

**Agenda Item No:**

**TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER OBJECTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROPOSED PROHIBITION OF WAITING ON WEST WRATTING ROAD AND HIGH STREET, BALSHAM**

**To:** Cambridgeshire County Council's Traffic Manager and the Local Member representing the electoral division below.

**Meeting Date:** 31<sup>st</sup> of August 2021 at 10.00 am

**From:** Executive Director: Place & Economy

**Electoral division(s):** Balsham

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

**Purpose:** To determine a single objection received regarding the proposed installation of double yellow lines on West Wrattling Road and High Street, Balsham.

**Recommendation:**

- a) Approve the installation of double yellow lines as advertised
- b) Inform the objector accordingly

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## **1. BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 Balsham is a rural village and civil parish in the southeast of Cambridgeshire, located approximately 15km southeast of Cambridge City centre.
- The village plays host to the area's local primary school, located on the High Street, and, with its links to Cambridge City, it experiences commuter traffic from residents of the surrounding villages.
- 1.2 The High Street (B1052) bisects the village and is the main thoroughfare through the village. West Wratting Road then forms a junction with the High Street on the eastern side of the village, providing a link to West Wratting, Weston Colville and other nearby settlements (Appendix 2).
- 1.3 The proposal, to prohibit waiting at any time on the north-western side of the junction of the High Street and West Wratting Road, as well as on the southern side of the High Street (Appendix 3), has been sought to address the concern of parked cars obstructing visibility at the junction. A concern that is compounded by the presence of the aforementioned primary School.
- 1.4 Residents of both the High Street and West Wratting Road have access to off-street parking.
- 1.5 The scheme was initially proposed by, and is subsequently being financed by, Balsham Parish Council.

## **2. MAIN ISSUES**

- 2.1 The Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) is a statutory consultation process that requires that the Highway Authority 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 Cambridge News on the 7<sup>th</sup> of October 2020 and the statutory consultation period ran from the 7<sup>th</sup> of October 2020 to the 1<sup>st</sup> of November 2020.
- 2.3 The statutory consultation resulted in one representation which objected the proposed. The single representation is included in the table in Appendix 4, however, in the interest of data protection the comment has been summarised/redacted to omit identifiable information. The officer response to the representation is also given in the table.

## **3. ALIGNMENT WITH CORPORATE PRIORITIES**

### **3.1 A good quality of life for everyone**

There are no significant implications for this priority.

- 3.2 Thriving places for people to live**  
There are no significant implications for this priority.
- 3.3 The best start for Cambridgeshire's children**  
There are no significant implications for this priority.
- 3.4 Net zero carbon emissions for Cambridgeshire by 2050**  
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 third-party funding.
- 4.2 Procurement/Contractual/Council Contract Procedure Rules implications**  
There are no significant implications for this priority.
- 4.3 Statutory, Legal and Risk Implications**  
There are no significant implications for this priority.
- 4.4 Equality and Diversity Implications**  
The proposals seek to restrict and revoke parking where appropriate. An Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) has not been completed as the proposals are non-discriminate in nature and because consultation letters were sent to all those that would be directly affected.
- 4.5 Engagement and Communications Implications**  
The statutory consultees have been engaged including the County and District Councillors, the Police and the Emergency Services. The Police offered no objections and no comments were received from the other emergency services.
- Notices were placed in the local press. Letters were also sent to nearby residents. The proposals were made available for viewing at online at <http://bit.ly/cambridgeshiretro> or upon request to the Policy & Regulation Team.
- 4.6 Localism and Local Member Involvement**  
County Councillor Cllr Henry Batchelor; and District Councillor Cllr Geoff Harvey were consulted. No responses were received.
- 4.7 Public Health Implications**  
There are no significant implications for this priority.

<b>Source Documents</b>	<b>Location</b>
Copies of written representation (redacted) received during the public notice period Draft Traffic Regulation Order	<a href="mailto:policyandregulation@cambridgeshire.gov.uk">policyandregulation@cambridgeshire.gov.uk</a>