

Report to the Chief Officer (Highways and Transportation)

Date: 09 December 2014

Subject: Cross Green Court & Cross Green Vale – Cross Green Industrial Estate - Proposed Waiting Restrictions

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Burmantofts & Richmond Hill	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Summary of main issues

- .1 To meet one of the key objectives of the Best Council Plan 2013-2017; promote sustainable and economic growth through delivering key infrastructure projects.
- .2 The level of indiscriminate parking on Cross Green Court and Cross Green Vale by HGV's is having an adverse effect on local business operations. Entrances and exits of the various businesses are being significantly restricted by inconsiderate parking. As a result requests have been made for No Waiting At Any Time restrictions to be implemented on Cross Green Court and Cross Green Vale.
- .3 The purpose of this report is to seek approval for the detailed design and to obtain authority to advertise a draft Traffic Regulation Order for waiting restrictions on Cross Green Vale and Cross Green Court.

Recommendations

- .4 The Chief Officer (Highways and Transportation) is requested to:
 - i) note the contents of this report;
 - ii) approve the detailed design and implementation of the scheme to introduce No Waiting At Any time restrictions on Cross Green Court and Cross Green Vale, at a cost of £5,000 fully funded by contributions from local business; and

- iii) instruct the City Solicitor to advertise a draft Traffic Regulation Order to introduce No Waiting At Any Time restrictions as shown on drawing number TM-E-7-1_111-01 and if no valid objections are received, to make, seal and implement the Order as advertised.

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval for the detailed design and to obtain authority to advertise a draft Traffic Regulation Order for waiting restrictions on Cross Green Vale and Cross Green Court.

2 Background information

- 2.1 Due to indiscriminate parking generated by the large number of HGV's who frequent local businesses. Local businesses that operate off Cross Green Court and Cross Green Vale experience significant access problems.
- 2.2 Leeds City Council received requests from local businesses for restrictive measures to address the amount of indiscriminate parking which was creating obstruction issues, therefore having detrimental effects on their ability to both access premises without restriction and ensure deliveries can be made without difficulty.
- 2.3 Officer observations would indicate locations where indiscriminate parking exists and where appropriate measures can be implemented taking into consideration vehicular displacement, the requirements of business operation and improve general traffic flow along the considered streets.

3 Main issues

3.1 Design Proposals and Full Scheme Description.

- 3.1.1 It is proposed to introduce No Waiting At Any Time restrictions along Cross Green Court and Cross Green Vale.
- 3.1.2 The proposals are shown on drawing number TM-E-7-1_111-01.
- 3.1.3 The objective of this proposal is to address the indiscriminate parking and improve the access to business premises and ensure deliveries can be made without restriction. Whilst some on street parking will be lost any displaced parking can be accommodated on the adjacent street without causing further parking issues.

4 Corporate Considerations

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

- 4.1.1 Ward Members: Ward Members were consulted by email on the 03 July 2014. Replies were received from all three Ward Members who have no objections to the proposal.
- 4.1.2 Emergency Services and the West Yorkshire Combined Authority: The Emergency Services and the West Yorkshire Combined Authority were consulted by email on the

03 July 2014. The Police had no objections. The other emergency services and the West Yorkshire Combined Authority had no objections.

4.1.3 Internal Consultation: Colleagues in Highways and Transportation have been consulted as part of the design process.

4.1.4 Local businesses were consulted on the 5th August 2014. Comments were made by one local business who had concerns with the loss of on street parking, however we have explained only key locations where access issues exist will be restricted, therefore on street parking will still be readily available.

4.2 **Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration**

An Equality, Diversity, Cohesion and Integration Screening has been carried out on the proposals and has determined that an impact assessment is not required for the approvals requested. The screening is attached as an appendix to this report.

The screening process identified the following positive impacts:

- Improved visibility at junctions which will be beneficial for all road users and pedestrians.
- Improved manoeuvrability for vehicles in and around the industrial estate.
- Better managed on street parking, which will reduce obstructive parking which will have a positive impact on emergency services accessing the premises.
- Improved road safety. By reducing the amount of obstacles within the highway that vehicles have to manoeuvre round.
- Improved ease of access for entrance/egress of local business users, but most importantly emergency services.

Negative impacts:

- Less on street parking
- Potential for displaced parking

However, this is mitigated against as the remaining kerb side space within the estate will be able to cater for the displaced parking.

4.3 **Council policies and City Priorities**

4.3.1 Environmental Policy; the proposals contained in this report are in accordance with Aims 6 and 7 of the Policy in that the proposals will aid to “reduce the impact of traffic in the city by changes to the road system” and “develop a safe, healthy local environment which provides the best quality of life for Leeds residents.

4.3.2 The proposal contributes to the policies in the West Yorkshire Local Transport Plan 2011-26 as follows: P18. Improve safety and security, seeking to minimise transport casualties.

4.3.3 Community Safety: The proposals contained in this report have no implications under Section 17 of Crime and Disorder Act 1998.

4.4 Resources and value for money.

4.4.1 The estimated costs of the scheme are £5,000 consisting of £1,750 works costs, £2,000 legal fees and £1,250 staff design costs fully funded by a contribution from local business.

4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

4.5.1 The report is not eligible for call in as the proposal falls below the relevant threshold.

4.6 Risk Management

4.6.1 There are no risk issues, over and above those expected when working in the public highway, generated by the proposals contained within this report.

