

**Decision Session –
Executive Member for Transport**

14 February 2022

Report of the Director of Transport, Environment and Planning

Consideration of results from the consultation with residents of Mount Vale Drive, Mount Vale Gardens and Towton Avenue

Summary

1. To report the consultation results in response to the proposed 'No Waiting' at any time restrictions for Mount Vale Drive, Mount Vale Gardens and Towton Avenue and to determine what action is appropriate.

Recommendation

2. It is recommended that approval be given to implement as proposed a 'No Waiting' at any time restrictions for Mount Vale Drive, Mount Vale Gardens and Towton Avenue.

Reason: To introduce required restrictions to ensure that waste services vehicles can continue to access Mount Vale Gardens and Towton Avenue safely to undertake their statutory duties. This will also help reduce the risk of damage to the kerb line from vehicle over run.

Background

3. We received a request from the developers of Mount Vale Gardens for additional restrictions to help aid vehicle access, due to concerns about waste services vehicles and other large vehicles having to overrun the kerb to access the area. The Council discussed the issue with the developers and proposed an extension to the 'No Waiting at any time restrictions in the area.
4. We hand delivered consultation information on 26th November 2021 (Annex A) to provide residents with information on the proposal and offer them the opportunity to provide representation on the proposal.

5. **Resident Comments – comments received from 1 residents**

One objection (Annex B) was received to the proposal, as it was felt that the proposed restrictions on the west side of Mount Vale Drive were too excessive and should be reduced. The reasons given was that they were not aware of any vehicles parking in the area near the junction since they had lived at the property. The objector was also concerned that the introduction of 'No Waiting at any time' restrictions would provide a clear run for vehicles and encourage vehicles speeds in excess of 20mph. The Resident also stated that it would be nice to park right outside his own property, although appreciates they have no right to do so.

Officer Comments

The reduction of 'No Waiting at any time' restrictions on the west side of Mount Vale Drive will potential create an issue for vehicles travelling along Mount Vale Drive. The road is only 4.8metres wide, so therefore it would not allow for two vehicles to park on either side and leave width for vehicles to pass. During the construction phase of the development the road has had Temporary measures in place to help facilitate construction traffic to the site this has not lead to any reports of increased vehicle speeds along Mount Vale Drive.

6. **Option 1:** Implement the restrictions as proposed (Recommended Option).

This is the recommended option because it allows for the introduction of the required restrictions to ensure that waste services vehicles can continue to access Mount Vale Gardens and Towton Avenue safely to service the associated properties.

7. **Option 2:** Implement a lesser restriction to reduce the proposed 'No Waiting' at any time restrictions by 35 metre on the west side of Mount Vale Gardens.

This is not the recommended option as it would allow parking on both sides of the road and may lead to obstructive parking and reduce the waste services department from undertaking their required services.

8. **Option 3:** No Further Action

This is not the recommended option because this will not protect the access to the new junction and potentially lead to a long term maintenance issue for highways team.

Consultation

9. The consultation documentation is reproduced within this report as Annex A.

Council Plan

10. The Council Plan has Eight Key Outcomes:
 - Well-paid jobs and an inclusive economy
 - A greener and cleaner city
 - Getting around sustainably
 - Good health and wellbeing
 - Safe communities and culture for all
 - Creating homes and world-class infrastructure
 - A better start for children and young people
 - An open and effective council

The recommended proposal contributes to the Council being open and effective as it responds to the request of the residents to solve the problems they are experiencing.

Implications

11. This report has the following implications:

Financial – The cost of implementation will be covered by the developers.

Human Resources – If implemented, enforcement will fall to the Civil Enforcement Officers necessitating an extra area onto their workload.

Equalities – None identified within the consultation process.

Legal – The proposals require amendments to the York Parking, Stopping and Waiting Traffic Regulation Order 2014: Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 & the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (procedure) (England & Wales) Regulations 1996 apply

Crime and Disorder – None

Information Technology – None

Land – None

Other – None

Risk Management - There is an acceptable level of risk associated with the recommended option.

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Annexes:

Annex A: Consultation documentation

Annex B: Objection