

**TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER OBJECTION ASSOCIATED WITH
MARINER'S WAY, CAMBRIDGE.**

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

From: Executive Director: Economy, Transport &
Environment

*Electoral
division(s):* East Chesterton

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

Purpose: To determine objection to the installation of No
Waiting at Any Time on Mariner's Way

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

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1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1** Mariner's Way is a residential road situated in central Cambridge in the ward of East Chesterton. It lies to the north of the river Cam, to the north east of Midsummer Common. The A1134, Elizabeth way runs to the west of Mariner's Way.
- 1.1** The scheme is a Cambridge City Council project to implement a restriction of waiting at any time on this road as shown in Appendix 2. Prohibiting parking in the proposed areas will improve access for emergency vehicles.
- 1.2** This scheme was allocated funding by the Local Highway Improvement (LHI) Initiative 2016/17. A local public consultation was undertaken by Councillor Ian Manning; this determined to proceed with the next stage of the process; that of statutory advertisement.
- 1.3** County Council Officers' discussions with Councillor Ian Manning resulted in the development of the proposals shown in Appendix 2. The aims were to improve access for emergency vehicles by implementing new waiting restrictions 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. The statutory consultation period ran from 19th October 2016 until the 9th November 2016.
- 2.3** The statutory consultation resulted in three objections which have been summarized in the table in Appendix 2. The officer responses to the objection are also given in the table.
- 2.4** 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

The local member Ian Manning supports the scheme.

