

Portfolio Holder Decision

The Warwickshire County Council (Borough of Rugby) (Civil Enforcement Area) (Waiting Restrictions, On-Street Parking Places and Residents' Parking) (Consolidation) (Variation No. 7) Order 2023

Portfolio Holder	Portfolio Holder for Transport and Planning
Date of decision	10 November 2023
	Signed 

1. Decision taken

- 1.1 That the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Planning approves that the following proposed Variation Order be made as advertised:

"The Warwickshire County Council (Borough of Rugby) (Civil Enforcement Area) (Waiting Restrictions, On-Street Parking Places and Residents' Parking) (Consolidation) (Variation No. 7) Order 2023".

2. Reasons for decisions

- 2.1 The statutory consultation upon the proposed Variation Order comprised of the following proposals which are shown on the accompanying plan which can be found in Appendix B:
- i.) No waiting at any time restrictions upon Castle Mound Way, Central Park Drive, Coton Park Drive, and Bryant Road, Rugby;
 - ii.) Limited waiting restrictions on Mondays to Fridays between 7am and 5pm, 1 hour, no return within 2 hours upon Central Park Drive; and
 - iii.) No stopping restrictions on Mondays to Fridays between 8am and 5pm on the school keep clear markings upon Central Park Drive.

- 2.2 Located on Central Park Drive, Rugby, are a number of industrial units, as well as a primary school. There are often multiple Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs) parked in the carriageway, with high volumes of traffic flow and short-term parked vehicles at school pick up and drop off times.
- 2.3 Double yellow lines have been installed previously on sections of Central Park Drive, but there have continued to be longstanding reports of traffic flow difficulties at peak times and issues around visibility when parked HGVs are present. Further double yellow lines were advertised in 2020 but withdrawn having received multiple objections, which were considered and upheld by the Portfolio Holder for Transport & Planning.
- 2.4 Following further correspondence with Councillors and other interested parties, revised proposals were informally consulted upon in May/June 2023, incorporating further double yellow lines and a 3 hour Limited Waiting restriction on the remaining available parking places.
- 2.5 96 responses were received to the informal consultation, of which 19 were not in favour. Approximately 80% were in favour, including some offering suggested minor amendments. A common theme amongst responses was concern that HGVs could still be present in significant numbers during the peak traffic times (both vehicular and pedestrian) around school opening and closing.
- 2.6 Taking into account the reasoning behind the majority of responses which were not in support, the proposals were revised further to replace the proposed 3 hour limited waiting with a proposed 1 hour limited waiting, with hours of operation as such that vehicles parking overnight would have to move on before school opening and could not arrive before school closing times.
- 2.7 The revised proposals were advertised and consulted upon in accordance with statutory procedure. A public notice was published in the Rugby Observer on 14 September 2023, with the consultation open until the 6 October 2023.
- 2.8 One objection was received during the statutory consultation which is detailed below along with an officer's response and recommendation.

Emails/letters	
Total objections	1

Ref	Objections and comments received	Total number of responses containing the comment
A	<p>The scheme is centred around Central Park Drive and may displace vehicles into other streets, specifically Castle Mound Way which already has issues with HGV parking.</p> <p>Whilst many lorry / van drivers are considerate, a number are not and they cause hazards for both pedestrians and drivers by blocking junctions, parking on both sides of the road and parking in locations which restrict visibility for traffic.</p>	1

Ref	Officer Comments
A	<p>The primary driver for proposals in and around Central Park Drive is on safety grounds, reducing conflict where HGVs are parked in areas which see substantial vehicular and pedestrian traffic at school opening and closing times.</p> <p>It is accepted that some vehicles may be displaced into nearby streets including Castle Mound Way, where there are lower levels of vehicular and pedestrian traffic. While this may increase demand for limited available parking places, drivers (including HGVs) still need to abide by the terms of the Highway Code, which states:</p> <p><i>“You MUST NOT leave your vehicle or trailer in a dangerous position or where it causes any unnecessary obstruction of the road. [Laws CSDPA sect 21 & RTRA sects 5 & 8]”</i></p> <p>In such a case the Police may issue a Fixed Penalty Notice or arrange removal / relocation of the vehicle.</p> <p>Following implementation, the effects of the introduction of waiting restrictions and parking places will be monitored, and should the need arise restrictions in other nearby streets could be considered subject to further Traffic Regulation Order consultation.</p>
Recommendations	
<p>It is recommended that the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Planning approves that the following proposed Variation Order be made as advertised:</p> <p>“The Warwickshire County Council (Borough of Rugby) (Civil Enforcement Area) (Waiting Restrictions, On-Street Parking Places and Residents’ Parking) (Consolidation) (Variation No. 7) Order 2023”.</p>	
Members Comments	
<p>Councillor Simpson-Vince engaged with the previous informal consultation and assisted with formulating the revised proposals as advertised.</p>	

3. Background information

- 3.1 The statutory criteria for decisions on making Traffic Regulation and Parking Orders are included as Appendix A.
- 3.2 Drawings showing the published proposals are in Appendix B.
- 3.3 A copy of the published Statement of Reasons can be found in Appendix C.
- 3.4 A copy of the objection received is available as background information in Appendix D.

4. Financial implications

4.1 All work (Traffic Regulation Order process and implementation) will be carried out within existing allocations from the Local Member's Delegated Budget.

5. Environmental implications

5.1 It is anticipated that the presence of waiting restrictions and parking places would not have a significant adverse effect on air quality, with no predicted increase in traffic volumes or noise levels as a result of the schemes.

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Portfolio Holder	Councillor Jan Matecki Portfolio Holder for Transport and Planning

Urgent matter?	No
Confidential or exempt?	No
Is the decision contrary to the budget and policy framework?	No

List of background papers

Members and officers consulted and informed

Portfolio Holder – Councillor Jan Matecki
Corporate Board – Mark Ryder
Legal – Serena Cammish, Caroline Gutteridge
Finance – Caroline Jones, Andrew Felton
Equality – Delroy Madden
Procurement – John Hopper
Democratic Services –
Councillors – Leaders of the Party Groups
Local Member(s): Councillor Jill Simpson-Vince