

Bolton Council

Report to: Executive Cabinet Member
Environmental Services

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Report of: Director of Place

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Report Title: **Leicester Avenue/Catherine's Close – Proposed Traffic Order (Traffic Order 303852)-Objection Report**

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Recommendations: Having considered the objections and the views of Ward Members, the Director of Place recommends the Executive Cabinet Member Environmental Services to agree the introduction of the proposed restrictions that were advertised in October/November 2016.

Decision:

Background Doc(s): Copy letters/e-mails of objection held on file in the Highways and Engineering Development Services Section.

Signed:

Leader / Executive Member

Monitoring Officer

Date:

Summary:

The Director of Place agreed in principle the promotion of waiting restrictions on Leicester Avenue and Catherine's Close, Horwich & Blackrod Ward which was a requirement as part of the planning permission for development at that location.

The proposal was advertised in October/November 2016 and 5 representations of objection were received. This report sets out the reasons given for the representations and gives a response to them.

Having considered the objections and the views of Ward Members, the Director of Place recommends the Executive Cabinet Member Environmental Services to agree the introduction of the proposed restrictions as advertised in October/November 2016.

Background information

1. It was a recommendation during the consultation on planning application 95486/15 (Erection of 22 residential properties, land served from Leicester Avenue) that a full review of the traffic regulation orders surrounding the site shall be undertaken. Any promotions/revocations required to facilitate safe use of the development should be funded at the applicant's expense.
2. The justification for the promotion of the proposed restrictions was to prevent parked vehicles blocking access onto Leicester Avenue and also to improve visibility onto the highway at that location, and also to keep the turning head within the site clear for the access/egress and manoeuvrability for refuse collection

The proposal was advertised in October/November 2016 and 5 objection representations were received from the following:-

- 4 No from Leicester Avenue residents.
- 1 No with no address indicated.

Objection/Representation

3. All representations have raised comment that the proposed restrictions will impact on the limited on-street parking that is available for residents at that location. The properties on Leicester Avenue are terraced/semi-detached properties with limited off-road parking provision to support. The representations have stated that the proposed restrictions could potentially force affected residents to park further down the street causing amenity issues, friction with other residents and potentially affect property values at that location.

Observations

4. The paragraph indicated below was included as part of the highways consultation on the planning application for the site: -

"The visibility requirement onto Leicester Avenue does fall slightly below the standards indicated in national guidance (Manual for Streets). The nature of Leicester Avenue in terms of vehicle flows/parking, the potential traffic generation from the site and the lack of any road traffic accidents at that location makes the laxation in the standards justifiable. The promotion of parking restrictions at the junction will also help alleviate this issue".

The above observation led to the implementation of Condition 7 on the planning consent for the applicant to fund the promotion of waiting restrictions at the site access onto Leicester Avenue to facilitate safe access/egress from the development. This recommendation was available for public scrutiny on the Council Planning Portal. A number of online comments received during the planning consultation did raise concerns about potential road safety issues associated with vehicular movement from the development onto Leicester Avenue. The promotion of the proposed restrictions indicated will help to alleviate these accessibility concerns.

5. Clause 243 of the Highway Code makes a recommendation that vehicles should not be parked opposite or within 10 metres of a junction on the highway in order to reduce potential road safety implications associated with visibility for egressing vehicles, and also

to reduce potential obstruction issues to vehicular movement on the highway. This recommendation is un-enforceable unless waiting restrictions are implemented.

6. Although the proposed restrictions will have an impact on the current on-street parking situation at that location, the proposed restrictions comply with recommendations indicated in national guidance and fulfil the requirements indicated in the planning permission for the safe accessibility to the development. The Highways Authority's duty is to help reduce potential obstruction/road safety issues on the highway and not the provision of on-street parking for residential properties.

Consultation

7. Representatives of the Chief Constable, County Fire and Rescue Service, Greater Manchester Ambulance Service and the Director General of the Passenger Transport Executive have been consulted and have raised no additional comments or observations.
8. Parking Services have been consulted on this report and have raised no additional comments or observations.

Views of Ward Members

9. The views of Ward Members have been requested on this report and have raised no additional comments or observations.

Recommendation

10. Having considered the objections and the views of Ward Members, the Director of Place recommends the Executive Cabinet Member Environmental Services to agree the introduction of the proposed restrictions as advertised in October/November 2016.

Financial implications and implementation

11. The estimated cost of traffic order was £3015 plus VAT along with an additional £800 plus VAT for the physical lining works. This has been funded by the developer.

Draft Traffic Order Schedule

Promotion of No Waiting at Any Time Restrictions

Leicester Avenue (north-east side)	From the intersestion of the extended north-westerly kerbline of Catherine's Close for a distance of 10 metres in a north-westerly direction.
Leicester Avenue (north-east side)	From the intersestion of the extended south-easterly kerbline of Catherine's Close for a distance of 10 metres in a south-easterly direction.

Catherine's Close (both sides)

From the intersection of the extended north-easterly kerbline of Leicester Avenue for a distance of 10 metres in north-easterly direction.

Catherine's Close (both sides)

From a point approximately 104 metres from the intersection of the extended north-easterly kerbline of Leicester Avenue to the cul-de-sac end. To include the turning head.