

Report to Deputy Leader & Cabinet Member for Transportation

Decision to be taken on or after 24th February 2020

Decision can normally be implemented at least
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Cabinet Member Report No. T01.20

Title: The Link with Upper Lower Lodge Lane & Roberts Ride,
Hazlemere – Waiting Restrictions

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Summary

1. *Transport for Buckinghamshire was commissioned by Hazlemere Parish Council to undertake a waiting restriction review at The Link and various junctions with The Link in Hazlemere. The scheme has been limited to those measures that will encourage drivers to comply with the Highway Code requirement not to park within 10 metres of a junction.*
2. *This Key Decision Report relates to the subsequent review and the Statutory Consultation and makes Recommendations to the Deputy Leader & Cabinet Member for Transportation.*



Recommendation

It is recommended that:

- a. The Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Transportation authorises the Service Director, Highways and Technical Services to make the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for the scheme outlined in this report; noting that it is slightly different to the one that was advertised during the Statutory Consultation process because it takes into account the responses received during the consultation period.
- b. That the TRO be made as advertised at Statutory Consultation but with the following amendments:
 - Implementing proposed staggered ‘No waiting at any time’ restrictions along The Link to allow for passing places and to prevent parking across the co-op car park & residents garage access points (Map ref Area Code: AH55)
 - Reducing lengths of proposed ‘No waiting at any time’ restrictions on various junctions with The Link – Implementing highway code junction protections only – No parking within 10 meters of a junction (Double yellow lines) (Map ref Area Code: AH55)
- c. That responders to the Statutory Consultation be informed of the Deputy Leader & Cabinet Member for Transportation Decision.

A. Narrative setting out the reasons for the decision

- 1.1 Buckinghamshire County Council is responsible for the highway network within its boundary; this includes the provision, management and enforcement of waiting restrictions.
- 1.2 This proposal has arisen following requests from Hazlemere Parish Council, for waiting restrictions to address parking safety issues at junctions and along certain lengths of The Link.
- 1.3 Therefore ‘no waiting at any time’ (double yellow line) parking restriction measures were proposed to encourage compliance with Highway Code, Rule 243 which includes “**DO NOT** stop or park ‘anywhere you would prevent access for Emergency Services’; ‘opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space’; or ‘on a bend’ ‘**except** when forced to do so by stationary traffic.’”
- 1.4 These proposed parking restriction measures were advertised and promoted locally through a statutory consultation process, carried out between 18th January 2019 and 8th February 2019 in accordance with the requirements of the Local Authorities’ Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996. The Police, Fire & Rescue and the Ambulance Services were included in the consultation.
- 1.5 Copies of the statutory consultation documentation can be found on the Buckinghamshire County Council website at the following address:
<https://democracy.buckscc.gov.uk/mgConsultationDisplay.aspx?ID=9449>

1.6 For more details of the consultation responses and meetings to agree the way forward, please see section H of this report.

B. Other options available, and their pros and cons

1.7 Option 1

Not to proceed with the waiting restrictions TRO, this would not address the issues raised by Hazlemere Parish Council for the area.

1.8 Option 2

To implement the restrictions as originally advertised at statutory consultation which would go against the results of the consultation

C. Resource implications

1.9 The cost associated with this scheme has been allocated within the LAF budget and sufficient budget remains to make the Traffic Regulation Order and implement the measures on the ground.

1.10 Any further reviews or waiting restrictions TRO would require a Project Initiation Document and further agreed funding streams.

D. Value for Money (VfM) Self Assessment

1.11 Any income from the existing Penalty Charge Notices (PCN) will be retained by Buckinghamshire County Council and may be used, to fund and address future waiting restriction schemes and maintain existing signs and lines.

E. Legal implications

1.12 Section 122 of The Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 places a duty on Buckinghamshire County Council to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians) and the provision of suitable and adequate parking facilities on and off the highway.

Regulation 14 of the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 provides that an order making authority may modify an order, whether in consequence of any objection or otherwise, before it is made. However, before proceeding to make the modified order it must inform persons likely to be affected by the modifications, giving those persons an opportunity to make representations and ensuring that such representations are duly considered. In these instances, the respective county councillors for the areas have been advised of the representations received and asked for feedback on the proposed recommended way forward in each case.

When the decision is taken and recommendations agreed, the TRO will be made, signed and brought into operation. The respondents to the consultation and persons likely to be affected will be informed of the decision made; and the representations considered.

F. Property implications

1.13 None identified.

G. Other implications/issues

1.14 Equality and Diversity Issues – Equality Act 2010. This proposal will not have any disproportionate effect upon people with protected characteristics. This scheme will introduce “No waiting at any time” double yellow line restrictions which will allow enforcement across the whole width of the designated public highway when applied on both sides of the carriageway. This will discourage pavement parking as the waiting restrictions apply from highway boundary to highway boundary; and will facilitate ease of pedestrian access along the footways.

