

**CONSIDER OBJECTIONS RECEIVED IN RELATION TO PROPOSED
WAITING RESTRICTION AMENDMENTS ON ROADS IN LONGSANDS
ROAD AREA OF ST. NEOTS**

To: Traffic Manager and the Local Member(s)
representing electoral division below.

Meeting Date: 4th March 2019

From: Executive Director: Place & Economy

*Electoral
division(s):* St Neots Priory Park & Little Paxton

Forward Plan ref: N/A *Key decision:* No

Purpose: To determine objections to proposed amendments
to waiting restrictions in Greenfields, Sandwich
Road, Swallow Court, Princes Drive and Longsands
Road, St Neots

Recommendation: a) Implement the proposed waiting restriction
amendments as published in Greenfields,
Sandwich Road, Swallow Court, Princes Drive
and Longsands Road
b) Inform the objectors accordingly

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1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1** In 2017 extensive waiting restrictions were introduced in the Longsands Road area of St Neots, primarily to address local concerns about all-day parking by commuters using the nearby St Neots railway station. It has subsequently proved necessary to propose some relatively minor changes to those restrictions. A general location plan is included in Appendix 1.
- 1.2** In Greenfields, Sandwich Road and Swallow Court (no.14) lengths of single yellow line will be removed to allow more parking to take place. In Swallow Court (no.42) and Princess Drive additional lengths of single yellow line will be introduced to address parking concerns. In Longsands Road an additional length of double yellow line is proposed to address parking concerns. The proposed amendments are shown on the drawing included in Appendix 2.
- 1.3** This is a Privately Funded Highway Improvement (PFHI) scheme funded by St Neots Town Council.

2. TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER (TRO) PROCESS

- 2.1** The TRO procedure is a statutory process that requires the highway authority to advertise in the local press and on-street, a public notice stating the proposal and the reasons for it. The advert invites the public to submit written representations on the proposals within a minimum twenty one day notice period. There is also a requirement to consult with certain organisations, including the emergency services.
- 2.2** The proposed amendments to the waiting restrictions were advertised in the Hunts Post on 7th November 2018 and the statutory consultation period ran until 30th November 2018.
- 2.3** The statutory consultation generated the following representations:-
Greenfields – No responses.
Sandwich Road – 1 objection.
Swallow Court (no.42) – 1 support.
Swallow Court (no.14) – No responses.
Princes Drive – 1 objection and 4 support.
Longsands Road – No responses.
General – 1 comment.
The points raised in the above representations are included in the table in Appendix 3. The officer responses to the objections are also given in the table.
- 2.4** District Councillor Philip Gaskin submitted some written comments, which are also included in Appendix 3. Cambridgeshire Police do not object to the proposals.

3. ALIGNMENT WITH CORPORATE PRIORITIES

3.1 **Developing the local economy for the benefit of all**

There are no significant implications for this priority.

3.2 **Helping people live healthy and independent lives**

There are no significant implications for this priority.

3.3 **Supporting and protecting vulnerable people**

There are no significant implications for this priority.

4 SIGNIFICANT IMPLICATIONS

4.1 **Resource Implications**

The necessary staff resources and funding have been secured through a Privately Funded Highway Improvement (PFHI) scheme funded by St Neots Town Council.

4.2 **Statutory, Risk and Legal Implications**

The statutory process for this proposal has been followed.

4.3 **Equality and Diversity Implications**

There are no significant implications within this category.

4.4 **Engagement and Consultation Implications**

The statutory consultees have been engaged including County and District Councillors, the Police and the Emergency Services.

Notices were placed in the local press and were also displayed on the road where it is proposed to implement the speed limit. The documents associated with the proposal were available to view in the reception area of Shire Hall and at the Council's Highway office at Vantage House, Huntingdon.

