

PORTFOLIO HOLDER ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT

DATE	19 June 2023
REPORT OF	Councillor Stewart Swinburn, Portfolio Holder Environment & Transport.
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	Carolina Borgstrom – Director for Environment, Economy and Infrastructure
SUBJECT	Traffic Regulation Order 23-03: Patrick Street loading only bay (7am to 1pm) and No Waiting at Any Time (NWAAT) restrictions
STATUS	Open
FORWARD PLAN REF NO.	PHET 06/23/02

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The Introduction of a loading only bay and the introduction of 24-hour Prohibition of Waiting (double yellow lines) will help to contribute to the health and wellbeing of all road users, business owners and visitors to the area by creating, and maintaining, a safer environment for all highway users. Its introduction will also support the operation of businesses in the local area.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To address road safety concerns and assist the nearby 'Go Local' shop with their deliveries, it is proposed to introduce a loading bay which will designate an area for delivery drivers so they can load and unload without causing obstruction. It is also proposed to extend the current 24-hour Prohibition of Waiting restrictions around the junctions of Patrick Street and Legsby Avenue.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

- a) Approval to be granted to the making of a TRO to introduce a "loading only- (7am to 1pm)" bay as shown on drawing HD045-22/002 at Appendix 1.
- b) Approval be granted to the making of a TRO to introduce 24-hour Prohibition of Waiting (double yellow line) the extent of which are detailed on the drawing HD045-22/001B at Appendix 2.
- c) In the event there are unresolved material objections to the Order, these are referred back to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport for determination and a decision as to whether or not the Order be confirmed and executed.

REASONS FOR DECISION

The introduction of a loading bay on Patrick Street will designate a specific area for deliveries to be undertaken to the 'Go Local' business in the area. This will ensure a free flow of traffic along Legsby Avenue. Additional 24-hour Prohibition of Waiting restrictions around the junction area are proposed in order to improve road safety for all road users, by keeping the area free of parked vehicles, which will in turn ensure clear visibility for drivers, pedestrians and cyclists exiting or egressing the junctions identified.

1. BACKGROUND AND ISSUES

- 1.1 The Traffic Team have been asked to introduce a loading bay and parking restrictions at Patrick Street and Legsby Avenue by residents and Ward Councillors, after road safety concerns were raised regarding delivery drivers loading and unloading on the junctions between Patrick Street and Legsby Avenue. This practice is affecting safe access and egress by reducing visibility thereby increasing the likelihood of collisions and putting other road users at risk, as well as obstructing traffic flows in the area.
- 1.2 It is proposed to introduce a dedicated daytime loading only facility alongside the 'Go Local' business on Patrick Street between the hours of 7am to 1pm. Outside of these times, residents or visitors to the area will be free to park within the marked bay.
- 1.3 Additional 24-hour Prohibition of Waiting restrictions at the junction area will help address road safety concerns associated with vehicles parking in and around the junction. This will ensure safe access and egress by improving visibility thereby reducing the likelihood of collisions.
- 1.4 Informal consultation has taken place with the properties in the immediate vicinity which commenced on 4th April for a period of two weeks. No responses were received.
- 1.4 Ward Councillors are in support of the proposals.

2. RISKS AND OPPORTUNITIES

2.1 Should these proposals not be implemented, the risks are:

- That visibility for all road users, particularly those who are vulnerable may be impaired as a result of parked vehicles increasing the likelihood of accidents and/or collisions.

2.2 Should this proposal be adopted, the opportunities are:

- To implement restrictions that are of adequate length and duration to ensure they are respected by drivers.
- To prevent parking and improve visibility.

- To provide traffic flow benefits.
- To give improved visibility for pedestrians.
- To introduce mandatory restrictions which are supported by a TRO, this will enable the Equans Civil Enforcement Team to enforce any vehicles parked in contravention, under the Council's Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE) powers.

3. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

3.1 Do nothing. This is not recommended given the road safety issues identified.

4. REPUTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATIONS

4.1 It is expected there will be little potential for negative reputational implications for the Council resulting from the decision. There will be a slight reduction in the length of on street parking available, however, there is sufficient availability of unrestricted carriageway to accommodate parking for 24 hours a day when these proposals have been factored in.

4.2 There are potential positive reputational implications for the Council resulting from the decision. The proposed measures are in direct response to concerns affecting the existing business and all road users. If the Council were to approve the proposed restrictions in that area, it will provide a more effective use of carriageway space, enable parking enforcement, improving traffic flow, and delivering benefits to local businesses.

4.3 If approval is given to this proposal, the Order will be formally advertised in accordance with the statutory Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996. Public notices will be published in the local press to advise of the Council's intention to make the Order. This provides a formal opportunity for anyone to object to the making of the order.

5. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

5.1 The recommendation does not require any capital expenditure. Any standard lining, signing and public notices required are covered through the Council's Regeneration Partnership arrangement with Equans.

6. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IMPLICATIONS

6.1 The proposals will create a safer environment for all road users, including children and young people who are classed as vulnerable highway users.

7. CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 The proposals are not expected to have any significant impact on climate change and / or the environment.

8. CONSULTATION WITH SCRUTINY

There has been no consultation with Scrutiny in relation to this matter.

9. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

As indicated in section 5, there are no direct financial implications to the Council as a result of this report.

10. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Under Section 1 Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 traffic authorities are empowered to make Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) for (inter alia) the reasons set out at the beginning of this report. Section 2 specifies what TROs may require and the recommended order is within those powers.

The procedure for making TROs is set out in Schedule 9 Part III of the 1984 Act and the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 and provides for advertisement and consideration of any objections before making a final decision on the proposed TRO.

Regulation 8 makes provision for objections and regulation 14 allows the Council to modify a TRO before it is made.

If it is decided to make the TRO, notwithstanding any objections made, it can only be challenged by Judicial Review in the Administrative Court.

11. HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct HR implications.

12. WARD IMPLICATIONS

The proposals relate to issues within the Park Ward.

13. BACKGROUND PAPERS

[Local Authorities' Traffic Orders \(Procedure\) \(England and Wales\) Regulations 1996](#)

[Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984](#)

[The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016 No 362](#)

