

Report of Kieran Dent

Report to the Chief Officer (Highways & Transportation)

Date: 24 September 2019

Subject: Boston Spa Traffic Regulation Order

Are specific electoral wards affected? If yes, name(s) of ward(s): Wetherby	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Has consultation been carried out?	<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
Will the decision be open 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

1. Main issues

- In recent years there have been several requests for restrictions in Boston Spa from ward members, members of the public and local businesses. These proposals have been based upon these requests.
- It is therefore proposed that we introduce a package of varying waiting and parking restrictions in several locations across Boston Spa and the Wetherby Ward.

2. Best Council Plan Implications

- The Best Council Plan 2019-2020 outlines how Leeds City Council will achieve the vision to be the best city in the UK. The plan highlights the aim to improve the safety and transport connections. This scheme meets these objectives by delivering a traffic management scheme to assist inter-visibility between drivers and pedestrians, assist driver and pedestrian movements and create a safer environment for all road users.

3. Resource Implications

- The budget for this scheme was approved and made available from the Churchfields development (Planning ref: 09/04531/FU).

4 Recommendations

The Chief Officer (Highways & Transportation) is requested to:

- i. Note the contents of the report;
- ii. Approve the detailed design and introduction of a package of waiting restrictions across Boston Spa and the Wetherby ward as outlined in section 3.1 and shown on Drawing Nos TM-33-145-CON-02 to 10, excluding drawing TM-33-145-CON-08;
- iii. Give authority to incur expenditure of up to £8000 made up of £4000 works costs, £1000 legal fees and £3000 staff fees, fully funded from the Churchfields Section 106 contribution; and
- iv. Request the City Solicitor to advertise a draft Traffic Regulation Order to implement the measures as outlined in paragraph 3.1 and, if no valid objections are received, to make, seal and implement the order as advertised.

1. Purpose of this report

- 1.1 This report seeks approval to advertise a draft Traffic Regulation Order to implement the measures detailed in item 3.1 and, if no valid objections are received, to make, seal and implement the order as advertised.

2. Background information

- 2.1 As part of the Churchfields development (Planning ref: 09/04531/FU) in Boston Spa, funding was secured through a Section 106 agreement to deal with a variety of highway issues and make improvements as and when required.
- 2.2 On 15th April 2014 a Deed of Variation was approved (A76/JL/387555) allowing the Boston Spa Parish Council to take responsibility for the Public Access Areas and Bus Stop Improvement Contribution that is identified in the Section 106 Agreement. It also changes the definition of 'Public Transport Infrastructure Contribution' to facilitate the costs of introducing or modifying traffic regulation order and other local transport initiatives.
- 2.3 Within Boston Spa there is a local ambition to improve the public realm within the centre with the main focus being Millennium Gardens; this is supported by the Parish Council. The proposed changes included within this report are considered to be 'Phase 1' towards achieving this goal and vision.
- 2.4 Leeds City Council have been asked by Ward Members and Boston Spa Parish Council to review several locations within Boston Spa and the surrounding area and design suitable parking restrictions that will improve visibility and remove indiscriminate parking. Following a review a number of sites have been identified as requiring intervention – see section 3 for details.
- 2.5 The locations within Boston Spa that form part of this scheme are within the conservation area.