4.5 **Localism and Local Member Involvement**

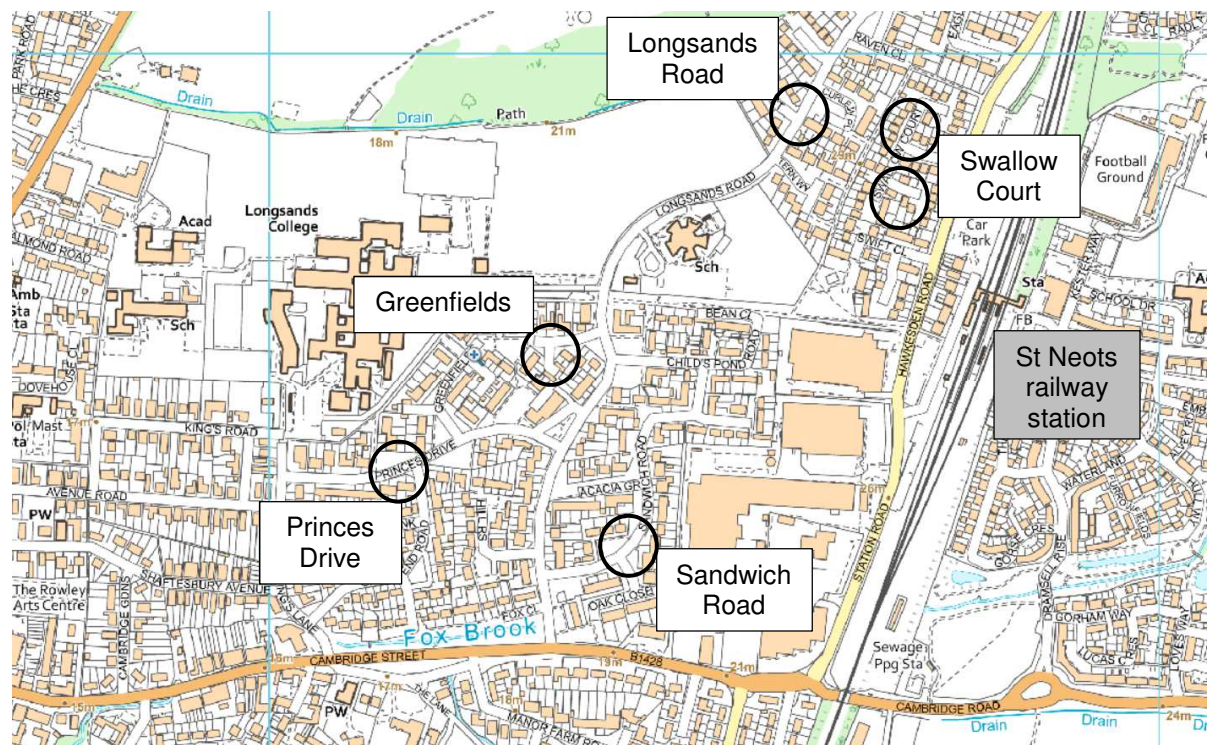
County Councillor David Wells, relevant the District Council Members and St Neots Town Council were consulted.

4.6 **Public Health Implications**


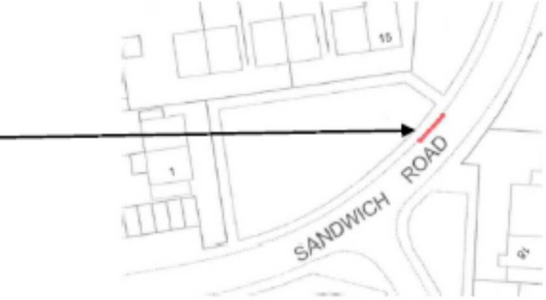
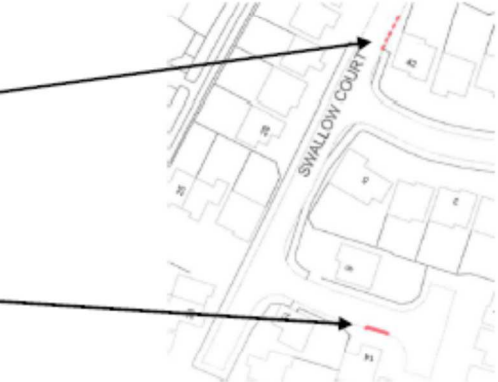
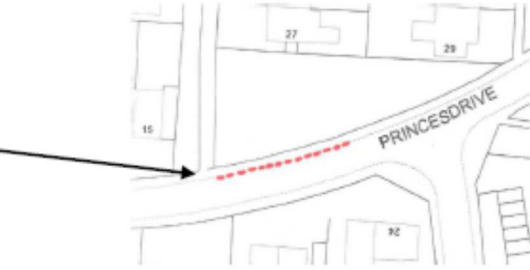
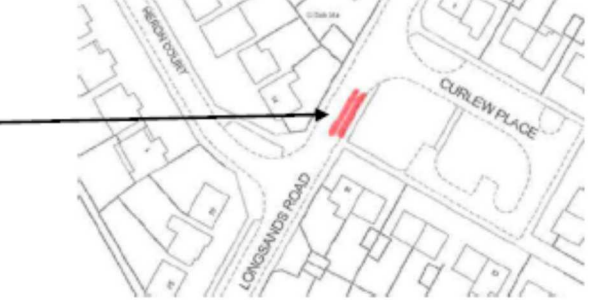
There are no significant implications within this category.