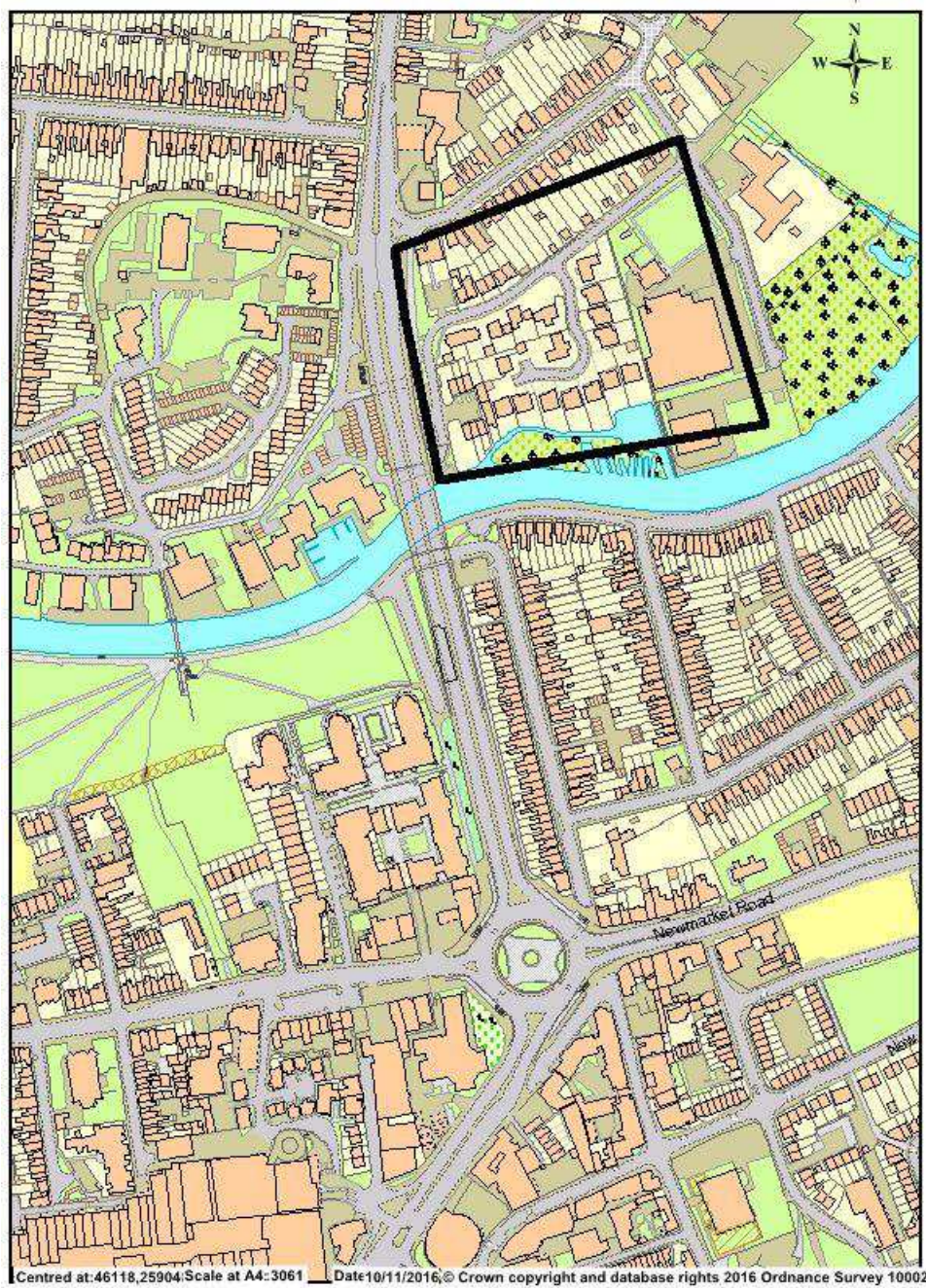
4.6 Public Health Implications

There are no significant implications within this category.

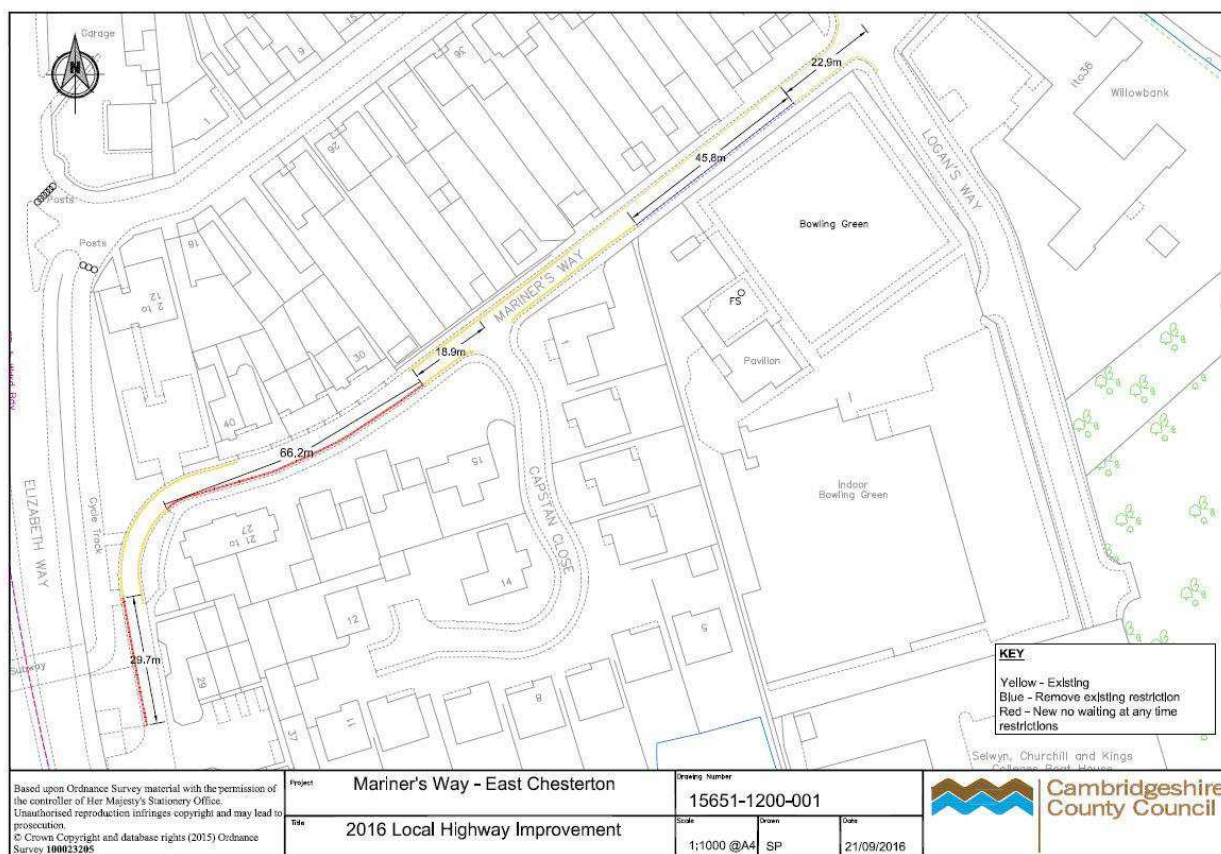
Source Documents	Location
Consultation responses Draft Traffic Regulation Order Letters of objection	Room:209 Shire Hall Castle Hill Cambridge CB3 0AP