4.7 Conclusions

4.7.1 The introduction of these restrictions will improve the free flow of traffic on this stretch of highway and eliminate access issues caused by HGV's.

5 Recommendations

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6 Background documents¹

6.1 None

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.

Appendix 1

Equality, Diversity, Cohesion and Integration Screening



As a public authority we need to ensure that all our strategies, policies, service and functions, both current and proposed have given proper consideration to equality, diversity, cohesion and integration.

A **screening** process can help judge relevance and provides a record of both the **process** and **decision**. Screening should be a short, sharp exercise that determines relevance for all new and revised strategies, policies, services and functions. Completed at the earliest opportunity it will help to determine:

- the relevance of proposals and decisions to equality, diversity, cohesion and integration.
- whether or not equality, diversity, cohesion and integration is being/has already been considered, and
- whether or not it is necessary to carry out an impact assessment.

Directorate: Highway services	Service area: Traffic Management
Lead person: Andy Magee	Contact number: 0113 2477534

1. Title: Cross Green Industrial Estate – No Waiting At Any time Restrictions

Is this a:

Strategy / Policy

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 Service / Function

 Other

If other, please specify

2. Please provide a brief description of what you are screening

The level of indiscriminate parking on Cross Green Court and Cross Green Vale by HGV's is having an adverse effect on local business operations. Entrances and exits of the various businesses are being significantly restricted by inconsiderate parking of HGV's. As a result requests have been made for No Waiting At Any Time restrictions to be implemented on Cross Green Court and Cross Green Vale.

3. Relevance to equality, diversity, cohesion and integration

All the council's strategies/policies, services/functions affect service users, employees or the wider community – city wide or more local. These will also have a greater/lesser relevance to equality, diversity, cohesion and integration.

The following questions will help you to identify how relevant your proposals are.

When considering these questions think about age, carers, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation and any other relevant

characteristics (for example socio-economic status, social class, income, unemployment, residential location or family background and education or skills levels).		
Questions	Yes	No
Is there an existing or likely differential impact for the different equality characteristics?		/
Have there been or likely to be any public concerns about the policy or proposal?	/	
Could the proposal affect how our services, commissioning or procurement activities are organised, provided, located and by whom?		/
Could the proposal affect our workforce or employment practices?		/
Does the proposal involve or will it have an impact on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eliminating unlawful discrimination, victimisation and harassment • Advancing equality of opportunity • Fostering good relations 		/

If you have answered **no** to the questions above please complete **sections 6 and 7**

If you have answered **yes** to any of the above and;

- Believe you have already considered the impact on equality, diversity, cohesion and integration within your proposal please go to **section 4**.
- Are not already considering the impact on equality, diversity, cohesion and integration within your proposal please go to **section 5**.

4. Considering the impact on equality, diversity, cohesion and integration
If you can demonstrate you have considered how your proposals impact on equality, diversity, cohesion and integration you have carried out an impact assessment.
Please provide specific details for all three areas below (use the prompts for guidance).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How have you considered equality, diversity, cohesion and integration? (think about the scope of the proposal, who is likely to be affected, equality related information, gaps in information and plans to address, consultation and engagement activities (taken place or planned) with those likely to be affected) <p>Consultation has taken place with Ward Members, the emergency services and metro and no objections have been received from them. Consultation has also been carried out to all of the businesses affected.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key findings (think about any potential positive and negative impact on different equality characteristics, potential to promote strong and positive relationships between groups, potential to bring groups/communities into increased contact with each other, perception that the proposal could benefit one group at the expense of another) <p>Positive Impacts of the scheme features</p>

- Improved visibility at junctions which will be beneficial for all road users and pedestrians. It will be especially beneficial to parents with young children, elderly people and those with mobility issues as they won't have to manoeuvre around parked cars.
- Improved manoeuvrability for vehicles in and around the industrial estate.
- Better managed on street parking, which will reduce obstructive parking which will have a positive impact on emergency services accessing the premises.
- Improved road safety. By reducing the amount of obstacles within the highway that vehicles have to manoeuvre round.
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- **Actions**

(think about how you will promote positive impact and remove/ reduce negative impact)

5. If you are not already considering the impact on equality, diversity, cohesion and integration you will need to carry out an impact assessment.

Date to scope and plan your impact assessment:	n/a
Date to complete your impact assessment	n/a
Lead person for your impact assessment (Include name and job title)	n/a

6. Governance, ownership and approval

Please state here who has approved the actions and outcomes of the screening

Name	Job title	Date
Nick Borrás	Senior Engineer	20/11/2014

7. Publishing

This screening document will act as evidence that due regard to equality and diversity has been given. If you are not carrying out an independent impact assessment the screening document will need to be published.

If this screening relates to a **Key Delegated Decision, Executive Board, full Council** or a **Significant Operational Decision** a copy should be emailed to Corporate Governance

and will be published along with the relevant report.

A copy of **all other** screening's should be sent to equalityteam@leeds.gov.uk. For record keeping purposes it will be kept on file (but not published).

Date screening completed

17/11/2014

If relates to a Key Decision - **date sent to Corporate Governance**

Any other decision – **date sent to Equality Team (equalityteam@leeds.gov.uk)**