Source Documents	Location
None	n/a

Appendix 1 – Location Plan



Appendix 2 – Proposed Waiting Restriction Amendments

<p><u>Greenfields</u></p> <p>Remove the existing No Waiting Mon-Fri 10am-11am (single yellow line) and leave unrestricted.</p>	
<p><u>Sandwich Road</u></p> <p>Remove the existing No Waiting Mon-Fri 10am-11am (single yellow line) and leave unrestricted.</p>	
<p><u>Swallow Court</u></p> <p>Introduce No Waiting Mon-Fri 10am-11am (single yellow line) on the currently unrestricted length.</p> <p>Remove the existing No Waiting Mon-Fri 10am-11am (single yellow line) and leave unrestricted.</p>	
<p><u>Princes Drive</u></p> <p>Introduce No Waiting Mon-Fri 10am-11am (single yellow line) on the currently unrestricted length.</p>	
<p><u>Longsands Road</u></p> <p>Introduce No Waiting at any time (double yellow lines) on the currently unrestricted length.</p>	

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	<p><i>ups to our properties. The only alternative we have is to park on the grass area in front of our houses which will become damaged especially during the winter. There have been some other "resolutions" suggested, such as making a run - round in front of the properties so that those who wish to could park in front of their houses, which was also thrown out. The removal of the SYL has in fact made no difference at all, still should be carried out, as we only get 1 extra hour for 1 vehicle I have also been in touch with Cllr Chapman to intervene on our behalf since he was fully agreement in the past re the DYLS and I cannot believe that he has only suggested the removal of the SYL only.</i></p>	<p>This would be a very expensive solution, which could not be justified through highway spending.</p>
1	<p><u>SWALLOW COURT (NO.42)</u> (1 support)</p> <p><i>As a resident of xx Swallow Court, I would like to pass on my support for adding an additional "No Waiting Zone" outside properties 30-32 Swallow Court.</i></p> <p><i>This should never have been missed from the original plans.</i></p>	<p>Support noted</p>
1	<p><u>PRINCES DRIVE</u> (2 objections and 4 support)</p> <p><i>I am writing to object to the new parking restrictions bring proposed in the Longsands Road area in particular the bay in princes drive.</i></p> <p><i>At the moment the bay has no restrictions but it looks like there will be an 10-11am waiting restriction imposed.</i></p> <p><i>I am against this as our car is parked there during the day as my wife works part time and we have</i></p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>This length of road is currently unrestricted, so allows non-residents to park there. Some</p>

	<p><i>no off street parking. This was proposed a while ago but was changed to the current system we have now.</i></p> <p><i>Since the parking scheme in its current form was put in place the parking has been better but all that has really happened is the parking problems have been pushed into the Kings/Avenue road area.</i></p>	<p>residents have reported that these parked cars create difficulties when accessing/egressing their driveways. The proposed single yellow line will stop the all-day parking that currently takes place, but still permit residents to park there outside of the restricted Mon-Fri 10-11am.</p> <p>The current proposal will only affect parking for approximately 4 vehicles, so is unlikely to result in a significant transference of parking elsewhere.</p>
2	<p><i>As a resident who lives directly opposite the area of proposed change at Princes Drive St Neots I am writing to inform you I am 100% in favour of the new restrictions being put in place! When the scheme was first done we were expecting the first set of proposals to be done. Only later via social media did we learn that the area directly opposite our driveway was to be left unrestricted! Since then we have been emailing CCC, Councillors Barry Chapman and Christine Green in the hope of getting the restrictions added due to the commuters parking opposite our driveway and making it difficult to get off our property. With the restrictions coming to Loves farm I can only see this worsening for us as soon as a resident leaves for work in the morning the space is filled by a commuter until anything between 6-10pm at night. So PLEASE APPLY THE NEW PROPOSED RESTRICTIONS FOR PRINCES DRIVE. Thank you in advance and please keep me updated with what is happening.</i></p>	<p>Support noted</p>
3	<p><i>I fully support the new restrictions going in place as it affects me with</i></p>	<p>Support noted</p>

