

**TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER OBJECTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH
CHURCH ROAD, LEVERINGTON**

To: **Highways and Community Infrastructure Committee**

Meeting Date: **15th July 2014**

From: **John Onslow - Service Director : Infrastructure
Management & Operations**

*Electoral
division(s):* **Roman Bank and Peckover**

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

Purpose: **To determine objections received to the Traffic
Regulation Order (TRO) associated with Church
Road, Leverington**

Recommendation: **a) Approve and make the Order as advertised
b) Inform the objectors accordingly**

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1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1** Church Road, Leverington is a “C” class road which is subject to a 30mph speed limit. It is bounded by a sports field on one side and residential properties and Leverington Community Primary School on the other.
- 1.2** This project is being implemented through our Local Highway Improvement Initiative working in partnership with the Parish Council. The project seeks to extend double yellow lines on Church Road to address inconsiderate parking during school pick up/drop off times. (Please see plan included in **Appendix 1.**)
- 1.3** A give-way feature, where the road is narrowed to such an extent that only single file traffic is allowed, was introduced in 2012 on the junction of Gorefield Road and Church Road and although this did address some of the issues relating to excess speed, it did not resolve the existing parking issues.

2. TRO PROCESS

- 2.1** The 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, 11th December 2013. The statutory consultation period ran from 11th December - 17th January 2014.
- 2.3** The statutory consultation resulted in three objections, and a petition containing thirty four signatures. The petition opposing the proposal stated, “We the undersigned strongly object to the proposed double yellow lines on Church Road, Leverington, Cambridgeshire. (Reference PR0058)”. The Police had no comments on the proposal. No comments were received from the other Emergency Services.
- 2.4** The responses received and officer comments are detailed in **Appendix 2**. On the basis of this analysis, it is recommended that the Order is made to:
- improve safety on Church Road by reducing inconsiderate parking.
 - reduce congestion ensuring the free flow of traffic.

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 resources to progress this project have been secured through the Transport Delivery Plan.

4.2 Statutory, Risk and Legal Implications

The statutory process for this TRO has been followed. Should the objections not be determined by this Committee, it may be necessary to hold a public inquiry.

4.3 Equality and Diversity Implications

There are no significant implications within this category.

4.4 Engagement and Consultation Implications

The proposal has originated from the Parish Council and the statutory consultees have been consulted – County Councillor, the Police and the Emergency Services.

The Parish Council consider that the existing parking makes it difficult for larger vehicles to pass and popular events at the Sport and Social Club also cause additional congestion. Extending the parking restrictions will allow for free traffic flow.

Notices were placed in the local press and were also displayed in the roads affected by the TRO. The proposal was also available to view at the Fenland District and County Council offices. In addition, notices are also available on the County Council's website.

