

Annex T Strensall Ward

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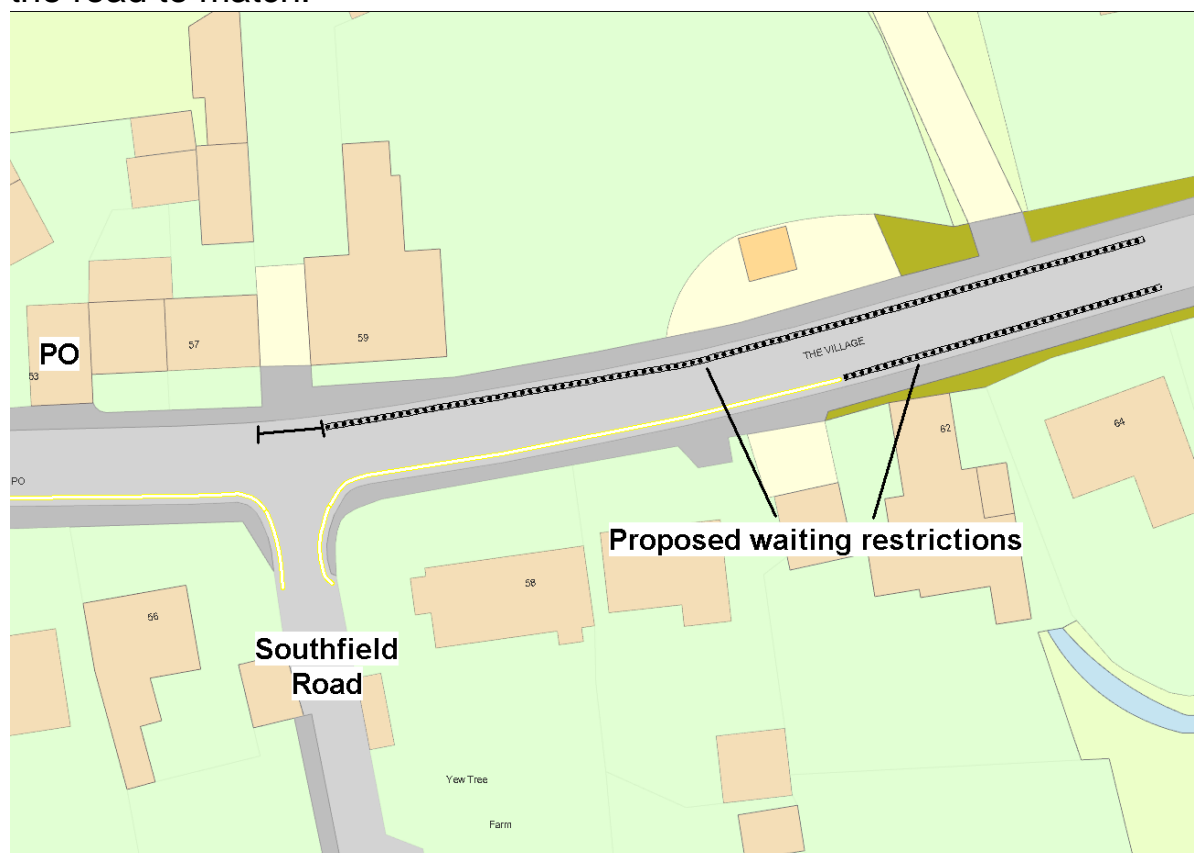
The Village, Strensall

Reason for change

Inconsiderate parking causing access problems on a narrow part of The Village in Strensall.

Initial Recommendation

Extend the “no waiting at any time” restrictions (double yellow lines) to the eastern property boundary of number 64 The Village. Introduce “no waiting at any time” restrictions (double yellow lines) on the other side of the road to match.



Objection

Four objections to the proposal were received. The points raised in the objections are summarised below, some of the objections raised more than one point and some points were raised more than once. The number of objections raising each point is shown.

Objection

Comment

Removes useful parking which is not causing a problem

Some parking will be removed to facilitate use of the road but this is minimised.

Will simply move problem elsewhere/displaced vehicles will

It may displace some vehicles, but this is minimised.

cause problems elsewhere (2)	
Parked vehicles currently slow traffic down	This can happen but the road is relatively narrow and curved so is unlikely to have a speed problem.
Reducing parking will adversely affect shops in the village including the post office	The restriction proposed is a little bit away from the post office and there seems to be more demand for shoppers' parking further back towards the centre of the village (to the west).
Will affect the ability of the mobility impaired to visit the post office	The restriction proposed is a little bit away from the post office and blue badge holders can park on the restriction for up to 3 hours.

Recommendation

Not to implement the restrictions on the south side of The Village and shorten the restrictions on the north side (from 72m to 30m)



Comments from Ward Councillors

Cllr Wiseman:

I have no comments. The Traffic Regulation Order suggested seems to fulfil the objectives.

Political Party Comments

Cllr Reid:

I have no objection to the revised proposal.

Comment from Parish Councillor:

[The Parish Council was sent a letter about the proposals when they were advertised. A representative of the Parish Council was also contacted in connexion with the objections we received after the consultation period. Their reply was quite lengthy and detailed, an edited version is given here, the full version is available on request.]

The Parish Council have to take account of the views of all residents including those who might not have seen the proposals and those who have written to us in the past regarding congestion in the Village. It also is an extrapolation from a Village Traffic Study which particularly looked at reducing congestion within the Village by the shops.

This proposal was worked up by the Parish Council and reviewed and agreed with your colleagues, on the 10th October 2012, because of the road alignment (both horizontal and vertical) which means that traffic going towards the shops cannot see what is approaching which then causes conflicts with vehicles coming the other way. The road is simply not wide enough to accommodate two cars to pass and this is compounded when wider vehicles such as buses arrive. There are instances of vehicles mounting the pavement to implement passing manoeuvres causing a risk to pedestrians and infrastructure damage particularly at the junction with Southfields Road. This is a point not noted by the objectors. It was also observed by your colleagues on the site visit. You will recall that the bus service to Strensall is quite frequent (15 mins) meaning the possibility of a bus meeting a car or two buses approaching is quite common.

In summary, the Parish Council would wish the scheme to go ahead as planned and as agreed at the site visit of 10th October 2012. Whilst there is some sympathy for the objections, they do not represent a significant number of people in the village, will never include people who approve of the scheme, based on the way consultation works, and do not consider the larger strategic issue of village congestion and potential safety concerns over vehicles having to mount pavements.