

Report to Director of Highways Transport and Planning

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Crawley – The Ridings - Proposed Waiting Restrictions

Report by Head of Local Highway Operations

Electoral division(s): Maidenbower & Worth and Pound Hill

Summary

The proposal relates to a request from residents for parking restrictions in a residential area of Crawley.

The request consisted of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for parking restrictions near the junctions of The Ridings, Lytton Drive and Byerley Way. These involved a TRO application for double yellow lines to deter inconsiderate parking near The Shire shopping parade. There was also a request to reinforce the provisions of Section 243 of the Highway Code regarding parking opposite and near junctions, on a bend, across dropped kerbs and at or near to a bus stop.

The proposals was approved by the Crawley County Local Committee (CLC) on 17 November 2020 for delivery in 2021/22 TRO works programme. There has been some delay to progression of the TRO because of the COVID-19 virus restrictions during the first part of 2021.

Following the Statutory Public Consultation, between 29 September 2021 and 27 October 2021, three objections were received. The objections have been summarised, responded to and are included in [Appendix B](#) (PDF, 64KB) to this report.

Recommendation

That the Director of Highways Transport and Planning, having considered the objections to the proposals, authorises the Director of Law and Assurance to make the Traffic Regulation Order as advertised and for the restrictions to be implemented.

Proposal

1 Background and context

- 1.1 The request from residents consists of a TRO request for parking restrictions near the junctions of The Ridings, Lytton Drive & Byerley Way involving a TRO application for double yellow lines to deter inconsiderate parking near The Shire shopping parade and near a bus stop.

- 1.2 Double yellow line (DYL) protection will deter parking on junctions and on the bend section of the road will improve safety and visibility for all road users. This will help to prevent obstruction, improve forward visibility, allow traffic to travel freely and will reinforce Section 243 of the Highway Code.
- 1.3 On 17 November 2020, the Crawley CLC resolved to include within its list of priorities for Traffic Regulation Orders measures to address the problems identified on this road.

2 Proposal details

- 2.1 It is proposed to introduce DYL protection to deter parking on junctions and on the bend section of The Ridings, Lytton Drive and Byerley Way to improve safety and visibility for all road users. This will help to prevent obstruction, improve forward visibility, allow traffic to travel freely and will reinforce Section 243 of the Highway Code.
- 2.2 The restrictions advertised included lengths of road that were the subject of the proposed Order, as shown on plans [TQ 2937sen](#) (PDF, 1MB) and [TQ 2937ses](#) (PDF, 1MB). The original advertised plans are shown in Appendix A.

3 Other options considered (and reasons for not proposing)

- 3.1 The proposal relates to the introduction of new parking restrictions, requiring the introduction of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) as the only legal mechanism for delivering enforceable parking restrictions. Consequently, there are no other options currently that would deliver the desired outcome.

4 Consultation, engagement and advice

- 4.1 **Members** – At the design stage, the local members for Maidenbower & Worth and Pound Hill were consulted. The local members then approved the wider consultation and public advertisement.
- 4.2 **External** – Sussex Police, Crawley Borough Council, Metrobus and WSCC Parking Strategy team were consulted and raised no objection.
- 4.3 **Public** – The four-week formal consultation period for the traffic regulation orders to support the scheme ran between 29 September 2021 and 27 October 2021. This included Sussex Police, Crawley Borough Council, Metrobus and motoring organisations. During this consultation period, notices were erected on site, the advertisement placed in the local press and on the County Council's website. Due to social distancing requirements during the COVID-19 restrictions, paper copies of documents were not made available in council offices or libraries. People without access to a computer who wished to view of the scheme details were advised to telephone the County Council to receive the documents by post.
- 4.4 Following the Statutory Public Consultation, between 29 September 2021 and 27 October 2021, three objections were received. The objections have been summarised, responded to and are included in [Appendix B](#) (PDF, 64KB) to this report together with comments from the Director of Highways, Transport and Planning.
- 4.5 The general points raised by the objectors were:

- Lack of parking facilities for residents
- Concern about displacement of parking
- Funds should be rather spent on highways maintenance

4.6 The local County Councillors confirmed their continued support for the proposals on 23 December 2021.

5 Finance

- 5.1 The estimated cost for installation of this scheme is £500. This will be managed within the £50,000 capital funding for Traffic Regulation Orders in the Highways and Transport Delivery Programme 2021/22. Future maintenance will be met from the Highways Maintenance budget.
- 5.2 The proposal represents good value as it has been scored in accordance with the STEP scoring system.
- 5.3 The proposal will be processed within existing staff resources. Future maintenance costs are not expected for at least 10 years as and when the road markings signs need to be replaced.

6 Risk implications and mitigations

Risk	Mitigating Action (in place or planned)
Should the proposed TRO be made the risk to the County Council is that parked vehicles will create problems in other roads in the locality.	The Council will monitor the situation and propose further restrictions if necessary.
Should the proposed TRO not be made, the risk to the County Council is that the concerns raised by the local community and local member will not have been addressed.	To implement the parking restrictions as determined following public advertisement.

7 Policy alignment and compliance

- 7.1 Waiting prohibitions are subject to civil enforcement; it is not considered that the modest increase in their extent proposed will introduce any significant legal implications for the County Council.
- 7.2 It is considered that the proposal does not raise issues under the Crime and Disorder Act. Sussex Police has been consulted and raised no concerns in this respect.
- 7.3 Anyone who holds a disabled persons' Blue Badge would be able to park on the proposed yellow lines for up to three hours, if they do not cause an obstruction to other road users. It is considered that any remaining effect of this proposal

on those with protected characteristics under the Disabilities or Equality Acts is minor in nature and is justified by the need to preserve safety and access in the area through which the affected roads run, particularly in the event of an emergency.

- 7.4 There are no human rights, climate change or public health implications associated with this proposal.
- 7.5 There is social value to this scheme, which complies with the Council's policy of providing a Strong, Safe and Sustainable Place, as it seeks to address an issue that has safety implications and improving access requirements for all residents of the affected roads.

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Appendices

Appendix A – Plan showing the existing and advertised restrictions ([TQ 2937sen](#) (PDF, 1MB) and [TQ 2937ses](#) (PDF, 1MB))

[Appendix B – Summary of comments and objections](#) (PDF, 64KB)

Background papers

None