

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING OF CABINET MEMBER – HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

12 September 2019

Report of the Executive Director – Economy, Transport and Environment

PETITION - WELLINGTON STREET, BENNETT STREET AND WELBECK ROAD, LONG EATON – REQUEST FOR PARKING RESTRICTIONS

(1) **Purpose of Report** To consider a petition received from the Head Teacher of Longmoor Primary School requesting new double yellow lines and for the operating times of the School Keep Clear Zig Zag markings to be extended.

(2) **Information and Analysis** At the meeting on 31 January 2019, the Cabinet Member acknowledged receipt of a petition (Minute No. 01/19 refers), containing 150 signatures, requesting Derbyshire County Council consider implementing new and changing existing parking restrictions:

“Longmoor School has a major issue with parent parking during drop off and pick up times.

Drivers consistently parking on the corners of Wellington Street, Bennett Street and the sweeping corners leading onto Welbeck Road. This drastically reduces visibility for both motor vehicles and pedestrians.

We have attempted to resolve this issue using voluntary approaches, we now believe our only option is to now request that the council add double yellow lines around the worst affected corners to legally prevent parking.

Request double yellow lines on the corners of Wellington Street, Bennett Street and Welbeck Road and also to extend existing parking restrictions to 8.00 – 17.00”

Background

It has to be accepted that, for various reasons, many parents now choose to transport their children to and from school by private car. The reliance on this mode of transport can lead to issues with parking at arrival and dispersal times, and is of a common occurrence outside many schools in the County.

Parking outside schools is inevitable to some degree, even with the resources that the County Council puts into its Road Safety Education programme with schools, the development of School Travel Plans and other road safety initiatives to discourage the use of the motor vehicles for school journeys. There are no simple solutions to this reoccurring situation and, therefore, parents and carers have an active responsibility to park in what they deem to be an appropriate and safe location.

In light of the various constraints, a pragmatic approach is now taken when considering prohibitive parking restrictions close to schools where it is far from ideal for vehicles to park in the hope that the measures are self-explanatory and without a need for a continual enforcement presence at the site. For example, at road junctions and where children cross into and out of the schools main entrance/s.

Local Member Comments

Councillor Garry Hickton comments: *"I fully support the residents in this petition."*

Officer Comments

In 2012, a Traffic Regulation Order was implemented to make it illegal for vehicles to stop on the School Zig Zag markings at the start and end of the school day. These operate Monday to Friday, 8am – 9am and 3pm – 4pm. Any one disregarding the controls is committing an offence and can be issued with a Penalty Charge Notice, should a Civil Enforcement Officer be present. The markings extend across the school accesses and are entirely consistent with the relevant legislative guidance.

It is appreciated that the school wishes to see the restriction times extended to cover the entire school day, to cover for school clubs and children attending pre-school morning and afternoon sessions, but the numbers of children arriving or leaving outside of the start and end of the school day are much lower and there is no congestion at these times. The timings of the restrictions currently in place are more likely to be respected by people who live close to the school, as they would have the opportunity, outside of the school arrival and dispersal times, to park when the concerns to the safety are reduced due to the activity on the street being less.

In light of the above, the County Council does not recommend any changes to the times of operation on the School Keep Clear Zig Zag markings on Newstead Road.

With regard to the request for double yellow lines on Wellington Street, Bennett Street, Welbeck Road and Newstead Road, Rule 243 of the Highway Code advises *"do not stop or park opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction."* Coupled with the fact that there are a number of pedestrian crossing

points at these locations, which are designed to encourage pedestrian movement, the County Council proposes to install some short lengths of double yellow lines to keep the junctions and crossing points clear of parked vehicles. Please see the proposals on the plan shown in (Appendix 1).

Based on the assessment provided, it is felt that it would be appropriate to consider a proposal for the introduction of double yellow lines in the locations identified in Appendix 1. The proposals will be ranked and placed on the ranking list for future Traffic Regulation Orders to be pursued. They will likely be consulted upon when further proposals are being promoted within the Long Eaton area.

(3) **Financial Considerations** The cost of the proposed Traffic Regulation Order for the double yellow lines will be funded from the Highways Revenue budget for 2019-20.

(4) **Legal Considerations** Section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 states that it shall be the duty of every Local Authority exercising the functions in that Act (so far as practicable having regard to the matters listed below) 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.

The matters referred to above are:

1. the desirability of securing and maintaining reasonable access to premises;
2. the effect on the amenities of any locality affected and (without prejudice to the generality of this paragraph) the importance of regulating and restricting the use of roads by heavy commercial vehicles, so as to preserve or improve the amenities of the area through which the roads run; 2ii) the national air quality strategy prepared under Section 80 of the Environment Act 1995;
3. the importance of facilitating the passage of public services vehicles and of securing the safety and convenience of persons using or desiring to use such vehicles; and
4. any other matters appearing to the Local Authority to be relevant.

Other Considerations

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: prevention of crime and disorder, equality and diversity, human resources, environmental, health, property, social value and transport considerations.

(5) **Key Decision** No.

- (6) **Call-In** Is it required that call-in be waived in respect of the decisions proposed in the report? No.
- (7) **Background Papers** Held on file within the Economy, Transport and Environment Department
- (8) **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATIONS** That the Cabinet Member:
- 8.1 Refuses the extension of operating times on the School Keep Clear Zig Zag Markings for Newstead Road, Long Eaton.
- 8.2 Supports the proposal for the future introduction of the No Waiting at Any Time (double yellow lines) on Bennett Street, Wellington Street, Newstead Road and Welbeck Road, Long Eaton.
- 8.3 That the Local Member and Lead Petitioner be informed of the outcome.

