

<b>Central and South Mid Sussex County Local Committee</b>	<b>Ref No: CSM01(18/19)</b>
<b>26 June 2018</b>	<b>Key Decision: No</b>
<b>Hassocks and Keymer Parking and Traffic Scheme</b>	<b>Part I</b>
<b>Report by Director of Highways and Transport</b>	<b>Electoral Division(s): Hassocks and Burgess Hill South</b>

## Summary

A scheme to improve the safety of traffic movement and parking in the villages of Hassocks and Keymer was approved by South Mid Sussex CLC to mitigate the following issues identified from consultation with the community:

- Obstruction caused by indiscriminate parking especially in areas without parking restrictions and to improve traffic flow.  
Proposed Measure: Parking restrictions introduced to keep sections clear of parked vehicles and maintain traffic flows, particularly for large vehicles.

These features and their proposed installation were advertised as part of the necessary Traffic Regulation Order process from 18 January 2018. In total 9 objections were received all of which were related to the parking restrictions. The speed limit change on Lodge Lane did not receive any objections and has already been implemented.

The scheme was planned for inclusion in the 2017/18 Programme; the contested Order currently prevents the implementation of the Parking regulation amendment. If the order is made as advertised, this will be implemented in the 2018/19 programme.

The following improvements were not subject to the traffic regulation order and have been implemented:

- Improve road user's visibility splays and reduce vehicle speeds at the Keymer Road junctions with Ockley Lane and Lodge Lane.  
Measure Implemented: Works to narrow the junction bell mouths, coloured imprint surfacing to highlight the junctions and improvements to the adjoining footpaths at Keymer Road junctions with Ockley Lane and Lodge Lane
- Improve crossing location and waiting area for pedestrians and particularly school children waiting to cross Woodsland Road.  
Measure Implemented: Footway widened on both sides of Woodsland Road
- Speeding traffic along Lodge Lane, particularly where the speeds limit changes from 30mph to national speed limit.  
Measure Implemented: A change of speed limit on Lodge Lane to 40mph.

## **Recommendation**

That the Central and South Mid Sussex County Local Committee, having considered the resulting benefits to the community outweigh the objections raised, authorises the Director of Law and Assurance to make the Order as advertised.

## **Proposal**

### **1 Background and Context**

- 1.1 Hassocks and Keymer are historic villages that sit underneath the South Downs escarpment and just a few miles north of the city of Brighton & Hove, on the south coast. It has direct links to the South Downs National Park and the South Downs area, with good multi modal links.
- 1.2 The main B2166 runs through both villages and as with the majority of the roads is presently subject to a 30 mph speed limit.
- 1.3 The lack of parking restrictions added to the good rail links from Hassocks railway station to onward routes between Brighton and London Gatwick, make the village an attractive parking area for commuters. This has a knock on effect on the local parking and currently there are no parking strategies in place to provide alternatives to this.
- 1.4 Following initial studies carried out by Hassocks Parish Council looking at the parking and traffic issues through the village, WSCC commissioned a feasibility study to prioritise the main issues. Following public consultation with the community a scheme was devised to address these issues, although it was noted at the outset that a lot of these would not be removed but most likely be moved on further afield.
- 1.5 Within Keymer village the issues were related to potential traffic speed, narrow footways and manoeuvres at junctions.

### **2 Proposal**

- 2.1 Introduce new parking bays limiting waiting to 2 hours, no return within 2 hours 8am to 6pm Mon-Sat on the following roads: Chancellors Park, Downs View Road, Grand Avenue, Stanford Avenue, Woodsland Road.
- 2.2 Introduce or amend the layout of single yellow lines prohibiting waiting 8am to 6pm Mon -Sat on lengths of the following roads: Friars Oak Road, Grand Avenue, Little Copse Road, North Court.
- 2.3 Introduce or amend the layout of double yellow lines prohibiting waiting at any time on lengths of the following roads: Little Copse Road, Pine Trees, Semley Road, Stanford Avenue, Wilmington Close, Woodsland Road.
- 2.4 These features, which are subject to the proposed Order, are shown on drawings:

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- c\_midsussex tq3015nes
- c\_midsussex tq3015nwn
- c\_midsussex tq3015nws
- c\_midsussex tq3015sen
- c\_midsussex tq3016sws

These plans are included in Appendix B.

- 2.5 This order was proposed for the purpose of facilitating the passage of traffic and avoiding danger to persons or traffic.

### **3 Resources**

- 3.1 The capital works will be undertaken by the County Council's term contractor under an agreed target price in order to achieve best value for money and £5,000 has been allocated for this.
- 3.2 Maintenance costs are expected to be minimal and will be absorbed through existing Highways Revenue Budgets
- 3.3 Value for money will be demonstrated through the proposal meeting the aspirations of the local community by aiding the reduction of vehicle speeds and unobstructed flow in the areas identified in Hassocks.

### **Factors taken into account**

#### **4 Consultation**

- 4.1 Formal consultation with respect to the traffic regulation order parking restrictions took place from 18 January 2018.
- 4.2 **Members** – The Local Member did not raise any objections.
- 4.3 **External** – Mid Sussex District Council and Sussex Police raised no objections.
- 4.4 **Public** – Altogether 9 representations stating objections were received from members of the public. These are detailed, with responses, in Appendix A.

#### **5 Risk Management Implications**

- 5.1 The risk to the County Council is limited should the proposed Traffic Regulation Order be made.
- 5.2 No adverse impacts to residents or road users have been identified by the proposed parking restrictions.

## **6 Other Options Considered**

6.1 No other options considered for the parking restrictions.

## **7 Equality Duty**

7.1 The Equality Act 2010 bans unfair treatment and seeks equal opportunities in the workplace and in wider society. It also imposes a Public Sector Equality Duty. The protected characteristics are age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, gender and sexual orientation.

7.2 The protected characteristics have been duly assessed in the course of this proposal's consideration. No relevant or disproportionate impact upon any of the protected characteristics in the Equality Act 2010 has been identified in the consideration of the proposals detailed in this report.

## **8 Social Value**

8.1 The proposed measures to improve the safety of traffic movement and parking will address some of the concerns with maintaining traffic flows caused by indiscriminate parking raised by residents of Hassocks and Keymer, giving a social benefit to those living there.

## **9 Crime and Disorder Act Implications**

9.1 The Council does not consider there to be any foreseeable Crime and Disorder Act implications associated with this proposal. Sussex Police have confirmed that they consider there are no issues in relation to the Act.

## **10 Human Rights Implications**

10.1 The Council does not consider there to be any foreseeable Human Rights implications associated with this proposal.

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**Appendices**

Appendix A – Consultation Response Summary

Appendix B – Plans of Advertised Proposals

**Background Papers**

None