

Report to the Chief Officer (Highways and Transportation)

Date: 26 October 2015

Subject: Varley Street Traffic Regulation Order – Objection Report

Are specific electoral Wards affected?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Calverley & Farsley		
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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:		

Summary of main issues

- 1 The Best Council Plan 2013-17 outlines how Leeds City will achieve its ambition to become the Best City in the UK and Leeds City Council the best local authority. The scheme will support the Best Council objective by ensuring high quality public services will be partly met through improved transport accessibility and connectivity.
- 2 Proposals have been advertised to introduce No Waiting at any Time on sections of Varley Street Sunfield Place and a service road off Varley Street, together with the whole of Viaduct Street, Stanningley. The purpose of these proposals is to protect these locations, which currently experience indiscriminate parking and as a result have access and visibility issues.
- 3 In the interests of efficiency savings, the proposed restrictions were advertised as part of the Calverley and Farsley consolidation Order, subject to normal provision being made for objections to be submitted and properly considered.
- 4 One objection was received to these new proposals and this report seeks approval of the Chief Officer (Highways and Transportation) to consider and over-rule the reported objection, which would enable Traffic Regulation Order, Leeds City Council (Traffic Regulation) (Calveley and Farsley Consolidation Order) (Waiting Restrictions) (No.W08) Order 2015 to be made and to include these proposals within it.

Recommendations

- 4 The Chief Officer (Highways and Transportation) is requested to:
 - i) note the contents of this report;

- ii) consider and over-rule the objections to Leeds City Council (Traffic Regulation) (Waiting Restrictions) (No.W08) Order 2015;
- iii) instruct the City Solicitor to make, seal and implement Leeds City Council (Traffic Regulation) (Waiting Restrictions) (No.W08) Order 2015;
- iv) instruct the City Solicitor to write to the objector informing them of the Chief Officer's (Highways and Transportation) decision.

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 This report details an objection received against proposals to introduce provide 'no waiting at any time' restrictions at key sections of the highway, that regularly experience inconsiderate parking, and requests the Chief Officer (Highways and Transportation) to consider the objection and the related recommendations.
- 1.2 The purpose of the report is to obtain authority to over-rule the objection received and seeks approval to implement and seal the Traffic Regulation Order as originally advertised.

2 Background information

- 2.1 Businesses located on Sunfield Place and Varley Street regularly experience indiscriminate parking that impacts on their access causing reduced visibility and obstruction.
- 2.2 Varley Street provides access to the service and delivery area of the Owlcotes retail park and is currently subject to a 'No waiting, Mon – Sat, 8am - 6pm' restriction at the eastern end, adjacent to the residential properties.
- 2.3 Sunfield Place is located within a predominantly residential area, with businesses and a medical centre taking their access off it. This length is currently unrestricted.
- 2.4 In April 2014 a report was approved by the Chief Officer (Highways & Transportation) giving authority to advertise a Traffic Regulation Order that proposed to implement waiting restrictions on Varley Street, Sunfield Place, the access road and Viaduct Street.
- 2.5 This scheme has been on hold due to work commencing on CityConnect Cycle Superhighway. Previous proposals included alterations to restrictions on the B6157 Bradford Road as well as Sunfield Place and Varley Street. It is felt, as Varley Street and Sunfield Place are outside the scope of the CityConnect scheme that these elements can be progressed separately and the Bradford Road alterations can and will be progressed through the Cycle Superhighway project.
- 2.6 To provide efficiency savings, the proposed restrictions were included within the Calverley and Farsley consolidation Order. They were advertised between 20 February and 20 March 2015. During this period one objection was received.

3 Main issues

- 3.1 Drawing TMW-08-1273-TROc shows the full range of restrictions being proposed and the locations of where they are to be introduced.

- 3.2 The scheme proposes the introduction of 'No waiting at any time' to address specific problems that has been reported and observed in the area. 'No waiting at any time' is being proposed on Varley Street, Sunfield Place, the access road and Viaduct Street to ensure that access is maintained and that obstruction of the highway does not occur.
- 3.3 Please see the attached objection summary table detailing the objections and Highways' response.

