

**TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER OBJECTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH
WENNY ROAD, CHATTERIS**

To: **Highways and Community Infrastructure**

Meeting Date: **1 December 2015**

From: **Executive Director: Economy, Transport & Environment**

Electoral division(s): **Chatteris**

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

Purpose: **To determine objections to the proposed waiting restrictions on Wenny Road, Chatteris.**

Recommendation: **a) Implement the waiting restrictions as advertised
b) Inform the objector accordingly**

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1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Chatteris Town Council was successful in securing funding from the 2014/15 Local Highway Improvement (LHI) budget for the provision of parking restrictions along Wenny Road, Chatteris (**Appendix 1**).
- 1.2 The initial proposal, consisting of double yellow lines for the majority of the road, received several objections including a petition from a local business. The College also had concerns over the double yellow lines, however they did not object during the informal consultation. The design of the double yellow lines was also amended to reflect suggestions from the College, with the inclusion of two gaps in the double yellow lines. Unfortunately due to the lack of consensus the scheme was not progressed and the LHI funding reallocated to another LHI scheme.
- 1.3 Funding was secured again in 2015/16 to revisit the project with the aim of addressing the initial concerns. An amended scheme (**Appendix 2**) was designed with the business owner which allowed limited parking near their premises.
- 1.4 Following a change in management at Cromwell Community College, the school expressed concern over the proposals citing difficulties for people visiting the school. They requested that a single yellow line with restrictions at school start and finish time was investigated instead. Officers put this idea to Chatteris Town Council who confirmed they would only support double yellow lines due to safety and enforcement issues.
- 1.5 The question of safety and enforcement of both options was discussed and investigated. Officers received road safety comments stating that both schemes had advantages and disadvantages, but that neither caused major safety concerns. The police were consulted and stated that both schemes would receive the same level of enforcement. Based on the majority view, officers determined to proceed with the Town Council's scheme of double yellow lines which was originally intended.

2. TRO PROCESS

- 2.1 The Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) procedure is a statutory consultation 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 formally support or object to the proposals in writing within a twenty one day notice period.
- 2.2 The TRO was advertised in the Fenland Citizen on the 4 August 2015. The statutory consultation period ran from the 4 August 2015 until the 28 August 2015.
- 2.3 The statutory consultation resulted in one objection and a number of comments of support which have been summarised in **Appendix 3**. Officer responses are also shown in the table.

- 2.4** On the basis of this analysis, it is recommended that the waiting restrictions are implemented as advertised.

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 the LHI programme.

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 install the cushions. The proposal was available to view at Chatteris Community Hub, and the reception area of Shire Hall.

