

**TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER OBJECTION ASSOCIATED WITH
SLEAFORD STREET, CAMBRIDGE.**

To: Cambridge City Joint Area Committee
Meeting Date: 24th January 2017

From: Executive Director: Economy, Transport &
Environment

*Electoral
division(s):* Petersfield

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

Purpose: To determine objection to the installation of No
Waiting at Any Time on Sleaford Street

Recommendation: a) Implement the restriction as advertised
b) Inform the objectors accordingly

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1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1** Sleaford Street is situated in Cambridge in the ward of Petersfield. It is a residential street between Coldhams Lane to the north and Mill Rd to the south.
- 1.1** The scheme is a Cambridge City Council project to implement a restriction of no waiting at any time on this road as shown in Appendix 2. Because of its proximity to the train station Sleaford St suffers from commuter parking. Prohibiting waiting at any time will reduce excess parking from commuters and increase visibility and safety in the area.
- 1.2** This scheme was allocated funding by the Local Highway Improvement (LHI) Initiative 2016/17.
- 1.3** County Council Officers' discussions with (Petersfield Ward) resulted in the development of the proposals shown in Appendix 2. The aims were to improve road safety by implementing a restriction of waiting at any time in the proposed area.

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 Cambridge News on the 19th October 2016.
- 2.3** The statutory consultation period ran from 19th October 2016 until the 9th November 2016.
- 2.4** The statutory consultation resulted in two objections which have been summarised in the table in Appendix 2. The officer's response to the objection is also given in the table.
- 2.5** On the basis of this analysis, it is recommended that the restriction is 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 Transport Delivery Plan.

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 restrictions. The proposal was available to view in the reception area of Shire Hall.

4.5 Localism and Local Member Involvement

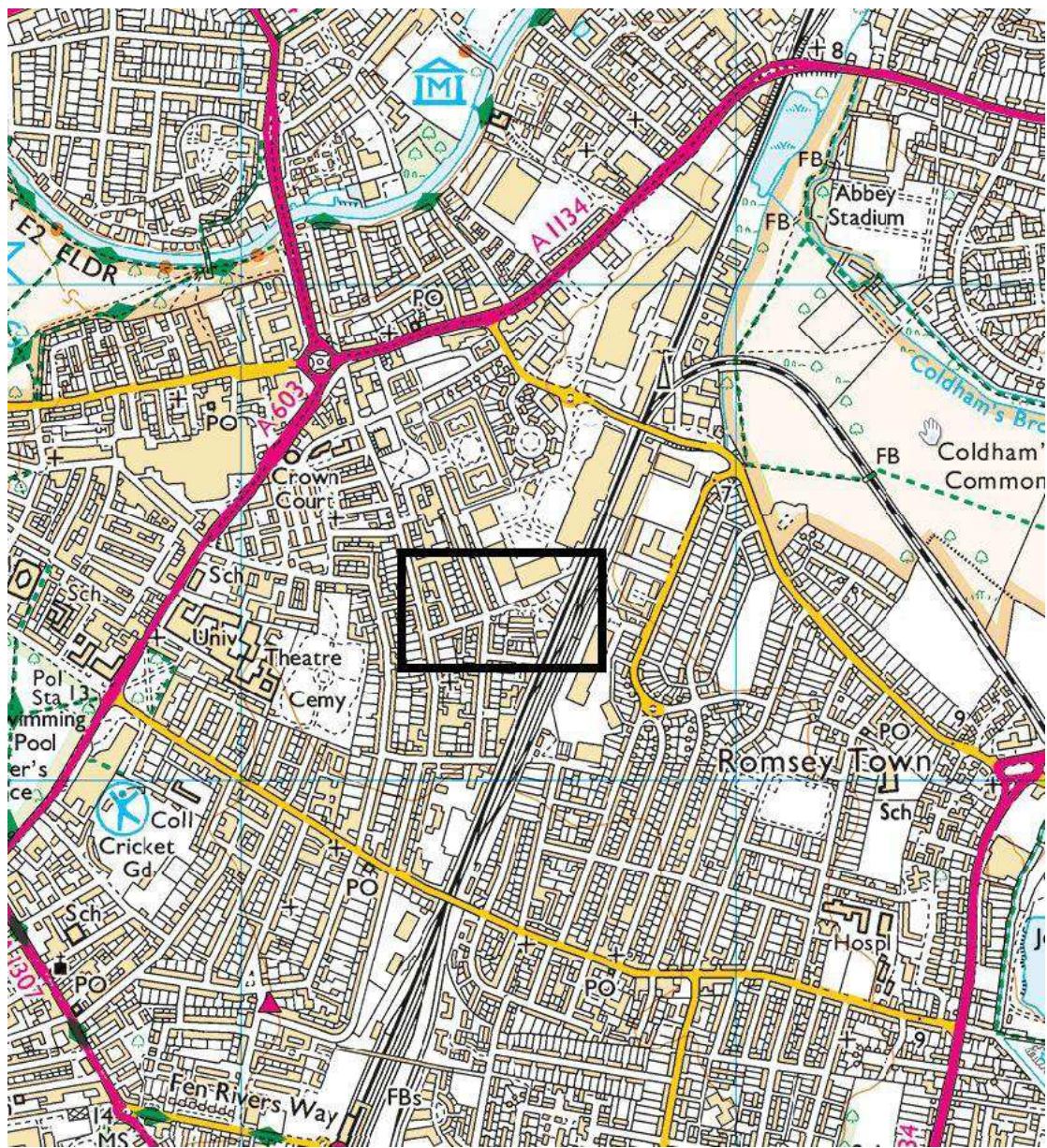
No response therefore assumed support from local member. There have been three positive responses from local residents as shown in Appendix 4.