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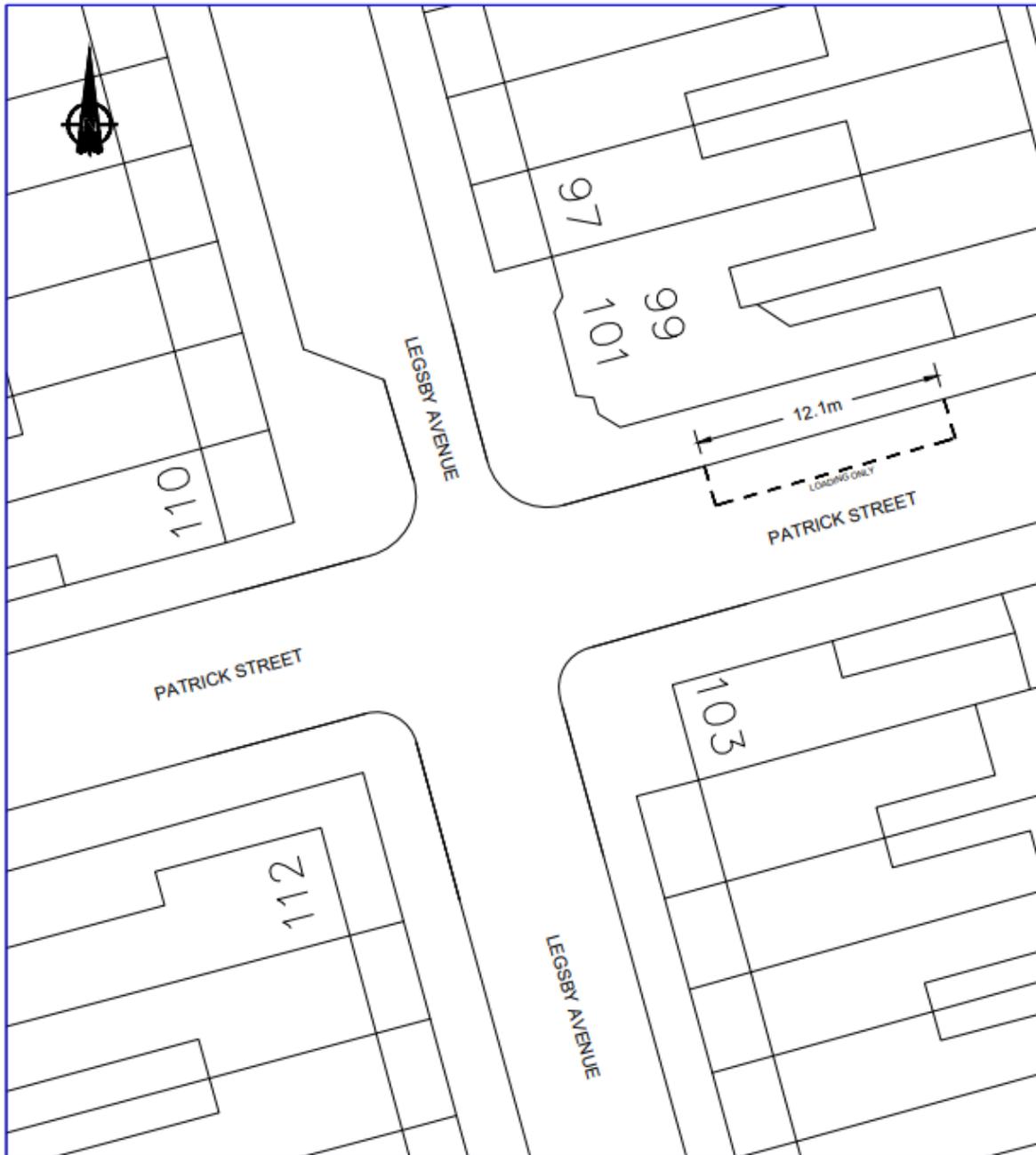
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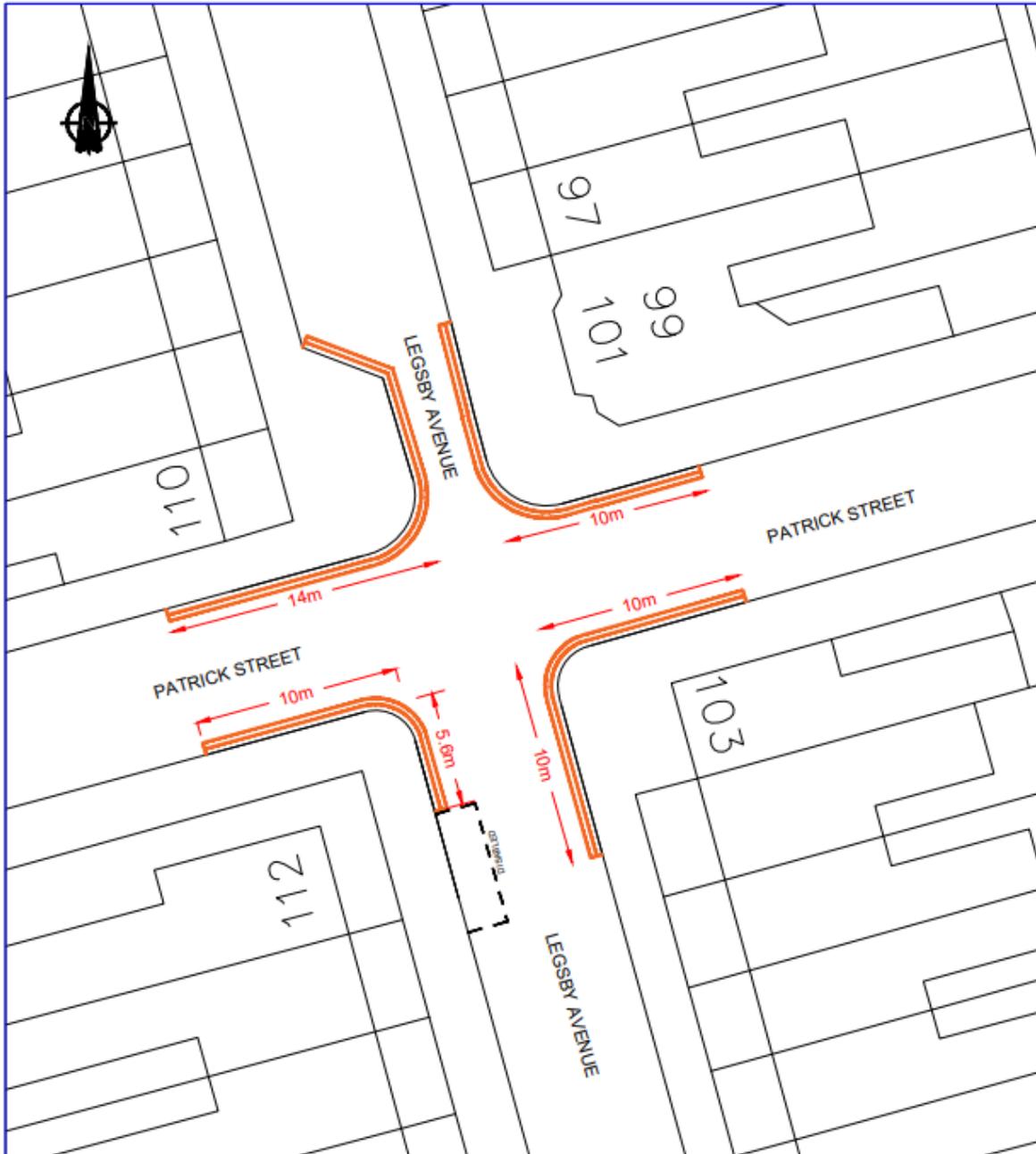
Appendix 1



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Appendix 2



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