4.5 Localism and Local Member Involvement

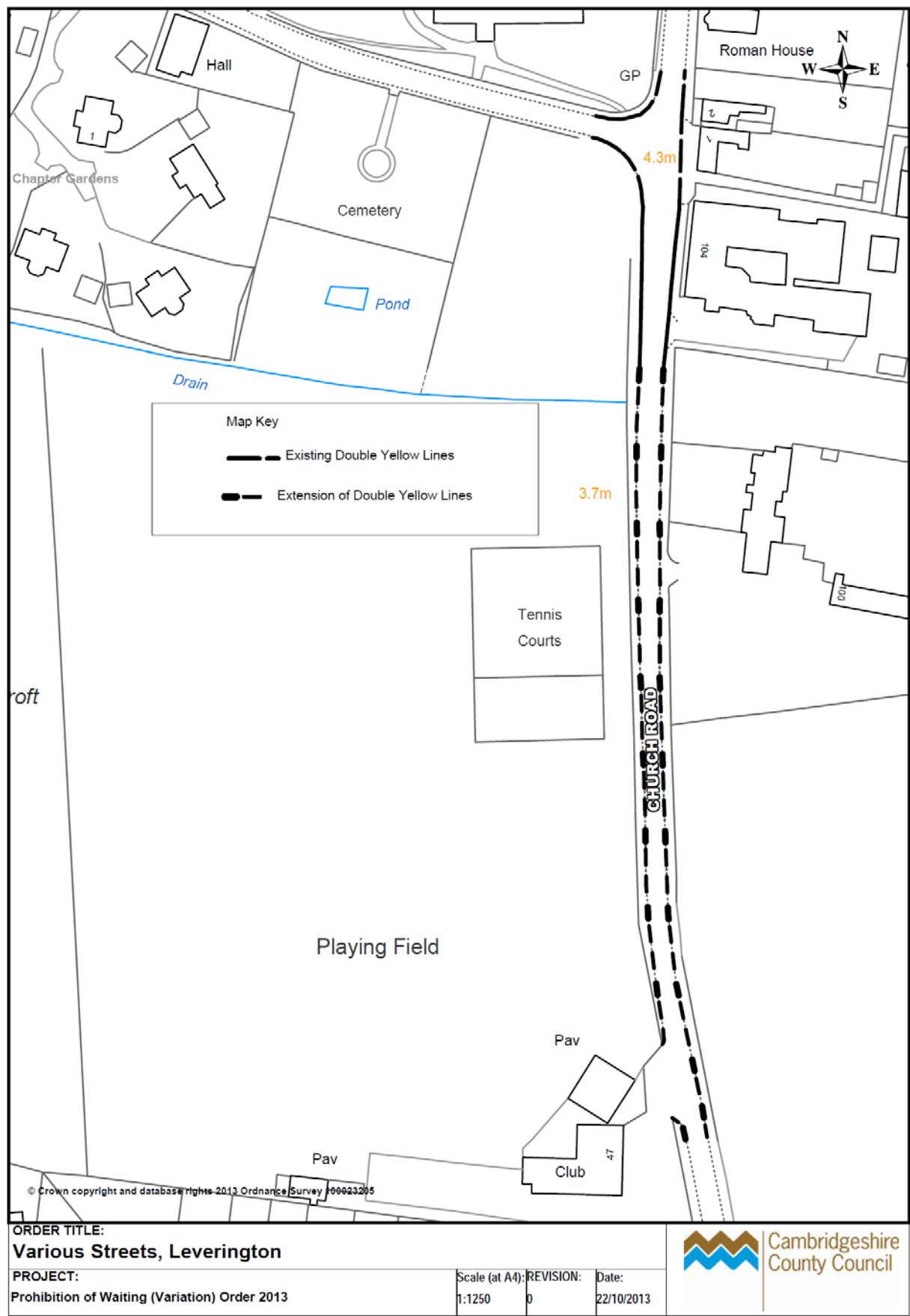
The Local Highway Improvement Initiative empowers communities to take forward highway improvements through contributing to the cost of locally important highway improvements. The local member has been involved throughout the development of this project.

4.6 Public Health Implications

There are no significant implications within this category.

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

Appendix 1 – PLAN OF PROPOSAL



Appendix 2 – RESPONSES RECEIVED

No.	RESPONSE RECEIVED	OFFICER RESPONSE
1.	<p>Agreement that parking close to school causes safety issues however, objection on the grounds of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - no alternative being available, safe parking elsewhere should be provided. - measures will displace parking to nearby side streets causing disturbance to residents and result in more pupils crossing the road. 	<p>Agree that congestion caused by parking near to the school causes a safety concern.</p> <p>Whilst it is likely that there will be some displacement of parking into adjacent streets, we are confident that the safety benefits of this proposal offset any nuisance caused by displaced parking.</p>
2.	<p>Acceptance that the volume of parking along this road is causing safety issues however, objection on the grounds of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - measures will displace parking to nearby side streets. - use of nearby Sports and Social Club car park as an alternative will become an issue. 	<p>See response in 1) above.</p> <p>It is regrettable that the Club is affected by parents utilising the car park that is intended for patrons however, we are unable to 'police' that situation or prevent further occurrences as this is private property.</p>
3.	<p>Objection on the grounds of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - use of nearby Sports and Social Club car park as an alternative will become an issue. - measures will displace parking to nearby side streets. - the issue is only apparent during school times. - proposal will increase speeding. <p>Suggestion to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - erect signs stating max parking 30 minutes no return within 2hours. - erect signs No Parking between 10am-2.30 and 4pm-8.30am. - install double yellow lines for the length of the road with gaps in to allow oncoming traffic to pass. 	<p>See response in 2) above. See response in 1) above.</p> <p>We must ensure a safe environment for all road users at all times.</p> <p>Although cars parked in Church Road may have the effect of slowing traffic, there is a 'GIVE WAY' feature at the junction of Gorefield Road which has the effect of slowing traffic. Furthermore, due to the congestion, the parked cars cause a bottleneck preventing traffic through flow.</p> <p>Unfortunately, there is insufficient budget in place to implement a limited waiting scheme with associated corresponding signs.</p> <p>Whilst the suggestion to install double yellow lines has some merit, there would still be some associated displacement of vehicles, albeit not as much as the</p>

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	This objection included a 34 signature petition entitled, “We the undersigned strongly object to the proposed double yellow lines on Church Road, Leverington, Cambridgeshire. (Reference PR0058)”.	proposed scheme. However, it could lead to some confusion from drivers who would be unsure of available spaces and could therefore ignore them in the first instance.