4.6 Public Health Implications

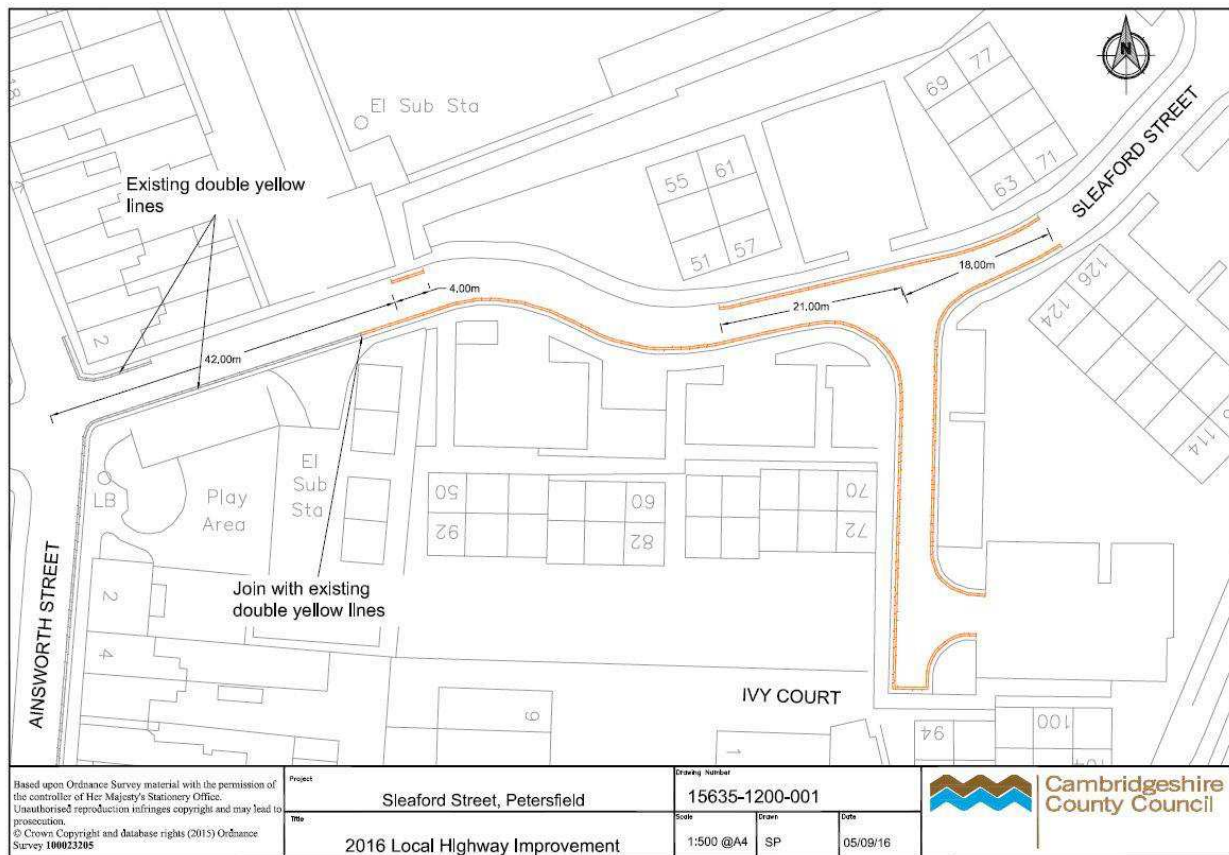
There are no significant implications within this category.

