PORTFOLIO HOLDER ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT

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REPORT OF	Councillor Stewart Swinburn, Portfolio Holder Environment & Transport.
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	Paul Evans – Assistant Director - Infrastructure
SUBJECT	Traffic Regulation Order 23-34: Scartho Road Area - No Waiting at Any Time
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CONTRIBUTION TO OUR AIMS

The introduction of 24-hour Prohibition of Waiting (double yellow lines) at a number of locations in the vicinity of the Diana Princess of Wales Hospital, will contribute to the health and wellbeing of all road users, business owners and visitors to the area by creating, and maintaining, a safer highway environment.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In order to address road safety concerns, it is proposed to introduce new or extended 24-hour Prohibition of Waiting restrictions at a number of identified junctions in the on streets close to the Diana Princess of Wales Hospital.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

- a) Approval be granted to the making of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to introduce 24-hour Prohibition of Waiting (double yellow line) restrictions, the extent of which is detailed in Appendix 1.
- b) In the event there are unresolved material objections to the Order, these are referred back to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport for determination and a decision as to whether or not the Order be confirmed and executed.

REASONS FOR DECISION

The introduction or extension of existing of 24-hour Prohibition of Waiting restrictions is proposed to improve road safety for all road users, by keeping the area free of parked vehicles, which will in turn ensure clear visibility for drivers and cyclists exiting or egressing the junctions identified. The restrictions will also reduce risk for pedestrains when crossing roads in this area.

1. BACKGROUND AND ISSUES

1.1 The Council have been asked to introduce parking restrictions on various

streets off Scartho Road. Locations have been identified following comments and correspondence received from residents and Ward Councillors relating to road safety concerns associated with car parking by staff and visitors to the nearby hospital. Some parking practices are affecting safe access and egress by reducing visibility at junctions thereby increasing the likelihood of collisions and putting other road users at risk.

- 1.2 In addition, access issues caused by parked vehicles have been reported by the Council's Waste Operation Teams resulting in missed refuse collections.
- 1.3 It is proposed to introduce new 24-hour Prohibition of Waiting restrictions at a number of junctions and on certain streets, the extent and location of which are detailed in the drawings HD-00-23-T101 and HD-00-23-T102 at Appendix 1. These restrictions seek to address identified road safety risks and operational issues, rather than the inconvenience of parking at this time. Further restrictions may be considered in the future as and when they are deemed necessary.

2. RISKS AND OPPORTUNITIES

- 2.1 Should these proposals not be implemented, the risks are:
 - That visibility for all road users, particularly those who are vulnerable may be impaired as a result of parked vehicles increasing the likelihood of collisions and injuries.
 - Access will continue to be obstructed for waste operation vehicles on scheduled waste collection days.
 - Environmental and Public Health considerations associated with delayed / missed waste collection may increase.
 - Repeat visits from the refuse department results in additional expense to the Council and can detract available resources from where they may be needed elsewhere in the borough.
- 2.2 Should this proposal be adopted, the opportunities are:
 - To implement restrictions that are of adequate length and duration to ensure they are respected by drivers.
 - To prevent parking and improve visibility.
 - To provide traffic flow benefits.
 - To give improved visibility for pedestrians of approaching vehicles and vice versa.
 - By introducing mandatory restrictions which are fully backed by a legal TRO will enable the NELC Civil Enforcement Team to enforce any vehicles parked in contravention, under the Council's Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE) powers.
 - The access issues for refuse vehicles will be resolved resulting in a more efficient service and continuity for residents.

3. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

3.1 Do nothing. This is not recommended given the road safety and waste operation

issues identified above.

4. REPUTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATIONS

- 4.1 It is expected there will be little potential for negative reputational implications for the Council resulting from the decision. There will be a slight reduction in the length of on street parking available, however, there is availability of unrestricted carriageway at all locations that can safely accommodate parking for 24 hours a day.
- 4.2 If approval is given to this proposal, the Order will be formally advertised in accordance with the statutory Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996. Public notices will be published in the local press to advise of the Council's intention to make the Order. This provides a formal opportunity for anyone to object to the making of the order.

5. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

5.1 The recommendation does not require any capital expenditure. Any standard lining, signing and public notices required are covered through the Council's Regeneration Partnership arrangement with Equans.

6. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IMPLICATIONS

6.1 The proposals will create a safer environment for all road users, including children and young people who are classed as vulnerable in terms of pedestrian usage.

7. CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The proposals are not expected to have any significant impact on climate change and / or the environment.
- 7.2 Implementation of the measures will reduce the risk of missed waste collections, thereby helping to mitigate against environmental factors associated with the leaving of refuse in the public highway for extended periods of time.

8. CONSULTATION WITH SCRUTINY

8.1 There has been no consultation with Scrutiny in relation to this matter.

9. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

9.1 As indicated in section 5, there are no direct financial implications to the Council as a result of this report.

10. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

10.1 Under Section 1 Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 traffic authorities are empowered to make Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) for (inter alia) the reasons set out at the beginning of this report. Section 2 specifies what TROs may require and the recommended order is within those powers.

- 10.2 The procedure for making TROs is set out in Schedule 9 Part III of the 1984 Act and the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 and provides for advertisement and consideration of any objections before making a final decision on the proposed TRO.
- 10.3 Regulation 8 makes provision for objections and regulation 14 allows the Council to modify a TRO before it is made.
- 10.4 If it is decided to make the TRO, notwithstanding any objections made, it can only be challenged by Judicial Review in the Administrative Court.

11. HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

11.1 There are no direct HR implications.

12. WARD IMPLICATIONS

12.1 The proposals relate to issues within Park Ward.

13. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016 No 362

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Appendix One