<p>4</p>	<p><i>the parking outside my drive with the commuters parking there day and night as the original plans were changed without any consultation to us residents that it affects.</i></p> <p><i>Please accept this as my 100% backing for the single yellow line to be put down outside my house (xx Princes Drive pe19 1sg) this is what we wanted in the first place and with the constant parking there from commuters this would hopefully put a stop to it.</i></p>	<p>Support noted</p>
<p>5</p>	<p><i>We are happy to confirm that we are okay for applying parking restrictions at our street. Please revert if you need any other confirmation/acceptance from us.</i></p>	<p>Acceptance noted</p>
	<p><u>GENERAL</u> (1 comment)</p>	
<p>1</p>	<p><i>I read with interest the details of some proposed changes to the current parking restrictions around the Longsand's area of St Neots. Although I have no particular comments on the actual changes, but as a resident of the area that has restrictions under the original scheme I am somewhat perplexed as to why these changes are necessary. Lets face it the existing restrictions seem not to be policed.</i></p> <p><i>In Green End Road St Neots there is a section of road that has been designated a parking area but with the restriction of parking limited to 2 hours between 12 pm to 4 pm and no return within 2 hours.</i></p> <p><i>Every day since the installation of the yellow line and signage, vehicles have parked all day and as far as I am aware there has never been any action to enforce the</i></p>	<p>The proposed changes are relatively minor and are mostly in response to resident requests.</p> <p>Enforcement is a police matter and is unlikely to be a high priority for them. Observations would suggest that, generally, there is a high level of compliance with the restrictions. However, time limited waiting is somewhat more onerous to enforce, since at least two separate visits would be required.</p>

	<i>restrictions. This lack of policing just makes a mockery of the whole scheme and makes the whole exercise rather pointless.</i>	
1	<p><u>DISTRICT COUNCILLOR PHILIP GASKIN'S COMMENTS</u></p> <p><i>With regards the proposed changes to waiting restriction in the Longsands Road area of St Neots, I have received a number of representations from residents that I would like to relay to be considered in this matter.</i></p> <p><i>The majority of direct contacts have been from residents of Princes Drive, and have related specifically to the proposed introduction of a restriction on a stretch of Princes Drive. Without exception, all of the communications I have received have been passionately in support of the introduction of these waiting restrictions. The residents have encountered numerous problems with commuters using the area to park from early morning until late evening, occasionally obstructing access. Comments were also made that these restrictions were previously proposed but not followed through, and the eventual introduction of the restrictions to Princes Drive would be heartily welcomed, and so I am minded to also offer my strong support for this aspect of the proposals.</i></p> <p><i>I have not received direct feedback on any of the other proposed changes in the Longsands Road area, and so will not comment on them specifically.</i></p> <p><i>Some concerns have been raised about the overall impact of the proposed introduction of parking restrictions in Loves Farm, specifically relating to the</i></p>	<p>Overall support noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Officers have noticed that cars are being parked on Hawkesden Road and it is assumed that they belong to rail commuters. This displacement is likely to be a result</p>

<p><i>displacement of these vehicles and where they might end up. There has been a noticeable increase in the number of cars parking on Hawkesden Road, north of the junction with Longsands Road, where the road is currently unrestricted, and this is harming the flow of traffic around the corner where Hawkesden Road becomes Priory Hill Road. There is a risk that this will worsen when commuters are no longer able to park in the Loves Farm area, and look for other free, unrestricted alternatives. I ask that CCC keep this in mind when the proposed changes are implemented, and continue to monitor this area, with the view to potentially extending the restrictions on Hawkesend Road further north if required.</i></p>	<p>of the introduction of restrictions in the Longsands Road area. However, this parking is not causing a severe problem at present, but it could deteriorate if restrictions are introduced in Love's Farm, where extensive parking controls are proposed. If it is considered that there is a pressing need for restrictions on Hawkesden Road it is suggested that the Town Council submit it as an LHI bid unless they want to consider privately funding it. However, it must be borne in mind that restrictions are likely to result in further migration of parking to unrestricted residential streets.</p>
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