

WIRRAL COUNCIL

HIGHWAY AND TRAFFIC REPRESENTATIONS PANEL – 17 SEPTEMBER 2009

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL SERVICES

OBJECTION: PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS – HOLM LANE / HOLM VIEW CLOSE, OXTON (OXTON WARD)

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report considers an objection received to the proposed waiting restrictions on Holm Lane and Holm View Close, Oxtton.
- 1.2 The report recommends that the Panel note the objection and that the proposed scheme of waiting restrictions as shown on the attached drawing 62/09 be recommended to Overview & Scrutiny Committee for approval and implementation.

2.0 REPORT

- 2.1 At the meeting of the Oxtton and Prenton Area Forum on the 16 June 2009 a resident of Holm Lane raised concerns about the serious road traffic problems, namely inconsiderate parking, access to properties, obstruction to residential access roads, noise levels, speeding and parking on pavements.
- 2.2 On the 25 June 2009 an officer from my Traffic Management Division met with a local Ward Councillor and residents of Holm Lane and Holm View Close. It was noted that the entrance to Oxtton St Saviours Primary School is on Holm Lane and there is a high level of parking experienced on both Holm Lane and Holm View Close from parents / carers during school drop off and pick up times.
- 2.3 After preliminary consultation, letters were delivered to residents of the properties 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.
- 2.4 During the advertisement period one unresolved objection to the proposal was received.

3.0 OBJECTION

- 3.1 The objection was received from a resident of Holm View Close. The objector does not support the introduction of waiting restrictions within Holm View Close as to stop persons parking within Holm View Close could not be considered to support the issue of road safety.

4.0 RESPONSE

- 4.1 An officer from my Traffic Management Division has liaised with Oxtton St Saviours Primary School and the school supports the introduction of waiting restrictions to control parking.
- 4.2 Oxtton St Saviours Primary School in March 2008 adopted a School Travel Plan. The travel plan document sets out a series of practical steps aimed at improving the school journey for children, parents/carers, the school and the wider community. The main aim is to promote sustainable transport, such as walking, cycling and using public transport instead of the private car. The benefits include reducing congestion, improving road safety, increasing exercise / fitness levels and helping the environment. The introduction of waiting restrictions would continue to support this initiative.

- 4.3 Members will appreciate that during school drop off and pick up times parents / carers tend to park in close proximity to the school and this parking can lead to problems of congestion.
- 4.4 Members will also appreciate that parking on or near to junctions also causes problems for parents / carers who may walk their child to school as this parking creates problems with sight lines and visibility.
- 4.5 Officers have monitored parking at this location and it has been observed that due to the limited turning area and parking of vehicles within Holm View Close the saturation of parking tends to lead to a number of vehicles reversing back onto Holm Lane.
- 4.6 The introduction of waiting restrictions within Holm View Close would eliminate speculative parking and this would help to alleviate problems of vehicles reversing onto Holm Lane from Holm View Close.
- 4.6 There has been one recorded personal injury accidents 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.
- 4.7 The waiting restrictions on Holm Lane and within Holm View Close have been proposed to improve sight lines, visibility, prevent obstructive parking and improve access for all.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 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 Traffic Management Revenue Budget.

6.0 STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 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.

7.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no specific equal opportunities implications arising from this report.

8.0 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 The promotion of this scheme to introduce waiting restrictions is in support of reducing the number of collisions giving rise to personal injury. This is in support of both National and Local indicators including those in the Local Authority Agreement.

9.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 Within Local Agenda 21 implications the control of parking is part of a wider strategy to reduce reliance on the motor vehicle.

10.0 PLANNING IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 There are no direct planning implications arising from this report.

11.0 ANTI-POVERTY IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 There are no anti-poverty implications arising from this report.

12.0 SOCIAL INCLUSION IMPLICATIONS

12.1 There are no social inclusion implications arising from this report.

13.0 LOCAL MEMBER SUPPORT IMPLICATIONS

13.1 This report has implications for the Oxton Ward.

14.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

14.1 A letter has been used in the preparation of this report.

15.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

15.1 Panel is requested to note the objection received and the Officers' response and recommend to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee that waiting restrictions (as shown on drawing 62/09) be approved for implementation in Holm Lane and Holm View Close, Oxton.

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