

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

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To report on objections that have been received following public consultation on a proposed Traffic Regulation Order to introduce 'At Any Time' waiting restrictions on part of Naughton Road, Widnes. A plan and definition of the recommendations is included 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, who supported the recommendation.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That this Board does not support the proposal to introduce an Order to implement waiting restrictions on Naughton Road, Widnes as set out in Appendix 'B', on the grounds of the objections received.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 3.1 In August 2015, the intention to introduce 'At Any Time' waiting restrictions on part of Naughton Road, Widnes was advertised. This was in response to a request from a ward councillor on behalf of adjacent residents. The residents' complaints concerned obstructive parking close to the junction of Naughton Road with Cameron Road.
- 3.2 Two objections were received, which are reproduced in Appendix 'A' with personal details removed. Whilst Objection 2 does not go beyond lodging a straightforward objection without giving any supporting reasons, Objection 1 covers a number of points as follows, with officers' response to these points:
- *The car park off Naughton Road is not available for residents and is used only on match days, which is wasteful and unfair.* This is for use by the Stadium and is locked when the Stadium is not in use. To open it at other times would create a security risk, as it would allow access to the whole Stadium.
 - *There is a lack of on-road parking space for residents.* The Kingsway estate was not designed to accommodate the level of private car ownership that now exists. On-road parking space is restricted but there would be a cost to constructing additional parking facilities for which funding is not available.
 - *Why can't you help towards the dropping of curbs?* This Council does not fund the provision of drop crossings to enable off-road parking in gardens to be used, but it does allow homeowners to pay over an extended period by direct debit.
 - *The Stadium entrance off Naughton Road is not suitable for large vehicles.* Naughton Road is acceptable as an emergency access to the Stadium provided on-road parking takes place only on one side of the road, and to ensure this, waiting restrictions are in place on the north side from Mottershead Road to the

Stadium gates.

3.3 The main issue in Naughton Road relates to parking outside the residents' houses, particularly when there are matches at the Stadium. The residents have now realised that the restrictions would apply to them, even when there is no match at the Stadium, so they no longer want the restrictions which they had requested originally via their local councillor. This is why it is now recommended that the Board does not support the original proposal.

4.0 CONSULTATION

4.1 The formal consultations on the proposed waiting restrictions involved site notices, a public notice in the local newspaper and the delivery of individual letters to households fronting the proposed restrictions.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The further costs as a result of this proposal.

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 would serve to protect sightlines, keep desire lines clear and reduce the incidence of confrontation between drivers over obstruction issues. However, these benefits have to be considered in parallel to the impact on those households affected by the proposals

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 this location.

8.2 The proposals were brought forward at the request of residents and their ward Councillor.

8.3 The proposed restrictions would cause a small degree of parking displacement but parking space is at a premium in this area, so additional restrictions would create further displacement of parked vehicles.

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

Objection 1.

"Thank you for your email.

I totally object to this and find it very unfair.

It's pathetic.

If this is the case then surely the car park opposite should allow residence to park. It's a waste of space as it's only used for Match days/priority parking.

I have lived here and put up with a lot and this is very unfair.

So your now telling me my visitors/family and my car has to be parked on Cameron road?

Where one side is double yellow lines? Or up on Mottershead road?

There is only 4 houses in Naughton road and 5 cars leaving spaces only for 2 in total?

Why can't you help towards the dropping of curbs?

Big wagons/trucks was never meant to be used on this entrance was it?

Please forward my objection to the relevant people.

I hope to hear something soon.

Kind regards"

Objection 2 (Via Halton Direct Link)

"Hello

Customer would like to register her objection to having double yellow lines outside her property.

Can you please call customer regarding this.

Many Thanks"

Details of Proposed Orders:

Description: Naughton Road, Widnes, south side, from Cameron Road to a point 10 metres west from the west kerb line of Cameron Road, Widnes (Links to similar, Cameron Road)