1.15 No other issues.

H. Feedback from consultation, Local Area Forums and Local Member views

1.16 The Statutory Consultation was undertaken between Friday 18th January and Friday 8th February 2019. A summary of the feedback is shown in Appendix A.

1.17 The full written responses to the statutory consultation are contained in Appendix B. These have been reviewed and considered against the Statement of Reasons.

1.18 These written responses raised a number of comments and issues. These have been Summarised as follows

- a) Some respondents felt that the proposals would de-value their house prices.
- b) Some respondents felt that restrictions would make it more difficult for patients visiting the doctor’s surgery on Roberts Ride to find parking.
- c) Some respondents felt the proposed restrictions would push the parking issue onto other roads nearby.

1.19 Taking all feedback received during the statutory consultation process, all the restrictions proposed received more objections than support. As a result, a meeting was held with the Parking Team and Hazlemere Parish Council to discuss the best way forward. Following these meetings, it was recommended a reduction of the proposed restrictions to mainly cover junction protections and to implement staggered double yellow lines on The Link to allow for passing places & preventing vehicles from parking in front of the co-op car park & resident garage access points.

1.20 As has already been stated, the proposed ‘no waiting at any time’ restrictions have been developed to encourage compliance with Highway Code, Rule 243.

1.21 Restrictions for The Link (map ref Area Code: AH55), those restrictions that were advertised received a mix of objections and support. The nature of the objections are based on concerns that installing double yellow lines on one side of the carriageway only, could push parking onto the other side of the carriageway, potentially blocking access to residents garages. It is therefore recommended that the proposed ‘no waiting at any time’ restrictions for this section of road is staggered on both sides of the carriageway to allow passing places and prevent vehicles from parking across access points.

1.22 Restrictions for The Link with Roberts Ride (map ref Area Code: AH55), those restrictions that were advertised received a mix of objections & support. The nature of the objections were based on concerns that the proposed restrictions would de-value house prices and some residents have disabilities and therefore require parking outside their property. It is therefore recommended that the proposed 'no waiting at any time' restrictions for these roads be implemented but for the length of the restriction on Roberts Ride to be reduced to cover the 10 meters from the junction only.

1.23 Restrictions for The Link with Lower Lodge Lane (map ref Area Code: AH55), those restrictions that were advertised received a mix of objections and support. The nature of the objections are based on the parking issue being pushed further up Lower Lodge Lane and some residents have disabilities and therefore require parking outside their property. It is therefore recommended that the proposed 'no waiting at any time' restrictions for these roads be implemented but for the length of the restriction on Lower Lodge Lane to be reduced to cover the 10 meters from the junction only.

1.24 The local County Councillor affected by the proposed restrictions was invited to comment upon the proposed recommendations.

1.25 The local member for Hazlemere, County Councillor Katrina Wood, has confirmed that she is supportive of the proposals and commented:

"I am pleased with the progress the parking sub committee is making and the involvement of parish councillors on that committee creates a much better buy in from the community. The proposals for Hazlemere are long wanted and fought for but in the last round they were not quite right, hence being withdrawn and presented again now. Hazlemere have waited a long time for these safety restrictions and as with everything they are not exactly what everyone wanted but then you will never be able to please everyone and it is agreed by the majority. I am in agreement with the compromises and the final scheme as presented."

I. Communication issues

All consultees and responders to the consultation will be contacted by either e-mail or letter and will be informed of the decision and where they can find the details of the statutory consultation and the decision taken. This report will be published on the County Council's web page.

J. Progress Monitoring

If implemented, the enforcement of the restrictions would provide ongoing monitoring of the scheme.

K. Review

If implemented, the restrictions will be monitored via enforcement.

Background Papers

None

Appendices to the Report

Appendix A:

Summary of Objections & Feedback, The Link, Hazlemere Waiting Restrictions

Appendix B:

Responses to Statutory Consultation, The Link, Hazlemere Waiting Restrictions

Appendix C:

Original Plans of The Link, Hazlemere Waiting Restrictions (Parking Traffic Regulation Order Tiles)

Appendix D:

Amended Plans following statutory consultation (Revised Parking Traffic Regulation Order Tiles)

Appendix E:

The Link, Hazlemere Statement of Reasons, Notices & Traffic Regulation Order

Links to current documentation

1. Parking Delivery Plan: <https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/transport-and-roads/parking/parking-implementation-plan/>

 2. Parking Guide for Local Area Forum: <https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/transport-and-roads/parking/parking-guide-for-lafs/>
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Your questions and views

If you have any questions about the matters contained in this paper please get in touch with the Contact Officer whose telephone number is given at the head of the paper.

If you have any views on this paper that you would like the Cabinet Member to consider, or if you wish to object to the proposed decision, please inform the Member Services Team by 5.00pm on 21st February 2020. This can be done by telephone (to 01296 382343), or e-mail to democracy@buckscc.gov.uk