

REPORT: Executive Board
DATE: 10 March 2016
REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director, Community & Resources
PORTFOLIO Transportation
SUBJECT: Objections to Proposed Waiting Restrictions, Hale Village
WARDS: Hale

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To report on an objection that has been received following public consultation on the proposed Traffic Regulation Orders to introduce various waiting restrictions on sections of various roads in Hale Village. A plan and definition of the recommendations is supplied in Appendix 'B'.
- 1.2 The report was considered by the Environment and Urban Renewal Policy and Performance Board (E&UR PPB) on 13th January 2016, and it supported the recommendation to introduce revised waiting restrictions as outlined below.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the Board supports the proposal to introduce Orders for revised waiting restrictions on various roads in Hale Village as set out in Appendix 'B'.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 3.1 In August 2015, after due public consultation with residents, the Parish Council and ward Councillor, limited waiting restrictions were introduced on parts of Ireland Road and Hesketh Road in Hale village adjacent to Hale C. of E. Primary School. These are shown in Appendix C. Their purpose was to address parking obstruction issues near the school gate both at school times and through the school working day. All properties fronting the proposed restrictions had a notice letter individually hand delivered to them, notices were posted on site and they were also advertised in the local newspaper. During the consultation period, no objections were received.
- 3.2 When installed, the requisite yellow lines were unfortunately applied incorrectly, extending several metres further north along both sides of Hesketh Road than should have been the case. This triggered justified complaints from residents who fronted the area where yellow lines were installed incorrectly and who had not been consulted on the original proposals on the grounds that they were unlikely to be directly affected.
- 3.3 At a subsequent site meeting with the affected residents, and following discussions with the ward councillor, it was agreed that apart from removing the erroneously installed lines, consultation would take place on minor alterations to the extent of the recently placed waiting restrictions adjacent to 21 Hesketh Road and also on the introduction of junction protection restrictions on the Wellington Gate/Hesketh Road junction. The extent of the final, revised proposals are shown on Drg. No. 9758 in Appendix 'D'.
- 3.4 The mechanism for the intended change to the waiting restrictions in the area was to be the progression of a revocation of the existing (August 2015) restrictions on Hesketh Road and Ireland Street, and to then introduce a new Order covering the revised

restrictions as shown on Drg. No. 9758 in Appendix 'D'. This process was a form of local consolidation, to avoid a proliferation of Orders.

- 3.5 During the subsequent consultation process on the proposed revisions, a single objection was received from a household near the entrance to Hale C. of E. Primary School off Hesketh Road, objecting to both the existing waiting restrictions (applied earlier in August 2015) and the proposed revisions, and requesting that all waiting restrictions be removed from the area. This letter of objection is attached in Appendix 'A' with personal details removed, the main points and officers' responses to them being as follows:

[1] *Residents not informed of intention to introduce original waiting restrictions.* All properties fronting the proposed restriction had a notice letter individually hand delivered, notices were posted on site and also advertised in the local newspaper prior to introduction of the August 2015 waiting restrictions, and there were no objections.

[2] *We've recently received a letter outlining amendments to the current restrictions, so we cannot park outside of or own property at any time.* This is not correct. The existing waiting restrictions installed in August 2015 adjacent to the objector's home cover the period 8.00am. to 4.00pm., Monday to Friday and does not affect parking outside of the working day. The revised proposals do not affect this situation locally.

[3] *Lack of on-highway parking space adjacent to household/disabled residents.* Parking on the highway is not a right, but is permissible if said parking does not create an obstruction. The same principles apply to disabled drivers. The existing waiting restrictions installed in August 2015 adjacent to the objector's home cover the period 8am to 4pm, Monday to Friday, and thus do not affect parking outside of the working day.

[4] *The existing waiting restrictions/markings are ignored.* Enforcement of waiting restrictions can be carried out by Cheshire Police as resources permit.

[5] *Existing restrictions devalue property/make it more difficult to sell.* This is unproven. If there is genuine pressure for on-road parking, the space in front of any property close to the school entrance will be such that the area would rarely be free if unrestricted parking were to be permitted again.

- 3.6 The main issue here relates to parking, particularly at school times and the original request came from the Parish Council and a resident of Hesketh Road. The problem would continue to exist without any restrictions. The proposed restrictions only apply during the working day, so deal with the original complaints and minimise the inconvenience for residents. It is felt, therefore, that the objection should not be upheld and that the proposed restrictions should be implemented.

4.0 CONSULTATION

- 4.1 Details and results of the consultation that has been conducted on altering the existing waiting restrictions adjacent to the objector's home are set out above.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The total cost of implementing the revised waiting restriction proposals is approximately £500 which will be charged to the Traffic Management Revenue Budget.

