

Decision making
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Officer in Consultation

Date 13 Feb 2014

Heworth Ward – Huntington Road**Decision Requested**

Approval is requested to advertise an amendment to the Traffic Regulation Order to prevent parking on the footway adjacent to the zebra crossing at 197 – 215 Huntington Road.

In addition we propose a timed parking restriction (30 minutes) in the lay-by outside the post office/Spar at 191 - 195 Huntington Road. A plan of the proposal is attached as Annex A.

**Reason**

To prevent the continual parking on the paved verge at this location and prevent displaced residential vehicles parking for long periods in the lay-by area which would prevent short time parking by customers at the post office/convenience store.

Background Information

It should be noted that the City of York Council have not introduced this type of order at a pedestrian crossing previously and this request, if implemented, may set a precedent and lead to similar requests for action in other residential areas.

Concerns have been raised regarding parking on the paved verge adjacent to the zig-zag road markings at the zebra crossing close to the Post Office and Spar shopping outlet on Huntington Road. The zig-zag markings only cover the carriageway for enforcement purposes and no action can be taken by our



Civil Enforcement Team regarding vehicles parking on the metalled verge adjacent to them. When vehicles are parked at this location it severely limits the ability of motorists and other road users to see waiting pedestrians and the pedestrian's view of approaching traffic. Department for Transport current guidelines specify pedestrians must be able to see

and be seen.

We believe the parking taking place is resident related. There are 6 properties adjacent to the zebra which do not have any off street parking amenity. If an order is placed to prevent parking on the paved verge then vehicles will displace to outside other residents properties or to the lay-by adjacent to the Spar and post office. Consequently, we are proposing a limited parking period (30 mins) for the lay-by to enable short term parking to remain for customer parking. Because this local amenity is open from 6am and does not close until 11pm, we are proposing the restriction on a 24 hour, 7 day a week basis.

We would be unable to provide any alternative parking for residents who use this area for parking at the current time.

Consultation Process

There is a legal requirement to advertise the proposals for a period of 21 days to allow interested parties to make comment or object to the proposals. In addition to the formal advertising we letter drop the affected frontages to ensure those most likely to be affected are aware of the possible changes.

Statutory Powers

Road Traffic Regulation Act Sections 1,2,3, 32, 35 and 37

Ward Members and Political Party Views

See Annex B

Financial Programme Implications

The cost of implementing these proposals, if approved, can be funded from the existing budgets.

Options

The options available are:

- A. Advertise a proposal to prohibit waiting on the verge/footway for the full length of the zig-zag carriageway marking with limited parking for the lay-by area.
- B. Advertise a proposal to prohibit waiting on the verge/footway only
- C. Take no further action

Level of Risk

1-3 Acceptable	✓	16-20 Action Plan	
4-8 Regular Monitoring		21-25 Registered as a corporate risk	
9-15 Constant Monitoring			

Internal Consultation

The additional lengths of restriction will have to be included in the rounds made by the parking attendants, but this will not require additional staff. There are no legal, financial, sustainability, equalities, property, crime and disorder or other implications.

Implementation Status

Proposal advertised	April 2014
Work in progress	May 2014
Process finalised	June/July depending on whether objections are received.

Recommendations

- Option A, proceed to advertisement.

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Report
Approved



Date

Date

07/02/2014

Wards Affected: Heworth

All

For further information please contact the author of the report

Ward Members and Political Party Comments

Ward Councillors Comments

Councillor R Potter –

I think it would be best to go for option A. This is a very difficult crossing and lots of cars park for the Spar shop, blocking the bus and making it difficult for pedestrians to use the crossing.

*Best wishes,
Ruth Potter*

Councillor B Boyce – No comments received

Councillor C Funnell - No comments received

Political Party Comments

Councillor D Merrett – No comments received

Councillor A D'Agorne – No comments received -

Councillor C Steward – No comments received

Councillor A Reid

We have no objection to the recommendations.

Ann Reid

Lib Dem spokesperson