

ST ALBANS CITY AND DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Christine Traill, Director for Community and Place Delivery

DATE: 8th June 2022

REPORT TITLE: Parking Scheme report, Traffic Regulation Order for waiting restrictions in various locations across the district.

WARD/S: Harpenden North and Rural, Harpenden South, London Colney, Park Street, Redbourn, Sandridge & Wheathampstead, St Albans Wards – Clarence, Marshalswick East & Jersey Farm, and Verulam

PORTFOLIO HOLDER: Lead Councillor for Public Realm

CONTACT OFFICER: Gary Payne, Specialist Officer (Parking)

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide the Councils lead Councillor for Public Realm and, the Councils Director for Community and Place Delivery with the background, consultation process and information relating to the proposals to introduce various waiting restrictions across the district and to seek approval to Make the Traffic Regulation Order to implement those restrictions following their advertisement on **20th January 2022**

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Councils lead Councillor for Public Realm and, the Councils Director for Community and Place Delivery in consultation, agree to make the below named Traffic Regulation Order with the recommendations provided within this report, which will implement waiting restrictions in the form of double yellow lines in the locations detailed and highlighted. The TRO was formally advertised on **20th January 2022** and named below:

- **THE CITY AND DISTRICT OF ST ALBANS (VARIOUS ROADS, BRICKET WOOD, HARPENDEN, LONDON COLNEY, PARK STREET, REDBOURN, ST ALBANS AND WHEATHAMPSTEAD) (RESTRICTION OF STOPPING AND WAITING) ORDER 2022**

3. Background Information and locations affected by this report

- 3.1 The Council is committed to improving congestion and road safety through various parking restrictions. To implement parking restrictions, the Council must introduce a Traffic Regulation Order/s (TRO/s) the process includes a public consultation in the affected area/s / location/s. This scheme and proposed TRO/s includes various locations across various wards because of complaints from residents, Councillors, or other complainants.

The Council also receives applications for disabled persons parking bays and is committed to ensuring that such bays are provided where residents have no alternative parking close to their property.

3.2 **Harpenden North and Rural:** The Council received the following request/s

- Roundwood Park School: A request to review parking restrictions around the area was received from Ward Councillors and residents who were concerned about safety and congestion around school pick up and drop off.

Some restrictions are already in place. However, the restrictions are not sufficient.

- Baulk Close, Westfield Road: Residents raised concerns about parking on and around the junction which caused significant sight splay issues. Double yellow lines will improve access and safety at the junction.

3.3 **Harpenden South:** The Council received the following request/s

- Dickinsons Field, Cravells Road: A request from resident/s of Dickinsons Field that visibility splays at the junction were severely impacted by vehicles parked around the junction. When reviewing the location, it was evident that the issue was a safety concern. However, additional double yellow lines would be required to ensure displacement would not occur in areas which could cause further disruption or access concerns for emergency vehicles.

The proposals deal with all those safety concerns.

It was also observed that the road from Dickinsons Field through to Grove Road was missing double yellow lines which were approved in 2018. It is not known why the lines are now missing. However, if the above proposals are approved as recommended, the missing lines will also be installed at the same time.

3.4 **London Colney:** The Council received requests from the following locations.

- Chester Gibbon Green and High Street. A complaint was received from a local ward and County Councillor on behalf of residents, that parking around this junction was of a significant safety concern. Following a review, it was agreed to extend double yellow lines around the junction and leading to the pedestrian crossing.
- Manor Road. Bowmans Green Primary School: Parking and access issues around the school have been reported from various community groups including, Councillors, The School, Parents, and residents. On reviewing the area, a proposal was drawn up to improve access and safety. This included the inclusion of the school keep clear markings which are currently unenforced due to no legal Traffic Order being in place.

3.5 **Park Street:** The Council received requests from the following locations.

- Burydell Lane: This is a small lane off the main road (Watling Street, Park Street). The lane runs alongside a commercial property. Vehicles Park blocking access to the residential properties further in the lane. Refuse trucks and emergency vehicles have been unable to access on various occasions with bin collections being missed.