3. Main issues

3.1 The proposed Traffic Regulation Order will include proposals at the following locations;

- **High Street, Boston Spa** - Introduction of No Waiting at Any Time to better manage the existing parking provision and remove obstructive parking.
- **Bridge Road/Bridge Close/Pine Tree Avenue, Boston Spa** - Introduction of residents only permit parking with Limited Waiting 8am-6pm, Monday to Saturday, 1 hour no return within 1 hour, along with No Waiting at Any Time on Bridge Close, Bridge Road and Pine Tree Avenue in order to provide suitable passing places and assist with the free flow of traffic.
- **Grove Road/High Street, Boston Spa** - Introduction of No Waiting at Any Time at the junction to protect junction sight lines and prevent indiscriminate and obstructive parking.
- **High Street, Boston Spa (Outside the Doctor's Surgery)** - Introduction of disabled parking bay outside the Doctor's surgery to allow blue badge holders to park closer to the surgery.
- **Westwood Way, Boston Spa (Outside West Oaks School)** – Convert the existing advisory disabled bays outside the school to formal provision to enable enforcement.
- **Barleyfields Road, Wetherby** – Introduction of Limited Waiting, Monday to Saturday, 8am to 6pm, 2 hours no return within 1 hour with permit holders exemption.
- **Northfield Place/Deighton Road, Wetherby** - Introduction of No Waiting at Any Time to prevent inappropriate parking close to the junction which is causing difficulty for road users entering onto Deighton Road.
- **Audby Lane/Hallfield Lane/Hall Orchards Avenue, Wetherby** - Introduction of No Waiting at Any Time on the named junctions to prevent inappropriate parking causing difficulty entering onto York Road. Introduction of a bus stop clearway on the bus stop next to the Hall Orchards Avenue/York Road junction.

4. Corporate considerations

4.1 Consultation and engagement

4.1.1 Ward members were consulted on Friday 4th January 2019 with no objections to proposals. Ward Councillors have also been provided with regular updates in terms of progress via the ward updates sheets and meetings.

4.1.2 Emergency services were consulted on Friday 4th January 2019 with no objections to proposals.

- 4.1.3 West Yorkshire Combined Authority were consulted on Monday 7th January 2019 with no objections to proposals.
- 4.1.4 Consultation with the Boston Spa Parish Council was undertaken on Monday 7th January 2019 with no objections to proposals. Concerns were expressed with the decision not to include a buildout on the High Street/Bridge Road junction. A meeting was held on site with the Parish Council to discuss these concerns. It was agreed that no buildout would be introduced as it would require adjustments to be made to the nearby crossing.
- 4.1.5 Consultation was undertaken with residents by letter on Friday 18th January 2019. In total, 15 responses were received, all expressing support for the proposals. Some concerns were raised for sites that have subsequently been removed from the overall scheme.

4.2 Equality and diversity / cohesion and integration

4.2.1 Positive Impacts of the scheme features;

- The 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions will improve the free flow of traffic on the various stretches of highway and eliminate issues caused by indiscriminate and obstructive parking.
- The permit parking schemes will allow residents more freedom to park on their streets.
- The introduction of disabled parking bays will allow blue badge holders to park in more convenient and closer locations (outside the surgery and school).

4.2.2 Negative Impacts of the scheme features;

- The restrictions may displace the indiscriminate and obstructive parking to other locations.

4.3 Council policies and the Best Council Plan

- 4.3.1 The Best City Ambition is to improve life for the people of Leeds and make our city a better place. Measures to improve the highway network will contribute to making the roads safer which contribute to the Best City for Communities.
- 4.3.2 The proposals contained in this report are in accordance with the Best Council Plan, supporting the objective to improve local transport connections, safety and reliability.
- 4.3.3 Climate Emergency: The provision of the proposals in this report will encourage sustainable travel, particularly to and from the local schools and amenities. This is expected to include walking, cycling and scooting. This will contribute to a reduction in motorised traffic and a subsequent reduction in vehicular emissions.

4.4 Resources, procurement and value for money

- 4.4.1 The estimated total cost to implement the scheme is £8000 which is made up of £4000 works costs, £1000 legal fees and £3000 staff fees, all to be funded from the Churchfields Section 106 contribution.

4.5 Legal implications, access to information, and call-in

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

4.6 Risk management

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

5. Conclusions

- 5.1 In conclusion it is recommended that the proposed restrictions in various locations across Boston Spa and the Wetherby ward, as shown on drawings TM-33-145-CON-02 to 10, be implemented in order to remove indiscriminate parking and formalise the existing parking facilities. These proposals will have a positive effect on the businesses and residents of the areas.

6. Recommendations

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7 Background documents

- 7.1 None