4 Corporate Considerations

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

- 4.1.1 Ward Members were consulted in writing on 15 June 2012 with all three responding expressing their support for the proposal.
- 4.1.2 On 13 October 2015 Calverley and Farsley councillors were made aware of the status of this scheme and, due to changes following local elections, asked to reconfirm their support. To date one response has been received expressing their support for the scheme.
- 4.1.3 Emergency services and Metro were consulted in writing on 19 April 2013. To date only the Police have provided a response confirming they have no objection to the scheme.
- 4.1.4 Directly affected residents and businesses were consulted by letter dated 31 July 2012. To date, no written responses have been received to the consultation.

4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

- 4.2.1 A full Equality, Diversity / Cohesion and Integration impact assessment has been carried out.

Positive Impacts

- Restrictions being introduced to remove obstructive parking will also improve visibility and road safety, particularly for parents with young children, people with mobility issues and visually impaired.

Negative Impacts

- The introduction of restrictions on Sunfield Place near the medical centre will essentially reduce on street parking availability. The restrictions are being introduced to resolve issues relating to obstruction. The remaining on street parking and parking provision at the medical centre will be sufficient to cater for the demand.

4.3 Resource and value for money

- 4.3.1 The total estimated cost for implementing the scheme is £5,000, which comprises of £2,500 legal costs, £1,000 works costs and £1,500 staff costs which is to be wholly funded from the Dawson Corner: New Pudsey Station Egress scheme which was approved on 25 January 2013 and funded from the LTP Transport Policy Capital.

- 4.3.2 The scheme meets many of the key objectives in the Best Council Plan particularly to 'promote sustainable and economic growth' by reducing congestion, improving road safety and assisting vehicle movements associated to local business.
- 4.3.3 The proposals contained in the report have no implications for the council constitution. This is a report that covers several restrictions in the Calverley and Farsley Ward grouped together for efficiency in managing, implementing and cost benefit (reduction in advertising costs).
- 4.3.4 The proposals contained within this report are in accordance with the Local Transport Plan, with the aim of improving the free flow of traffic and negating risk around junctions and accesses.
- 4.3.5 Local Transport Plan 3: **Strategic Approaches:**
Connectivity: P18. Improve safety and security.

4.4 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

- 4.4.1 The proposal is not eligible for Call In.

4.5 Risk Management

- 4.5.1 If the restrictions are not approved there is a risk that the accessibility and road safety will continue to be compromised.
- 4.5.2 If the objections are upheld then the Calverley and Farsley Consolidation Order would have to be sealed in part and the proposals that received the objection would either be abandoned or re-advertised with potential amendments. This would contradict the rationale for introducing ward based consolidation orders.

5 Conclusions

- 5.1 No Waiting at any Time proposals, as detailed in this report, has been proposed that will support businesses by removing indiscriminate parking on Varley Street, Sunfield Place, the access road and Viaduct Street, thereby improving access.

6 Recommendations

- 6.1 The Chief Officer (Highways and Transportation) is requested to:
- i) note the contents of this report;
 - ii) consider and over-rule the objection to Leeds City Council (Traffic Regulation) (Waiting Restrictions) (No.W08) Order 2015;
 - iii) instruct the City Solicitor to make, seal and implement Leeds City Council (Traffic Regulation) (Waiting Restrictions) (No.W08) Order 2015, and to include the new proposals advertised within its schedules;
 - iv) instruct the City Solicitor to write to the objector informing him of the Chief Officer's (Highways and Transportation) decision.

7 Background Documents¹

7.1 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.

SUMMARY OF OBJECTION TO VARLEY STREET TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER

Leeds City Council (Traffic Regulation) (Waiting restrictions) (No.W08) Order 2015

SUMMARY OF OBJECTION	HIGHWAYS RESPONSE
<p>Objection No.1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The objector agrees something has to be done to better manage the parking experienced on Sunfield Place but suspects the proposed restrictions will do little to improve the situation and that resident permit parking would be a better solution.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The restriction being proposed on Sunfield Place is being introduced across the access to Campbell Street in response to complaints of inconsiderate parking and obstruction being caused. The street is narrow and parking is at a premium, particularly with the medical centre being close by, for this reason it is proposed that parking restrictions, limited to the absolute minimum possible, will be provided to resolve this specific issue.• Resident permit parking would not be appropriate in this location. It is normally only introduced where there are long term parking problems, and not normally where residents have their own off street parking facilities.