4.5 Localism and Local Member Involvement

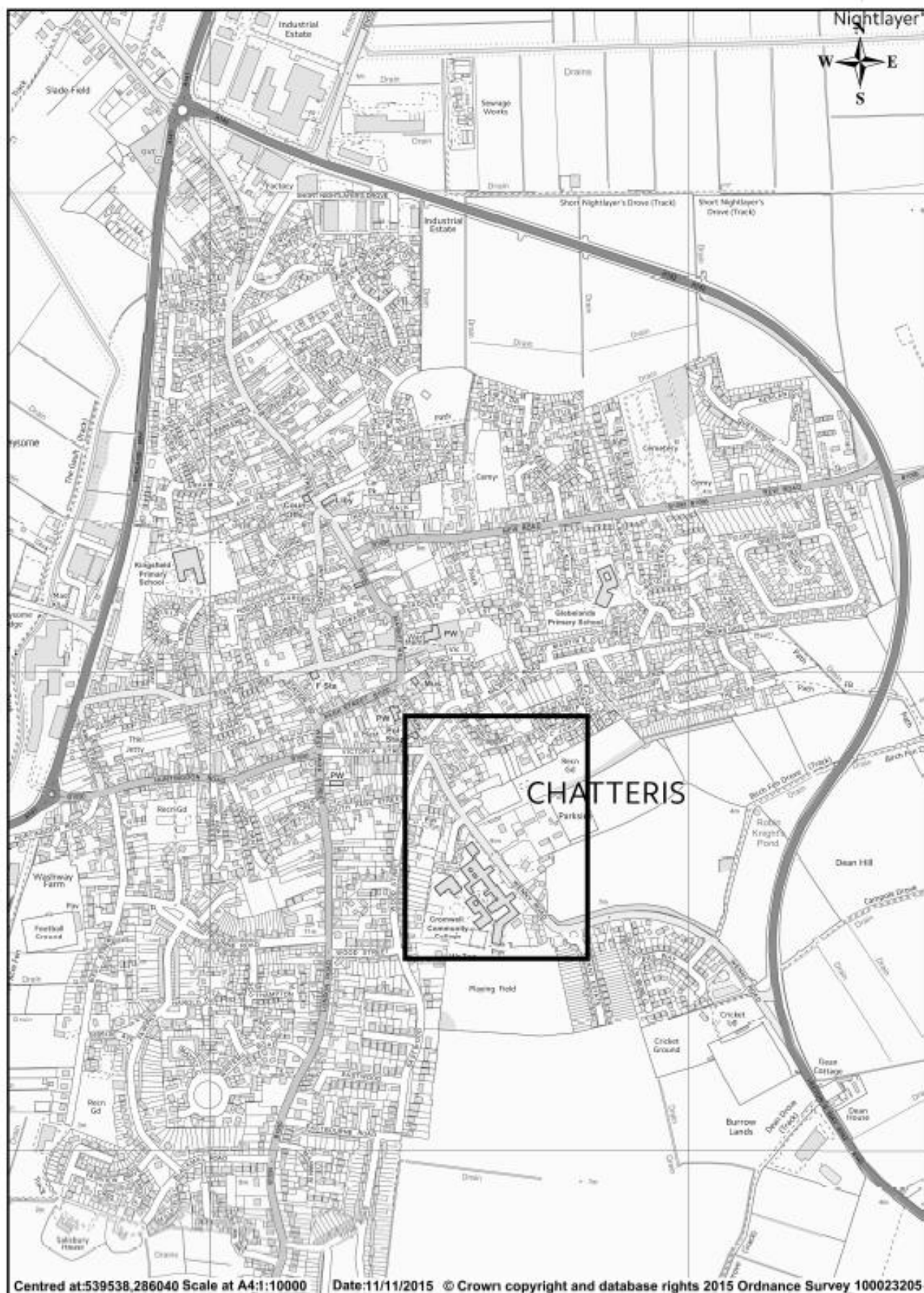
Councillor Rylance prior to her passing away was in support of the scheme. New local member, Councillor Mandley, is in full support of the proposals.

