

**Decision Session - Executive Member for  
Transport and Planning**

**12 April 2018**

Report of the Corporate Director of Economy and Place

**Turner Close & Huntington Road: Proposed Amendment to the Traffic  
Regulation Order**

**1. Summary**

Requesting permission to advertise waiting restrictions on the recently adopted development of Turner Close, with additional restrictions on Huntington Road.

**Recommendation (Option One)**

2. Advertise a proposal to amend the York Parking, Stopping and Waiting Traffic Regulation Order to:
- I. Introduce waiting restrictions on Turner Close as outlined in Annex A
  - II. Introduce waiting restrictions on Huntington Road to remove parked vehicles as outlined in Annex A

Introduce Give Way markings at the access points highlighted in Annex A

Reason: To remove obstructive parking and improve sight lines for residents of Turner Close, the customers of the vets and Spar/Post Office and improve access for the ambulance service.

**Background**

3. Turner Close consists of 32 properties, vets, Spar/Post Office and an emergency Ambulance Station. The area was developed by Linden Homes and the highway was adopted by City of York Council in August 2017

4. The planning process, 11/03269/FULM, negotiated a section 106 agreement with the developer which included a £2k contribution for an amendment to the Traffic Regulation Order for restrictions in the area as required due to the impact of the development.
5. We have started to receive complaints from residents of Turner Close about inconsiderate parking obstructing the footpaths and sight lines. In addition, the sight visibility splay for customers leaving the Spar car park are compromised considerably by parked vehicles because of the contours of the road.

Residents report that the issues have worsened over time and are now at a level where they are requesting intervention.

6. The NHS ambulance service have requested we address the following issues to ensure safe access/egress at all times:
  - we have had a number of near miss incidents with people just driving out of the cul-de-sac's but more often just driving out of the Spar car-park without looking so maybe a stop line or give way would help at all junctions
  - We also have issues with people parking on Huntington Rd prior the hatched area especially in rush hour periods where we are negotiating very heavy traffic and often turning into on-coming vehicles

## **Analysis**

7. This is a mixed use street and most residential properties will require some nearby on-street parking amenity for visitors. Consequently, we have left two areas for on-street parking on the western side of the carriageway. These areas are sufficient for 6-7 vehicles to park. This will ensure sight visibility splays are maintained and keep the eastern footway unobstructed; most pedestrian use is on the eastern side.
8. The proposed area on Huntington Road is at a section of carriageway where it narrows. Parked vehicles are creating a situation where to pass them vehicles are encroaching onto the other side of carriageway. We have previously received requests for action at this location from residents but have resisted as the parked cars can act as a natural traffic calming measure. The additional request by the ambulance service indicates the benefits of removing the parked vehicles now outweighs any speed reduction benefits they may have been provided.

9. Vehicles have been observed parking fully on the footway in order to keep the carriageway clear; this creates obstruction issues for pedestrians especially those using a wheelchair or pushchair.

### **Consultation**

10. We have approached the ambulance service for their comments, but no wider consultation has been undertaken.
11. The proposal to amend the Traffic Regulation Order will be advertised in The Press, notices placed on street and details delivered to all adjacent residents and businesses affected. Any interested party can make a representation of objection or support to the proposal.

### **Options**

12. **Option One:**

Advertise a proposal to amend the York Parking, Stopping and Waiting Traffic Regulation Order to:

- I. Introduce waiting restrictions on Turner Close as outlined in Annex A
- II. Introduce waiting restrictions on Huntington Road to remove parked vehicles as outlined in Annex A

And introduce Give Way markings at the access points highlighted in Annex A

Reason: To remove obstructive parking and improve sight lines for residents of Turner Close, the customers of the vets and Spar/Post Office and provide safer access for the ambulance service.

13. **Option Two:**

To take no further action on this matter at this time.

This is not the recommended option because the safety issues for the ambulance service and residents would remain unchecked.

### **Council Plan**

14. The above proposal contributes to the City Council's Council Plan:
  - A focus on frontline services – to ensure all residents,

particularly the least advantaged, can access reliable services and community facilities

- A council that works in partnership with local communities

## **Implications**

15. This report has the following implications:

**Financial** – Funding is being provided through a section 106 agreement

**Human Resources** – None

**Equalities** – None identified at this time. The consultation process and representations received will enable us to identify if there are any concerns we should be aware of under this section.

**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

**Property** – None

**Other** – None

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

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**Wards Affected: Heworth**

**All**

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**Annex:** Annex A, Plan of the proposed waiting restrictions