A consultation on restrictions took place in 2020/21. However, an agreement could not be reached and a revised restrictions with residents and Cllrs was put forward.

- Woodcutter Place: This location is already lined and restrictions in place. It is included in this TRO as it was unable to be included in the original order.

3.6 **Redbourn:** The Council received a request from the following location to introduce waiting restrictions:

- The Park: Request from residents and Councillors for junction protection and improved access in various locations across The Park.

3.7 **Sandridge & Wheathampstead:** The Council received a request from the following location to introduce waiting restrictions:

- Church Street and High Street: Request from residents and Councillors for junction protection and improved access along Church Street and parts of High Street at that junction.

3.8 **Clarence Ward:** The Council received a request from the following location to introduce waiting restrictions:

- Beaumont Avenue: A request to improve visibility and traffic flow at the Sandpit Lane end. Proposed restrictions were shortened following feedback from residents.
- Roland Street: Request from Councillors and residents to shorten double yellow lines at the junction with Camp Road to the minimum 10 metres. This was agreed following a review of the area.

3.9 **Marshalswick East & Jersey Farm:** The Council received a request from the following location to introduce waiting restrictions:

Chiltern Road: Junction protection request from Councillors on behalf of residents. At review it was decided that extended proposals were required to deal with any displacement.

3.10 **Verulam Ward:** The Council received a request from the following location to introduce waiting restrictions:

- Midway and Watford Road: Request from residents and Councillors for junction protection to improve visibility and road safety around the junction with Watford Road and Brinklow Court
- Ernie Close, Mayne Avenue: Request from business in the area to improve access for lorries and larger vehicles in general. The proposal includes mainly junction protection to allow larger lorries to turn safely and avoid mounting footways.

4. Informal Consultation and Consultation Outcome

- 4.1 No informal consultation was required. An informal consultation is intended to assist with understanding the needs of a scheme and to deal with any questions concerns or objections. For this scheme and the various locations, it was decided that an informal consultation would not be productive or helpful considering the nature of the proposed restrictions which relate more to road safety in and around junctions.

5. Formal Proposal to Make a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO)

- 5.1 Following careful consideration, the Council proposed to make a Traffic Regulation Order on **20th January 2022**. A public notice was displayed in the local newspaper (Herts Advertiser) and on lamp columns in the affected areas. However, the Council has moved away from single letter drops to residents to move towards a more sustainable process and reduce paper usage. Therefore, letters to residents was removed from this process.

Following a 21-day consultation period the Council received 51 representations detailed below

- 6. Formal Objections / Responses and Representations by Ward:** The below is a summary of the objections received. Appendix C provides a more detailed breakdown of each individual response and the Councils comments.

6.1 Harpenden North and Rural:

- Roundwood Park School: 12 Responses received. In general, the responses were objections to the scheme on the basis that the respondents either did not believe there was an issue or that the restrictions were too excessive.

Some objections have partly been resolved by removing or amending some of the proposed yellow lines. However, this was mainly amendments further away from the school area. More details of these can be found in the response's appendix C.

Recommendation: It is recommended to make the order as advertised with some minor changes.

- Remove the proposal for double yellow lines at and opposite the junction with How Fields.
- Extend double yellow lines outside 31 and 31a
- Outside 19a - Amend double yellows to 10 metres and extend the single yellow to meet them.

- Baulk Close – No comments

Recommendation: It is recommended to make the order as advertised.

6.3 Harpenden South:

- Dickinsons Field, Cravells Road: 10 representations received. Almost all representations are against the proposed restrictions and comment on removing parking for residents. However, the proposal only displaces 2 vehicles which currently obstruct visibility. The extended yellow lines are intended to protect key access points including under the railway bridge.

In addition, it was noted that double yellow lines from a previous consultation have been removed from resurfacing, these lines will be replaced either at the same time or before the works within this consultation if agreed as recommended.

Recommendation: For road safety reasons, it is recommended to make the order as advertised.

6.4 London Colney:

- Chester Gibbon Green and High Street. 1 Representation received in support of the proposals overall. However, they commented that residents did not feel that lines were required on the southeast side of Chester Gibbon Green. After review, it was agreed to make this amendment.

