

**Decisions of the Cabinet Member for Highways and
Environment
(Councillor D Hosell)**

**Thursday 6th September 2018 at 5pm
at Sandwell Council House, Oldbury**

7/18 Previous Decisions

The formal record of the decisions taken by the Cabinet Member for Highways and Environment on 8th May 2018 was confirmed.

Business Items

8/18 Objections arising from the advertising of the Borough Council of Sandwell (Dibble Road) (One Way) Order 2018

Following concerns raised by residents through local ward members and MPs regarding parking issues and congestion in the area around Dibble Road, a proposed one-way scheme had been designed to mitigate congestion and ease parking.

It was reported that the proposed Traffic Regulation Order had been advertised between 21st June and 13th July 2018. Letters had been distributed to all residents and businesses on Dibble Road.

One objection had been received to the proposed one-way scheme on Dibble Road raising the following:-

- the one-way scheme would encourage Dibble Road to be used as a rat-run during peak times;
- Dibble Road was on a hill and the direction of the proposed one-way scheme was uphill making it difficult to navigate in snowy and icy conditions and would result in vehicles being abandoned;
- there had been cases of parked vehicles on the corners of the junction with the High Street.

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The introduction of a one-way scheme would alleviate the congestion currently experienced by residents and other highway users.

It was felt that the safety benefit of introducing a one-way scheme far outweighed the objector's concerns.

The estimated cost to bring the proposals into effect was £30,000. The scheme would be funded through the West Midlands Local Transport Plan Capital Allocation for 2018/19.

Officers were requested to investigate the parking issues raised and undertake a review of the road and junction arrangements in three months' time.

Decision:-

- (1) that no action be taken in relation to the objections to the Brough of Sandwell (Dibble Road) (one-way) Traffic Regulation Order and the scheme be implemented as originally advertised;
- (2) that the Director - Regeneration and Growth be authorised to complete the necessary statutory procedures to bring the Traffic Regulation Order into effect;
- (3) that the Director – Monitoring Officer be authorised to seal the permanent order to bring the Traffic Regulation Order into effect;
- (4) that the Director – Regeneration and Growth informs the objectors of the decision of the Cabinet Member for Highways and Environment.

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Objections arising from the advertising of Edith Drive, Chapman Way and Wesley Close, West Bromwich the Borough Council of Sandwell (Chapman Way, West Bromwich) (Residents Parking and Prohibition of Waiting) Order 2018

It was reported that on 28th March 2018, the Executive Director – Neighbourhoods had given approval to advertise a Residents' Parking Scheme and no waiting at any time restrictions for the development at Oxford Road/Dartmouth Street, West Bromwich. The proposal had been advertised and a number of objections had been received.

The development consisted of 35 bungalows and 58 flats and provided housing opportunities for tenants who were likely to need assistance or support at home. Three communal car parks provided off-street parking for the flats. Each bungalow had a driveway for one vehicle.

At the time of advertising the Traffic Regulation Order, the majority of properties had been under construction. Nine properties in Edith Drive were occupied.

Four objections had been received to the proposals raising the following:-

- there was insufficient parking as the development was predominantly for people who required care;
- if there was more than one visitor at the property there would not be enough space for parking even with a permit scheme, as there were already difficulties with parking;
- some residents had 24-hour care and at times there may be three cars at a property;
- if all the double yellow lines were installed where would visitors park, there was not enough on-street parking space even when using a visitor voucher;
- the scheme imposed an additional charge for care;
- unfair cost for carers and family;
- carer and social worker cannot visit unless resident paid for visitor vouchers;
- the permit scheme would be particularly difficult for residents with sight impairment or learning difficulties, which may be the majority of residents.

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It was proposed to amend the scheme advertised to introduce shared use bays within the permit zone to allow non-permit holders to park for 1 hour no return within 2 hours. Visitors and carers would be allowed to park in the signed shared use bays without the need to display a visitor's voucher for the first hour. The remainder of the on-street parking space would be Residents Parking at any time, with a visitor voucher displayed.

The cost to implement the Traffic Regulation Order would be in the region of £6100 and would be funded from the project budget for the scheme.

Officers were asked to investigate the voucher and parking permits scheme to establish if there was a better solution for residents.

