

# **WIRRAL COUNCIL**

## **HIGHWAY AND TRAFFIC REPRESENTATIONS PANEL**

**7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2011**

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b><i>OBJECTION: PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS – PENSBY ROAD / PENRHYN AVENUE, THINGWALL</i></b>
<b>WARD/S AFFECTED:</b>	<b><i>PENSBY AND THINGWALL</i></b>
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	<b>THE DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL SERVICES</b>
<b>RESPONSIBLE PORTFOLIO HOLDER:</b>	<b>COUNCILLOR LESLEY RENNIE, STREETSCENE &amp; TRANSPORT SERVICES</b>
<b>KEY DECISION?</b>	<b>NO</b>

### **1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report considers a 575 signature petition submitted in February 2011 objecting to proposed waiting restrictions at the junction of Pensby Road and Penrhyn Avenue, Thingwall.
- 1.2 This proposal promotes the Council's Corporate Priorities in reducing the number of people killed or seriously injured.

### **2.0 RECOMMENDATION/S**

- 2.1 The report recommends that the Panel note the objection and that the proposed scheme of waiting restrictions as shown on the attached drawing TD0399b0 (Appendix A) be recommended to Overview & Scrutiny Committee for approval and implementation.

### **3.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S**

- 3.1 The waiting restrictions on Pensby Road and Penrhyn Avenue have been proposed to improve road safety, sight lines, visibility and accessibility.
- 3.2 The proposals have been developed in consultation with Merseyside Police and Emergency Services. The introduction of waiting restrictions will provide legislative backing for enforcement and provide a visual deterrent to the motorist.
- 3.3 The proposed waiting restrictions will deter obstructive parking where sightlines are reduced and also allow for the ease and safety of vehicular turning movements from one road into the other.
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- 3.4 There has been one recorded personal injury accident at this location during the last three-year period. Merseyside Police support this proposal, as the introduction of waiting restrictions should lessen the occurrences of obstructive parking.

#### **4.0 BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES**

- 4.1 Following concerns raised by local residents and local Ward Members, officers from my Traffic Management Division investigated whether this location would benefit from the introduction of waiting restrictions taking into account issues such as the need to prevent/reduce personal injury accidents. Following a review of accident casualty records in liaison with Merseyside Police it was recommended that this particular location should be put forward for consideration.
- 4.2 This proposal has also been examined as part of a borough wide review of Traffic Regulation Orders across Wirral's strategic road network.
- 4.3 Particular consideration has also been given to the Local Authorities Network Management Duties under Part 2, Section 16 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 which states that it is the duty of a local traffic authority to secure the expeditious movement of traffic on the authority's road network.
- 4.4 Following the formal statutory consultation period, a 575 signature petition was received on behalf of the businesses in Pensby Road objecting to the proposed scheme of waiting restrictions as detailed in Appendix B. The petition was submitted on behalf of a local Ward Member who has not registered an objection to this proposal but feels that officers should undertake a further review of the area to reconcile the views and needs of businesses and the residents of Penrhyn Avenue.
- 4.5 The petitioners feel this scheme would undermine the shopkeepers and reduce available parking for customers visiting the parade of shop frontages along Pensby Road near the junction of Penrhyn Avenue. They also feel that insufficient thought has been given to the shopkeepers and their livelihoods in view of the restrictions already in place along Pensby Road.
- 4.6 Officers have made site visits and closely examined the situation and note that the proposals do allow for the retention of off-street parking along the unadopted section of the highway in front of the parade of shops and on-street parking along Pensby Road as detailed in Appendix C.
- 4.7 Members maybe aware that the nearby medical surgery opposite Penrhyn Avenue is due to close shortly (2011) and will be relocated to the new Warrens / Arrowe Park site at the junction of Arrowe Park Road and Thingwall Road which will also increase available on-street parking in the area. It is also important to note that the nearby Stanley School will be closing in 2012 and will be relocated to Pensby Primary School. This will include the removal of school keep clear markings along Thingwall Road.
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- 4.8 Supporting correspondence / comments has been received from a local Ward Member and residents of Penrhyn Avenue.

## **5.0 RELEVANT RISKS**

- 5.1 There are no implications under this heading.

## **6.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 6.1 None.

## **7.0 CONSULTATION**

- 7.1 Letters were delivered to frontages in the vicinity of the proposed scheme informing them of the proposal. Notices were erected on site and Party Spokespersons and Ward Members were informed. The Traffic Order for the proposed waiting restrictions was also advertised within the local press.

## **8.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTARY, COMMUNITY AND FAITH GROUPS**

- 8.1 There are no implications under this heading.

## **9.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: FINANCIAL; IT; STAFFING; AND ASSETS**

- 9.1 There are no additional financial or staffing implications arising directly from this report. Future maintenance costs will be met from the Highway Maintenance Revenue Budget.
- 9.2 The financial implications will depend upon the decision taken by Members in respect of this report. Should the waiting restrictions be implemented works will be financed from the 2011/12 Transportation Revenue Budget.

## **10.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 10.1 None applicable for the purposes of this report.

## **11.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 11.1 None applicable for the purposes of this report.

## **12.0 CARBON REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS**

- 12.1 There are no implications under this heading.

## **13.0 PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

- 13.1 There are no implications under this heading.

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## **APPENDICES**

*Appendix A – Plan TD0399BO - Proposed Waiting Restrictions – Pensby Rd/Penrhyn Ave, Pensby*

*Appendix B – Covering Letter for Petition objecting to proposed waiting restrictions – Pensby Road / Penrhyn Avenue, Thingwall*

*Appendix C – Plan - Parking conditions – Pensby Rd/Penrhyn Ave, Pensby*

## **REFERENCE MATERIAL**

*None.*

## **SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)**

<b>Council Meeting</b>	<b>Date</b>