Recommendation: Make order as advertised with amendment to the southeast side as detailed.

- Manor Road. Bowmans Green Primary School: 13 representations received. These were mainly objections on various grounds. However, the objections relate more to speed and traffic concerns or general objections about the need for restrictions. Some residents close to the Shenley Lane section commented that restrictions on Shenley Lane were not required. It has been agreed to remove this part of the proposal but with close monitoring.

The school and School governors support the proposals along with Hertfordshire County Council.

Recommendation: Remove the section of proposed double yellow lines at the junction of Shenley Lane, excluding the main part of the junction.

6.6 Park Street:

- Burydell Lane: 3 representations made in support of the scheme. However, it is clear that residents would like to also review the possibility of a residents parking scheme. This will be added to our continued work plan for a future review.
- Woodcutter Place: No comments

Recommendation for both locations above: Make order as advertised.

6.7 Redbourn, Sandridge & Wheathampstead:

- The Park: No comments received.
- Church Street and High Street: No comments received.

Recommendation: Make order as advertised.

6.8 Clarence Ward:

- Beaumont Avenue: 12 representations received. The comments received were mixed with support, objections, and requests for amendments. After liaising with the Ward Cllrs, it was agreed to make some amendments to reduce the proposals. This included reduction of double yellows outside the houses as you enter Beaumont Avenue and reduction at some of the junctions.

Detailed maps are attached to this report as Appendix B. These maps are the final proposals for implementation.

Recommendation: Make order as advertised with the amended map as detailed in appendix B.

- Roland Street: No comments received.

6.9 Marshalswick East & Jersey Farm, and Verulam Ward:

- Chiltern Road: No comments received.
- Midway and Watford Road: No comments received.
- Ernie Close, Mayne Avenue: No comments received.

Recommendation: Make order as advertised.

6.10 Conclusion: Make order with the recommended changes detailed in this report.

7. Hertfordshire County Council and Hertfordshire Constabulary.

7.1 No comments received

8. Ward and County Councillor Comments following the formal consultation and review of this report.

8.1 No comments in objection of the proposals or following the final (this) report.

9. Finance

9.1 The cost to implement the scheme is estimated as follows.

Materials or Service	Number required	Cost Per Unit	Total Cost
Lining	Various	£1,500.00	£ 1,000.00
Signs	21	£45.00	£ 945.00
Posts	9	£95.00	£ 855.00
Advertising	2	£306.90	£ 613.80
Printing / Postage	-	£200.00	£ 200.00
Officer Time	37.5 Hrs	£21.19	£ 794.63
		Total:	£ 4,408.49

9.2 **Note:** These costings are based on previous quotations and may be subject to new quotations being provided once a decision is made on the way forward. It is recommended that a contingency percentage of 20% is added to cover any new quotations or unforeseen Officer time or other costings that may be required. $£4,408.49 + 20\% £881.70 = £5,290.19$

10. Projected income of the scheme

- 10.1 This proposal is to improve road safety at junctions and key locations. There is no projected income.

11. Will there be Implications for St Albans Council?

Issue	Yes/No	Reference
Policy	No	Unchanged
Financial	Yes	See Paragraph 9 of this report.
Impact on the Community	Yes	See Appendix A
Legal and Property	Yes	The TRO/S need to be sealed by Legal
HR/Workforce	Yes	Minimal additional enforcement estimated at 1 hour per week
Risk Assessment	Yes	See Appendix A
Environmental Sustainability	No	See Appendix A

12. Further Information/Appendices

- Appendix A: Equality and Impact Assessment
- Appendix B: Final copies of the scheme maps
- Appendix C: Formal Consultation responses

13. Report Sign Off –

Portfolio Holder, Climate and Environment	Head of Community Services
Name:	Name:
Date:	Date:
Signature:	Signature:
<u>Cross out below as appropriate;</u>	<u>Cross out below as appropriate;</u>
<i>Agree to Make Traffic Regulation Order/s</i>	<i>Agree to Make Traffic Regulation Order/s</i>
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