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Location Plan

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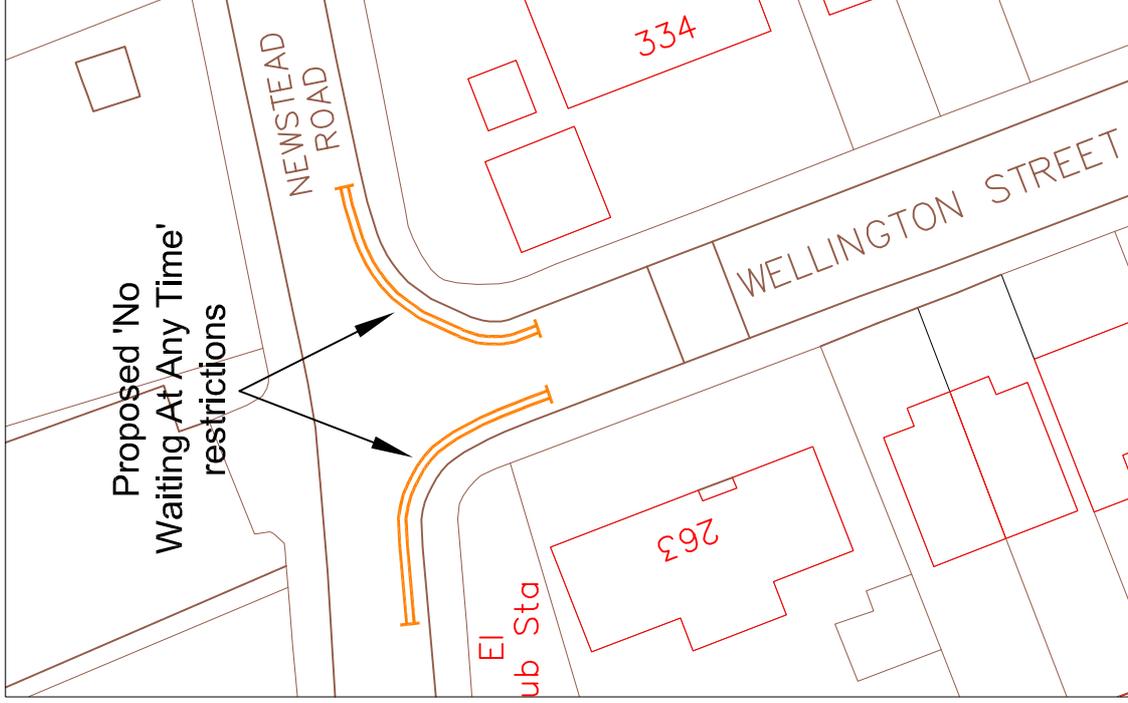
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Proposed 'No Waiting At Any Time' restrictions (Double yellow lines)

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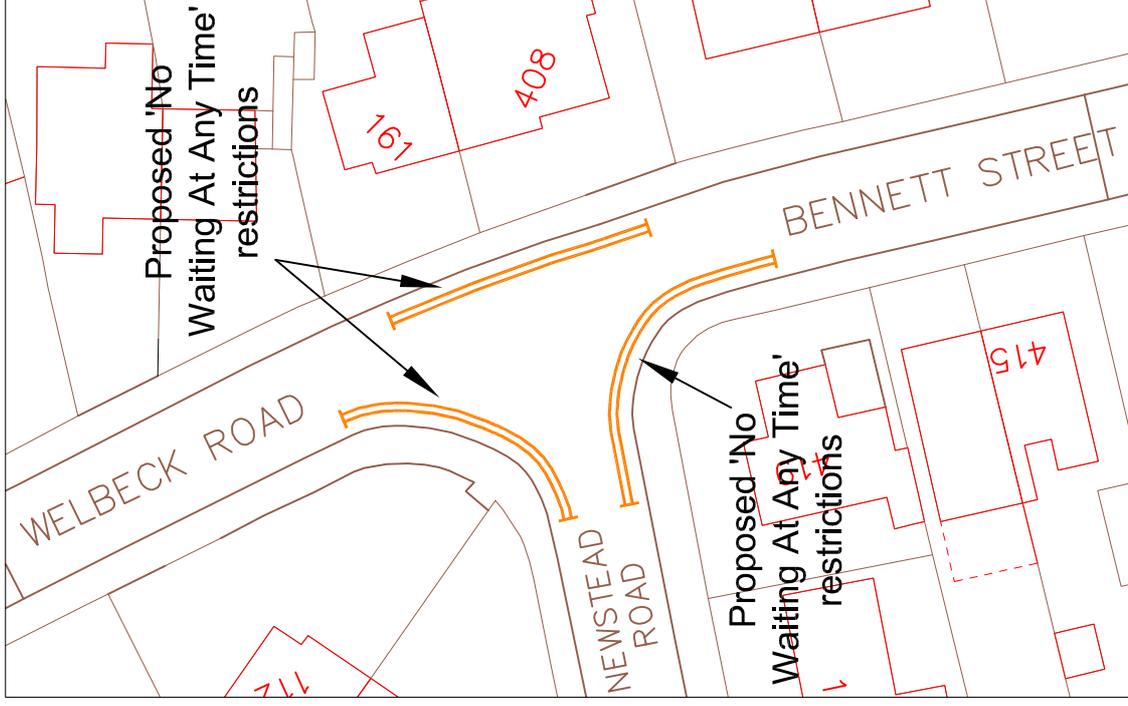
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General Layout Location 2

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AMENDMENT DETAILS

PROJECT TITLE	Welbeck Rd, Bennett St, Newstead Rd & Wellington St, Long Eaton		
DRAWING TITLE	Proposed 'No Waiting At Any Time' restrictions		
Location Plan/General Layout			

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