making of a Traffic Regulation Order for the introduction of parking restrictions detailed in Appendix B and shown indicatively on the drawings in Appendix D.

REASONS FOR DECISION – To improve visibility and reduce the potential for vehicle and pedestrian conflict around local schools, creating a safer environment for all road users.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED -

Do Nothing – The safety of vulnerable road users would continue to be at risk and it is therefore essential that they are implemented.

Introduce alternative restrictions – The proposed measures as considered to be the most appropriate solution to tackle the concerns highlighted. 'No Loading' restrictions could be considered however

they still require accompanying signage and permit boarding and alighting as an exempt activity.

The School Keep Clear markings proposed for Portland Avenue is the industry standard to address the stopping of vehicles within close proximity to School entrances and have been given set times of operation so as to limit the inconvenience to local residents.

### DNPH.EHE.38 TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER: VERGE & FOOTWAY PARKING: HUMBERSTON

The Portfolio Holder considered a report that revised the existing Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO) for the 'Prohibition of Stopping on Footway and Verge' within Humberston.

#### **RESOLVED** -

- 1. That subject to a formal consultation and no objections being received, the existing 'No stopping on Footway and Verge' Traffic Regulation Orders for Humberston as set out in Appendix A, Schedule 1 were revoked.
- 2. That subject to a formal consultation and no objections being received, approval was granted to the making of a Traffic Regulation Order to implement a 'No Stopping on Verge or Footway' Restriction within Humberston to the extent shown on drawing TR -19-24/04/002A in Appendix B, Schedule 2.
- 3. That in the event that there are unresolved material objections to the Order, these are referred back to the Portfolio Holder for a decision as to whether the Traffic Regulation Order be confirmed.

**REASONS FOR DECISION –** 

To amend the existing TRO within Humberston to:-

Redefine the extent of the area to which the restriction applies to incorporate any new developments built since the original TRO was introduced or remove any areas where the restriction is no longer necessary;

Include additional streets that require to be exempt from the TRO;

Enable more effective and robust enforcement of vehicles parking on verges and footways within Humberston;

Preserve the character of the roadside verges and footways within Humberston whilst also addressing the concerns of local residents and maintaining pedestrian safety requirements. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED – Do nothing - There has been a direct request from the Humberston & New Waltham Ward Councillors and Humberston Parish Council to review the current 'Prohibition of Stopping on Verge and Footway' TRO. Should these schemes not be amended vehicles will continue to park on verges and footways within Humberston resulting in potential road safety issues, obstruction of the verge and/or footway, damage to the verges and footways and visual obstruction and intrusion of the overall character of this Parish.

### DNPH.EHE.39 CONSIDERATION OF THE PETITION TO MAKE A PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER (HIGHWAY) RESTRICTING ACCESS TO THE FOOTPATH LINKING THE SPINNEY WITH THE LAWNS, GRIMSBY

The Portfolio Holder considered a report that detailed the investigation into the petition to make a Public Spaces Protection Order (Highways) to restrict access to the adopted footpath, linking The Spinney and The Lawns, Grimsby and, following consideration of the evidence.

# **RESOLVED** – That the report be deferred to a future meeting to allow the matter to be considered further.

### DNPH.ETE.40 SECTION 19 FLOOD INVESTIGATION REPORT - AUGUST 8<sup>TH</sup>/9<sup>TH</sup> 2017

The Portfolio Holder received a section 19 report into the flooding that affected the Borough on 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> August 2017.

# **RESOLVED** – That the Portfolio Holder acknowledged the report and approved the publication of the Section 19 report.

REASONS FOR DECISION – To ensure the Council in its role as Lead Local Flood Authority remain legally compliant and continues to deliver the requirements of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED – Do nothing, but the Council as Lead Local Flood Authority has a duty to manage surface water flood risk so this can be discounted. Also, If this course of action was pursued the Council would miss out on opportunities to secure external funding.

## DNPH.ETE.41 TRACKING REPORT

The Portfolio Holder received the tracking report, tracking the recommendations of this Portfolio Holder and agreed any items for sign off.

RESOLVED – That the report was noted and that updates on the following matters be submitted to the meeting of the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport in June 2020.