

Stourbridge Area Committee 20TH November, 2006

Report of the Director of the Urban Environment

Osmaston Road, Whittington Road, Stanley Road, Norton Stourbridge - Proposed

Prohibition of Waiting Order

Purpose of Report

1. To seek Area Committee's support for the introduction of a Prohibition of Waiting Order in Osmaston Road, Whittington Road, Norton Road, Stanley Road, and short lengths of adjoining streets.

Background

2. A number of separate problems have been raised both by local residents and Ward Councillors on residents' behalf.
3. Stanley Road has Mary Stevens Park on its northern side. The southern side is mainly residential, but with playing fields and a car park which serves both the park and the playing fields. Parking on Stanley Road, associated with the park and football matches on the playing fields, frequently obstructs access both to homes and adjoining streets.
4. Whittington Road, between its junctions with Norton Road and Eveson Road, is a little over five metres wide, with a bus stop approximately half way along its length. Parking associated with a local business is obstructing access to adjacent homes and to houses further into the estate.
5. Osmaston Road and Beech Road are approximately six metres wide where they join Norton Road. Residents have complained that collisions have occurred at Osmaston Road, due to vehicles turning off Norton Road being forced to stop by parked vehicles and oncoming traffic. Through traffic on Norton Road has then collided with the stationary vehicle.
6. Proposals for a prohibition of waiting scheme were drafted and publicly advertised. These are shown on drawings numbered TM2411 and TM2412A

Consultation

7. Letters and plans showing the original proposals were sent to Ward Members on 15 February 2006.
8. A letter formally consulting the Police was sent on 15 February 2006.
9. The proposals were advertised in the Express and Star newspaper on 5 June 2006, and on-street during the period 5 June to 30 June 2006.

Objections

10. Two letters have been received from residents of Poplar Road who are concerned that the proposals would merely move the problem of parked vehicles into their road. They considered that the problems were solely caused by visitors to a local business.
11. Three letters were received from residents of Alison Drive who believe the proposals for Osmaston Road would displace vehicles into their road. They would like the yellow lines to end at 1A Osmaston Road.
12. A letter was received from a Ward Councillor on behalf of two residents at the junction of Stanley Road and Lea Vale Road. One resident is in favour of the proposals provided they do not extend beyond the first lamp post in Lea Vale Road. The second resident considered that whilst the extension of the lines was necessary in Stanley Road there was no need for double yellow lines in Lea Vale Road at its junction with Stanley Road.

Conclusions

13. Whittington Road is one of the main access roads into the area and carries local bus services. The proposals are necessary to maintain access.
14. In Osmaston Road the proposals only cover one side of the carriageway between 1A and Alison Drive and parking is available on the opposite side of the road. Displacement to Alison Drive seems unlikely in the circumstances.
15. The proposals for Lea Vale Road extend 15 metres into the street. This prevents hazards such as those complained about by residents of Osmaston Road. This length comes close to the lamp post mentioned by one of the objectors and will contribute to the safe use of the junction

Finance

16. The cost associated with the making and introduction of Traffic Regulation Orders would be met from the 2006-7 financial years' Minor Works Capital Allocation.

Law

17. Traffic Regulation Orders are made under Section 1 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Equality Impact

18. The proposal contained within this report complies with the Council's equal opportunities policy.
19. The proposal could improve visibility for mobility-impaired motorists and vulnerable pedestrians, including children and young people.

Recommendations

20. That, having considered the view of the objectors, Members support the making of the reduced Traffic Regulation Order as shown on drawing Nos. TM2411 and TM2412A.
21. That, the Cabinet Member for Transportation be recommended to overrule all objections and introduce the scheme as shown on drawing Nos. TM2411 and TM2412A.



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List of Background Papers

1. Letters to Ward members dated 15 February 2006
2. Letter to Police dated 15 February 2006
3. 6 letters of objection to advertised Order

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