Appendix 1 – Location Overview

Location Overview - Mariner's Way



Appendix 2 – Proposed Restrictions



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No.	RESPONSE RECEIVED	OFFICER RESPONSE
1.	<p>Local Residents</p> <p>“I live at 9 Capstan Close (CC). My wife and I are somewhat concerned by commuter parking in CC, which can make access for bin lorries and other large vehicles extremely difficult. We therefore clearly do not wish to see any changes that would increase commuter parking in CC. Although it is proposed that additional parking will be available adjacent to the bowling green in Mariner's Way (MW), it is quite likely that displaced cars will park in CC.</p>	<p>This scheme is designed to improve access for emergency vehicles along Mariner's Way to Eight's Mariner and Chicester House.</p>

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	<p>We don't think the proposed changes are necessary. When local residents were invited by our County Councillor, Ian Manning, to vote last year on any further restrictions, after the 2014 parking restriction changes in MW had been in place for some time, there was a majority in favour of leaving things as they are.</p> <p>The main argument is probably safety at the bend on MW. There is no hard evidence that the bend is dangerous. The traffic round the bend is very light and there is a 20 mph restriction along MW. It can be argued that cars parked there slow moving vehicles down and actually make the bend safer.</p> <p>We consider these additional restrictions are unnecessary and a waste of money. The money could be better spent removing the redundant parking meters in Cutter Ferry Close and allowing commuters to park there for free, as before."</p> <hr/>	<p>Most of the displaced vehicles will be parking adjacent to the bowling green as this will be convenient for most.</p>
2.	<p>"Regarding the relaxation of the restriction covering 46m to the NE of the junction with Capstan Close: <u>strong objection</u>.</p> <p>We believe the relaxation of the current restriction will encourage more commuter parking in the general Capstan Close / Mariner's Way area, and will also create a strip of single-file-only traffic which will cause the dangerous backing up of traffic at both ends, impinging on the junctions with Capstan Close and Logan's Way.</p> <p>To expand on the objection to the relaxation of the current restrictions to the NE of the Mariner's Way junction with Capstan Close, we are sure that this will lead to an increased number of commuter cars seeking to park in the area, and they will prefer to park in Capstan Close, as they already do. We understand that the relaxation here has been proposed in order to provide spaces for cars displaced from further down Mariner's Way. There is no</p>	<p>The removal of this restriction is designed to counteract the new restrictions being</p>

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3.	<p>requirement for this, and it is in fact misguided. Additionally, any parking in that area of Mariner's Way will also create a single file bottleneck hazard similar to the area on St Andrew's Road alongside the former Sepura building which causes danger to cyclists and inconvenience to residents in cars, with cars passing on the pavement every day. “</p> <hr/>	<p>proposed further down Mariner's Way. If this section was left untouched it would most certainly encourage displaced parking around Capstan Close.</p>						
4.	<p>“I am opposed to the proposed removal of existing restrictions in the section next to the bowling green - this is a narrow section of road, and vehicles parked there will pose challenges for vehicles turning into Mariners Way from Logan's Way, especially if there are also vehicles in the process of exiting Mariners Way into Logan's Way at the same time.”</p> <p>“I would like to comment on your proposed waiting restrictions for Mariners Way, and to formally register my opposition to the proposed changes, for the reasons outlined below. I am a resident of Capstan Close.</p> <p>In October last year, after a long series of meetings and emails outlining various iterations of possible changes to parking restrictions in Mariners Way/Capstan Close, Ian Manning asked the local residents to “vote” on the various proposals, and the results were:</p> <table><tr><td>To Do Nothing votes</td><td>10</td></tr><tr><td>To do something significantly different votes</td><td>7</td></tr><tr><td>Option 1</td><td>6 votes</td></tr></table>	To Do Nothing votes	10	To do something significantly different votes	7	Option 1	6 votes	<p>It is unclear how parking on Mariner's Way could adversely affect St Andrew's Road.</p>
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	<p>Option 3 6 votes</p> <p>Option 4 1 vote</p> <p>Hence at that time there was a majority in favour of doing nothing at all – that was the last time such a large number of residents of Mariners Way/Capstan Close registered their opinion.</p> <p>At the end of May this year Ian Manning suggested a meeting to discuss any proposed changes to the existing parking arrangements – this meeting finally took place around the middle of July, and was poorly attended (2 people from Eights Marina, 1 from Mariners Way, and 2 from Capstan Close). I did attend and made clear I did not support any changes – most of the residents believed the parking issues had been settled the previous October, when the majority were in favour of doing nothing.</p> <p>Subsequently sometime in September Ian Manning delivered a letter to the residents asking us to register our interest in attending yet another meeting. I was away at the time on holiday, but on my return on 4th October I sent him the following email:</p> <p>I cannot see why it is necessary to extend lines on one side of Mariners Way near the Eights - as far as I am aware there has never been any problem there regarding emergency vehicle access. If it is necessary there, then that implies it is necessary on all the streets in Cambridge that currently allow parking on both sides of the road.</p> <p>2. I really do not see that there is any problem at the moment with the "visibility" on the bend in Mariners Way. I have examined the current parking situation on many occasions there, and it seems to me, that if drivers keep to the 20 mph speed limit, and show a modicum of intelligence when approaching a bend, that no changes here</p>	<p>The parking along this section of Mariner's Way will not being for at least 23m from the junction with Logan's Way allowing enough visibility for vehicles turning in to make their judgement.</p>
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	<p>are necessary. There is good visibility approaching the bend as far as I can see.</p> <p>Additionally, traffic volumes along there are extremely low - I leave Capstan Close most days between 8 and 9 o'clock ie "rush hour" and when I turn into Mariners Way it is very unusual to see any cars travelling along Mariners Way in either direction, so it would be a rare occurrence indeed for two cars travelling in opposite directions to meet on that bend anyway.</p> <p>3. There is a view - rightly or wrongly - among some of the residents of Capstan Close, that the changes proposed are intended to enable the residents of the Eights to have an "easy" drive out of the Eights along Mariners Way, regardless of the effects of the changes on any other residents in Mariners Way/Capstan Close. Also, any such changes of course have no effect on the parking/commuter situation within the Eights itself - they are shielded by entry gates. So the impression is that the changes proposed by the Eights residents are not necessary, and - if they are implemented - will allow the Eights residents an "easy" drive at the expense of the rest of the residents of Mariners Way/Capstan Close.</p> <p>I think there is a risk that if all the changes are formally proposed there could well be objections to it from residents in Capstan Close."</p> <p>I have had no response at all to that email, and am not aware whether any subsequent meeting did take place. I then received, to my surprise, your letter of 19th October, saying that East Chesterton Ward (presumably at the behest of Ian Manning) has been successful with a bid to amend the current parking arrangements on Mariners Way.</p> <p>The reason for my objections are that firstly, I do not believe they are necessary, for all the</p>	<p>Visibility on the bend in Mariner's Way isn't necessarily the issue.</p> <p>The concern that's being addressed is to</p>
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	<p>reasons set out in my email to Ian Manning, quoted above</p> <p>Secondly, the last significant survey of the views of the residents of Mariners Way/Capstan Close had a clear majority in favour of no change. Now people who gave up a lot of time to attend many meetings etc a year ago are being asked to write formally in response to proposals to which they have already indicated their objections. I fear many people will conclude that whatever their views , they will be ignored, and will not therefore respond to your letter.</p> <p>I also firmly believe that the suggested changes are being “driven” by the views of a small number of people, who will not be affected by any “displaced parking” which occurs as a result of the changes.</p>	<p>improve access for emergency vehicles.</p> <p>The proposals are to improve access for emergency vehicles along Mariner’s Way and to Eight’s Mariner and Chicester House.</p>
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