6.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are no direct policy, social inclusion, sustainability, value for money, legal or crime and disorder implications resulting from this report.

7.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

7.1 Children & Young People in Halton

There are no direct implications on the Council's 'Children and Young People in Halton' priority.

7.2 Employment, Learning & Skills in Halton

There are no direct implications on the Council's 'Employment, Learning & Skills in Halton' priority.

7.3 A Healthy Halton

There are no direct implications on the Council's 'A Healthy Halton' priority.

7.4 A Safer Halton

The proposed waiting restrictions will serve to protect sightlines, keep desire lines clear and reduce the incidence of confrontation between drivers over obstruction issues.

7.5 Halton's Urban Renewal

There are no direct implications on the Council's 'Halton's Urban Renewal'.

8.0 RISK ANALYSIS

8.1 There is a variable and uncertain road safety risk associated with not introducing these proposed waiting restrictions, the degree of risk depending on the degree to which drivers would continue to park so as to obstruct the highway, desire lines and sight lines at the locations listed in Appendix 'A'

8.2 The proposals are being brought forward at the request of Hale Parish Council, residents and supported by the ward Councillor.

8.3 Traffic displaced from parking at the locations to receive new waiting restrictions will inevitably place an extra parking demand on adjacent areas and this is largely unavoidable. The new restrictions recommended in this report are being proposed on safety and obstruction grounds, which should have a higher priority than a slight increase in the pressure on available parking space.

9.0 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY ISSUES.

9.1 There are no direct equality and diversity issues associated with this report.

10.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

10.1 There are no background papers under section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972

Hesketh road,
Hale village,
Liverpool,
L24

**PERSONAL CONTACT/IDENTIFICATION DETAILS
HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM THIS LETTER.**

27th October 2015.

F.A.O DAVID PARR, CHIEF EXECUTIVE, MUNICIPAL BUILDING, WA8 7QF.

RE: YELLOW LINE MARKINGS ON HESKETH ROAD, HALE VILLAGE, L24 4AN.

We are writing to object to the proposed order about the yellow line road markings which have been placed outside of our house earlier this year.

We have never been informed by the council that this procedure was going to take place, and we have recently received a letter stating that they are going to amend the current measures, so we can not park outside of our own property at any time.

We have lived in the village for many years, and we currently have three members of our family who all own cars, and the fourth is due to take a driving test shortly which could increase the number of cars we currently have.

We feel that the current situation is not acceptable, as I suffer from arthritis which restricts my mobility, also my mother in law who often visits and stays with us had her left leg removed in June 2015, and the existing and new measures will greatly decrease our quality of life as the nearest place to park any cars would be over 250 metres away, as all other available spaces would be outside another residents property, also my son has tools which need to be stored in the house and then transported to a vehicle each morning and evening, the new measures will make this virtually impossible.

We presume the initial measures were put in place to stop the parents of children attending Hale school from parking outside of the school gates, unfortunately this has not been the case as the parents still park to drop their children off, also Hale school staff park on any available residents parking areas, as the school car park is not sufficient to hold all staff and visitor cars.

We feel by the restrictions which have been put in place also de-values our home, and this could also result in having problems in the future if we were to put our house up for sale, (who would want to buy a house that you can not park more than one car outside).

We would like all current yellow line markings removed with immediate effect, as they are having no impact on the initial reasons they were put in place for. The only people who are effected by the yellow lines are the residents.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us on the above contact details.

With thanks,

Details of Proposed Orders:

Limited Waiting Restrictions, Monday to Friday, 8am to 4pm.

Location	Description
Hesketh Road, Hale	West side, from the entrance to Hale Primary School for a distance of 61 metres. East side, from the entrance to Hale Primary School to a point 12 metres north of the centre of its junction with Ireland Road
Ireland Road, Hale	Both sides from its junction with Hesketh Road to a point 12m south east of the eastern kerb line of Hesketh Road.

'At Any Time' Waiting Restrictions.

Location	Description
Hesketh Road, Hale	West side, for a distance of 23 metres centred on its junction with Wellington Gate.
Wellington Gate, Hale	Both sides from its junction with Hesketh Road to a point 14m west of the west kerb line of Hesketh Road.

Drg. No. 9758 refers, for deposit only.

Associated revocations: The Halton Borough Council (Hesketh Road and Ireland Road, Hale) (Waiting Restrictions) Order 2015

Exemptions: Standard

Statement of Reasons: To prevent obstruction of the highway and private entrances and to protect sightlines

Date to be advertised: ASAP

Date to be effected: ASAP

Advertising code: 2050 1625 W041

APPENDIX 'C' – Original Proposal



