

Committee:	Regulatory Planning Committee
Date:	12 September 2018
Report by:	Director of Communities, Economy and Transport
Title of Report	Traffic Regulation Order - Polegate Parking Review
Purpose of Report	To consider the objections received in response to the consultation on the draft Traffic Regulation Order to introduce parking restrictions at various sites in Polegate.
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RECOMMENDATION

The Planning Committee is recommended to:

1. Not uphold the objections set out in Appendix 2 to the Report, concerning the draft Traffic Regulation Order for various sites in Polegate; and
2. Recommend to the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport that the draft Traffic Regulation Order be made as advertised.

CONSIDERATION BY DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITIES, ECONOMY AND TRANSPORT.

1. Introduction

1.1 Wealden District Council and other interested parties have raised a number of parking issues in Polegate, including junctions where access for refuse collection vehicles has been impeded by on-street parking. In response, the Local Traffic and Safety team has proposed lengths of single and double yellow lines to prohibit parking at a number of junctions in Polegate in order to aid access, visibility and manoeuvrability.

1.2 In April 2018, East Sussex County Council gave notice under its powers in the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 that it was proposing to make a Traffic Regulation Order to introduce waiting restrictions at various locations in Polegate. A copy of the draft Traffic Regulation Order is included as Appendix 1.

1.3 Prior to the advertisement of the draft Traffic Regulation Order, copies of the proposals were sent to relevant District Councillors, County Councillors and statutory consultees including the emergency services. No objections were received during this consultation.

1.4 During the period of public advertisement, responses were received from seven members of the public. One of these was considered not to be an objection, and this was confirmed in correspondence with the resident. The remaining six

responses were objections relating primarily to the loss of parking spaces for residents, the impact on house prices, and requests for new or amended parking restrictions at other sites in the local area. A summary of each of these objections is included at Appendix 2. Full copies of the objections received are available in the Members' Room.

2. Proposed Measures, Comments and Appraisal

2.1 Following discussions with Wealden District Council, it was highlighted that their refuse collection teams have experienced difficulties gaining access to Junction Street, due to on-street parking opposite the junction on Western Avenue. The Local Traffic and Safety team have therefore undertaken a small parking review in Polegate, and taken the opportunity to review their priority list of requests for parking restrictions and investigate the highest priority requests. As a consequence, a package of proposed changes were drawn up at the following sites:

- Site A - Western Avenue / Junction Street – an 11.5 metre length of single yellow lines is proposed on Western Avenue opposite the junction with Junction Street. This would allow refuse collection vehicles sufficient room to reverse into Junction Street by restricting parking on Mondays to Fridays between 8am and 2pm, whilst allowing residents to continue to park here during evenings and weekends.
- Site B - Northern Avenue / Eastern Avenue / North Close – a standard length of double yellow lines is proposed to restrict parking within 10 metres of the junction, following concerns raised by local residents and the Wealden District Council refuse collection team regarding obstructive parking and the impact this has on access for refuse collection and emergency service vehicles.
- Site C - Romney Road / Hythe Close – a standard length of double yellow lines is proposed to restrict parking within 10 metres of the junction, following concerns raised by local residents regarding obstructive parking and the impact this has on turning movements and visibility splays at the junction, and access for emergency service vehicles.
- Site D - Victoria Road / Albert Road – an extension of the existing double yellow lines is proposed along the west side of Victoria Road for lengths of 4 metres and 50.5 metres, to address issues of obstructive parking that arose following the implementation of double yellow lines at the junctions in March 2015.
- Site E - Windsor Way - a 27.5 metre length of double yellow lines is proposed along the inside of the bend to improve forward visibility through the bend, following concerns raised by local residents and Polegate Town Council.

2.2 Two objections relate to the proposed length of single yellow lines on Western Avenue (site A), on the grounds that these will impact on parking for residents and impact upon house prices. One objection relates to the proposed double yellow lines on Eastern Avenue (site B), and one objection relates to the proposed double yellow lines on Windsor Way (site E). Two residents have objected on the grounds that parking restrictions should be provided at other locations in Polegate.

2.3 The reasons behind all of the proposals (i.e. to aid turning movements and improve visibility at junctions and bends, to contribute to improved road safety, and to aid vehicular flow) have been further explained in writing to the six objectors. Attempts to resolve the objections were unsuccessful and none of these objections were withdrawn within the specified timeframe. The proposed localised restrictions will improve road safety and maintain appropriate traffic flow. It is considered that

these factors, along with the officer's comments in Appendix 2, provide a reasonable rationale for not upholding these objections.

3. Conclusion and reasons for approval

3.1 The proposals aim to address road safety and local concerns at various locations within the town of Polegate. Balancing all of the factors related to the proposals, it is not proposed to uphold any of the objections submitted.

3.2 The Committee is therefore recommended, for the reasons set out in this report, not to uphold the objections (set out in Appendix 2) to the proposed Traffic Regulation Order for restrictions in the Polegate area, and to recommend to the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport that the Order be made as advertised.

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS