

Appendix 1 – Proposals where objections are not upheld and are proposed to be implemented as advertised

1. Site 1 Birkdale & surrounding closes (Councillor Stuart Earl)

- 1.1 The proposals are to install no waiting restrictions along Birkdale and the surrounding closes in the immediate vicinity of the school to ensure safe passage of traffic including the bus service that operates on this route, to improve safety for children by improving visibility and to ensure that sight lines are protected at critical locations such as junctions where a higher percentage of collisions occur.
- 1.2 Nine objections were received, seven of these were from local residents, one was from the District Councillor and one from the County Councillor. Three of the objections related to concerns that the proposals did not extend further into Pinewoods and Colington Grove. The objectors suggested that increased parking in these roads, as a result of it being displaced from the areas subject to the proposed no waiting restrictions, would lead to problems of obstructive parking, disruption and a detrimental effect on property value. One of the residents later retracted their objection but maintained concerns about displaced parking. Two objectors supported the introduction of restrictions in the immediate vicinity of the school but considered the proposed extent left parents and carers with nowhere to park. Three objectors, (including the District and County Councillor), raised concerns that the restrictions had been placed on the wrong side of the road in Birkdale. This was on account of the restrictions being placed on the outside of the bend and on the school side which would restrict forward visibility and force children to cross the road. One of these objectors also raised concerns that the restrictions in Firle Road had also been proposed on the wrong side of the road unnecessarily limiting available space outside their home. One objector was concerned that in introducing the restrictions vehicles would increase their speeds.
- 1.3 The proposed restrictions are considered proportionate to the scale of the problems observed during multiple site assessments at different times of day and during different weather conditions. The proposals aim to achieve a balance for all road users, maintaining on street parking where considered appropriate, while addressing safety concerns. The proposals have been intentionally placed on the north side (school side) of Birkdale to restrict forward visibility for vehicles and maintain a high presence of children crossing in the vicinity of the school to discourage an increase in speeds. Additional formal vehicle surveys have been carried out, (included in Appendix 3- Pinewoods additional information), in Pinewoods in response to concerns that the proposals should extend further. At this time the parking and vehicle numbers do not support the concerns raised. If the proposals are implemented these areas will be monitored. The extents have been limited to encourage drivers to observe the restrictions as there is an obvious need. This is particularly important in areas not covered by Civil Parking Enforcement as there is no regular enforcement presence. Property value is not a factor we would take into consideration as part of a parking review proposed to address safety concerns.
- 1.4 **Recommendation:** To not uphold the objections and to implement the proposals as advertised.

2. Site 2 Westcourt Drive and Collington Avenue (Councillor Stuart Earl)

- 2.1 No waiting at any time restrictions have been proposed to assist all traffic but in particular, to ensure that buses are able to enter and exit the junction safely.
- 2.2 Four objections were received from local residents, all objectors were concerned that the restrictions should extend further. One objector wanted the restrictions to extend further west on Collington Avenue and the other three objectors wanted the restrictions to extend further into Westcourt Drive. The concerns surrounded conflict between vehicles once they have entered the junction and visibility issues when exiting driveways.
- 2.3 The proposed restrictions are limited to areas where parking currently causes obstruction or danger to other road users. The proposals are to ensure a safe passage of traffic including the bus service that operates on this route and to ensure that sight lines are protected at the junction where collisions are more likely due to conflicting vehicle manoeuvres. The restrictions have been extended into Westcourt Drive to ensure that vehicles turning left into the junction, who are unsighted to oncoming vehicles in Westcourt Drive travelling towards Collington Avenue, can safely enter the junction and negotiate the slight bend. As vehicles enter Westcourt Drive forward visibility is then afforded to allow drivers to make informed decisions in regards to the road ahead, slowing or stopping if necessary to let opposing traffic pass where parking restricts the available road width. We have also been mindful of not having a detrimental effect on speeds in Collington Avenue and, particularly on the approach to the junction. The extents have been limited to encourage drivers to observe the restrictions as there is an obvious need. This is particularly important in areas not covered by Civil Parking Enforcement as there is no regular enforcement presence. Access protection markings have been provided for adjacent driveways where concerns regarding obstructive parking have been raised.
- 2.4 **Recommendation:** To not uphold the objections and to implement the proposals as advertised.