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

Appendix 1 – Location Overview



Appendix 2 – Proposed Restrictions



Appendix 3

No.	RESPONSE RECEIVED	OFFICER RESPONSE
1.	<p data-bbox="331 309 794 488">“I am a resident on Sleaford Street, CB1 and would like to express my objection to the proposed waiting restrictions on my street.</p> <p data-bbox="331 533 794 1115">I do not believe there is a parking problem on the street, and the fact that members of the public park on the road does not cause any obstruction or impact my enjoyment of my home. At present members of the public and guests do not need to make use of the private residents parking because of the free parking on the road. Moreover because of the abundance of free parking, there are no incidents of misuse of the allocated residents parking.</p> <p data-bbox="331 1160 794 1881">If the waiting restrictions are put in place I fear that this will push members of the public and guests to use the allocated residents parking space, particularly as the residents car park is not monitored or policed in any way. If members of the public are pushed to use the residents parking then our management company will need to spend money monitoring the use of the residents parking, which will have a negative impact on the open and welcoming nature of the local neighbourhood. For these reasons, I would strongly advise against the waiting restrictions proposed.”</p> <hr data-bbox="331 1989 673 1998"/>	

Appendix 3

2.	<p><u>Wed 19/10/2016 10:59</u></p> <p>“As a resident of 76 Sleaford Street, CB1 2PU, I feel that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. There is no need to change the current waiting restrictions2. The proposed change would encourage motorists to park in the residents parking bays (where parking restrictions are not enforced) instead of their current parking locations (which the proposal will change to double yellow lines). <p>These proposed changes will have a direct negative impact on me.”</p> <p><u>Fri 21/10/2016 10:33</u></p> <p>Thank you for your detailed response, much appreciated. I agree that <i>currently</i> there is not a lack of availability of residents parking places. My concern is that the cars will be 'displaced' by the new markings will seek a convenient alternative. The adjacent residents parking will be their obvious target as it is not enforced, unlike the proposed double yellow lines, and this may well overwhelm the resident parking and create difficulties for residents (like myself).</p>	<p>Thu 20/10/2016 12:08</p> <p>Thank you for your comments, which have been noted.</p> <p>These proposals are a result of consultations between the County Council and local residents who have expressed a need to control vehicular parking, especially in turning heads and areas that are deemed dangerous to park in. It also enjoys the support of the Local Member for the Ward.</p> <p>There will still be areas where motorists are able to park freely, on the northern side of the street and towards the eastern section. The proposed restrictions will regulate on street parking more effectively for the benefit of all users and provide a safer way for all motorists to pass through the area.</p> <p>Whilst it may well be the case that some motorists are abusing the 'Residents' parking places, there appeared to be no issues of lack of availability of these places when Highways Officers have conducted site visits.</p> <p>I hope you will reconsider your position, should you not, then the County Council will consider your objection among with any others that come forward through a Delegated Decision process in which the Local Member and the Head of Highways will determine the viability of the proposal.</p>
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Appendix 4	
No.	Response Received
1	<p>Wed 02/11/2016 09:46</p> <p>“Hi I live at 5 Ivy Court off Sleaford Street. As well as the commuter parking blocking the entrance to our houses you can see from the attached photo how the pavements are being blocked forcing pedestrians onto the road. I support the solution of the yellow lines in the plan and hope that you can help us in implementing this ASAP.”</p>
2	<p>31 October 2016 14:02</p> <p>“I notice that the request to contact you was for *objections only*, but I’m very much in favour of these changes and wholly support them. Is it normal practise to have a consultation and only ask for objections, seems a little odd.</p> <p>Anyhow, as a resident of Ivy court, Number 6, I have to use Sleaford street to access road. I have lived here for 13 years and initially there were no issues, but recently the problems have got significantly worse. I am regular blocked from leaving our court yard and often have delivery vehicles unable to get access. I see more and more examples of irresponsible parking as cars are “dumped” on pavements in what seems to be a blind panic to “find anywhere” before the drivers scuttle off for trains or into town for work. “</p>
3	<p>20 October 2016 18:11</p> <p>“There has been some absolutely dreadful examples of parking so this proposal is great - providing it gets the go ahead. Only today, a scaffolding truck tried to get through but couldn't so were unable to do their job. Someone had parked on the bend just after the electricity sub station. A fire engine wouldn't have been able to get through either. I do hope this proposal is accepted.”</p>