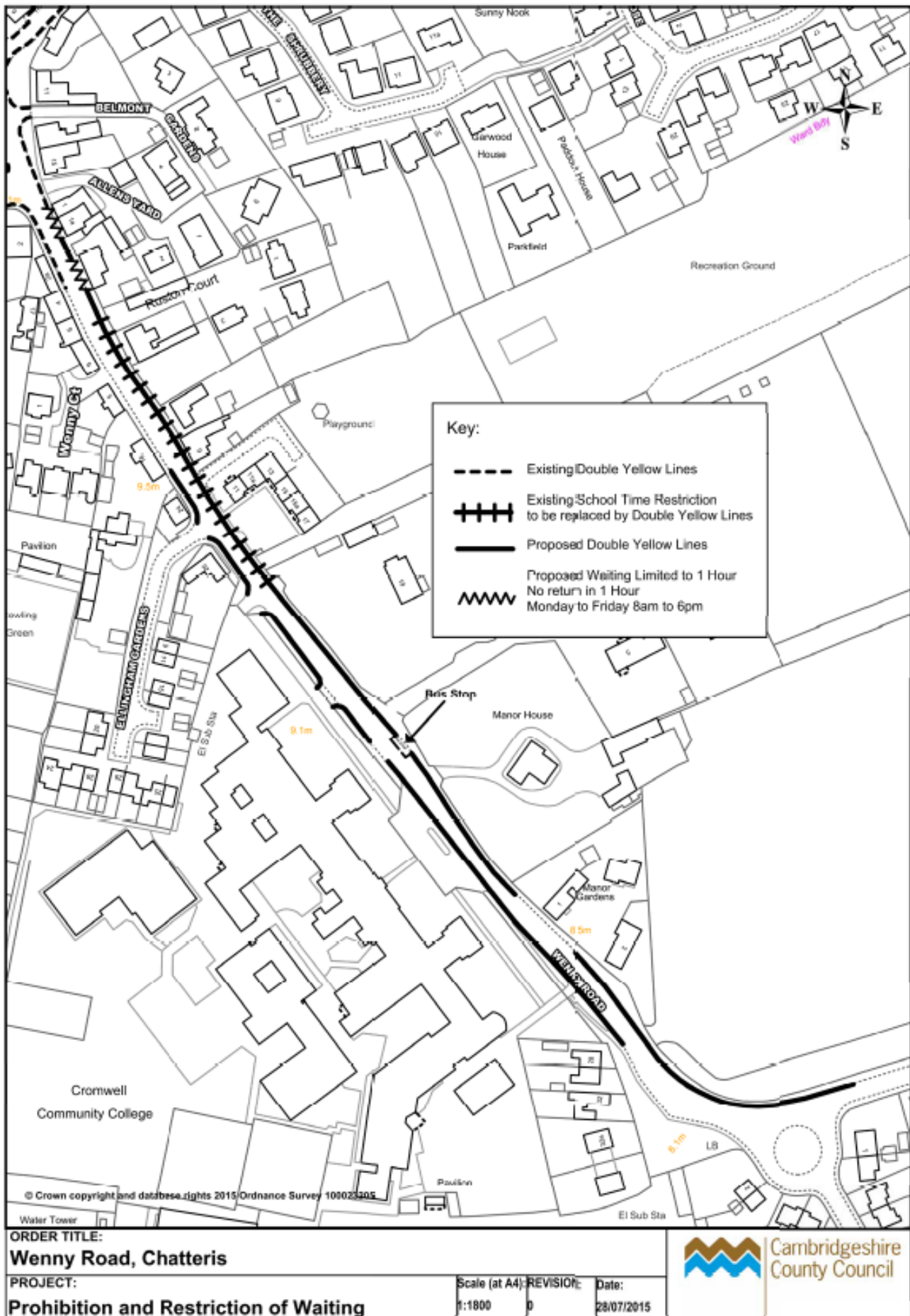
4.6 Public Health Implications

There are no significant implications within this category.

| Source Documents | Location |
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| Consultation responses Draft Traffic Regulation Order Letters of objection | Room:209 Shire Hall Castle Hill Cambridge CB3 0AP |

Chatteris Overview





Appendix 3 – RESPONSES RECEIVED

| No. | RESPONSE RECEIVED | OFFICER RESPONSE |
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| | Objection received | |
| 1 | <p>We are in favour of parking restrictions with some parking bays on both sides of Wenny Road. However as a school we object to the proposal of double yellow lines on both sides of the road. We would prefer double yellow lines on one side (the school side) with single yellow lines on the side opposite the school. We feel parking restrictions on the single yellow lines should be in force from 7:30am to 4:30pm every week day, with parking allowed in the evening and overnight and at weekends.</p> <p>This is principally because when we have evening events for parents (parent's evenings, meet the tutor evenings etc.) we do not have enough parking in our school car park for staff and visitor cars. We can manage this during the day, but not in the evenings when a lot of people visit us at the same time. We feel to restrict parking on both sides of Wenny Road in the evenings will simply push people to park in neighbouring streets – which the residents may not like.</p> | <p>Double yellow lines were proposed for both sides of the road outside the school for safety reasons. Having to cross between parked vehicles is far from ideal and encouraging people to park on the far side and then cross over exacerbates this. Several points opposite the school should have parking restrictions in place to prevent hazardous parking at any time. These include the new proposed traffic calming and the entry/exit points to the School and nearby properties.</p> <p>We have created areas where people can park safely and sometimes parking further away and walking is the safer option. Part of this scheme is to install a new pedestrian crossing point near to the school. Another scheme that is due to begin construction in January is a new footpath across the recreation ground to the East, linking to the Elms estate. These should make it much easier and safer to walk. The Town Council has been very involved in the development of this scheme and it is also their view that we proceed with the proposed scheme.</p> |
| | Comments of support | |
| 1 | <p>I am writing to support the introduction of parking restrictions on Wenny Road, Chatteris. As a long time resident of Wenny Road, I (and my neighbours) have been plagued by inconsiderate and illegal parking for years -</p> | <p>Comments noted</p> |

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| | particularly in term time. | |
| 2 | I would like to support the proposals for traffic regulation on Wenny Road, Chatteris. I believe this should ease congestion and most importantly reduce the chances of accidents on a school road. I look forward to this going ahead. | Comments noted |
| 3 | We are pleased to see action being taken to improve the parking problems we experience at the entrance to our property and confirm that we concur with the proposals. | Comments noted |
| 4 | I am very pleased to learn of the proposal to in force a restriction with parking along Wenny Road. This road is very narrow for traffic. I live at Ruston Court and have found it to be a blind spot when leaving attempting to pull out onto Wenny Road and have at times come close to having an accident. This is definitely the right plan for all concerned. I look forward to the change. | Comments noted |