Decision:-

- (1) that no action be taken in response to the objections received in relation to the no waiting at any time parking restrictions in Edith Drive, Chapman Way and Wesley Close, West Bromwich and the Borough of Sandwell (Chapman Way, West Bromwich) Residents Parking and Prohibition of Waiting) Order 2018;
- (2) that in response to the objections received in relation to Edith Drive, Chapman Way and Wesley Close West Bromwich and the Borough of Sandwell (Chapman Way, West Bromwich) residents parking scheme, the proposals be amended to include shared use parking bays within the residents parking zone, where waiting was limited to 1 hour no return within 2 hours in signed bays;
- (3) that the Director – Regeneration and Growth be authorised to complete the necessary statutory procedures to bring the Traffic Regulation Order into effect;
- (4) that the Director - Monitoring Officer be authorised to seal the relevant order to bring the proposals above into effect;

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- (5) that the Director – Regeneration and Growth informs the objectors of the decision of the Cabinet Member for Highways and Environment.

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Objections arising from the advertising of the Borough Council of Sandwell (White Road) (One Way) Order 2018

Following concerns raised by residents through local ward members and MPs regarding parking issues and congestion in the area around White Road, a proposed one-way scheme had been designed to mitigate congestion and ease parking.

It was reported that the Traffic Regulation Order had been advertised between 21st June and 14th July 2018 and letters had been distributed to all residents and businesses on White Road.

Three objections had been received to the proposed one-way scheme on White Road raising the following:-

- that a one-way scheme would encourage White Road to be used as a rat-run during peak times;
- that White Road was on a hill and the direction of the proposed one-way scheme was uphill which would make driving difficult in snowy and icy conditions.

The introduction of a one-way scheme would alleviate the congestion currently experienced by residents and other highway users.

Decision:-

- (1) that no action be taken in relation to the objections and the Borough Council of Sandwell (White Road) (One Way) Order 2018 be implemented;
- (2) that the Director - Regeneration and Growth be authorised to complete the necessary statutory procedures to bring the Traffic Regulation Order into effect;
- (3) that the Director – Monitoring Officer be authorised to seal the Traffic Regulation Order;

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- (4) that the Director - Regeneration and Growth informs the objectors of the decision of the Cabinet Member for Highways and Environment.

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Objections arising from the advertising of the Borough Council of Sandwell (Consolidation of waiting and loading restrictions) (Traffic Regulation Order No. 14) 2018

It was reported that changes to waiting restrictions in parts of the Borough had been advertised. These changes were proposed to control parking where problems had been brought to the Council's attention.

Seven objections had been received to the proposal of restrictions at the junction of Century Road and Poplar Road, Oldbury. Residents experienced difficulties finding on-street parking spaces due to non - residents parking and it was felt that the proposals would exacerbate this problem.

The parking restrictions were intended to prevent obstructive parking at the junction and improve visibility for motorists.

One objection had been received to the proposal of restrictions at the junction of Farmer Way and Catherton Close Tipton. The objector stated that the proposed restriction was at the location where they parked their vehicles and was concerned that there would be nowhere for them to park their vehicle.

The parking restrictions were intended to prevent obstructive parking and improve road safety. The extent of the proposed restrictions took into consideration the visibility required by drivers, due to the vertical and horizontal alignment of Farmer Way.

One objection had been received to the proposal of restrictions along part of Heath Street, Rowley Regis. The objector was concerned that the introduction of parking restrictions meant that they would not be able to park near to their home.

The restrictions were intended to prevent obstruction of the footway and driveways and on-street parking space would still be available on Heath Street.

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A request had been made for no waiting at any time restrictions in part of Watery Lane, Tipton. Parked cars were obstructing access to a business. The business that made the request had objected to the proposal as the road was used for staff parking. It had been requested that the proposed double yellow lines only cover the junction with Alexandra Road and the pedestrian crossing points.

The costs to implement the Traffic Regulation Order would be in the region of £7500 and would be funded from the Parking Account.

Decision:-

- (1) that no action be taken in response to the objections received in relation to the no waiting at any time parking restrictions in Century Road, Oldbury, Farmer Way, Tipton and Heath Street, Rowley Regis and the Borough Council of Sandwell (Consolidation of waiting and loading restrictions) (Traffic Regulation Order No. 14) 2018 be implemented;
- (2) that the Borough Council of Sandwell (Consolidation of waiting and loading restrictions) (Traffic Regulation Order No 14) 2018 be implemented with an amendment to the no waiting at any time restrictions in Watery Lane, Tipton as shown on drawing No. 39864 S/4;
- (3) that the Director – Regeneration and Growth be authorised to complete the necessary statutory procedures to bring the proposals above into effect;
- (4) that the Director – Monitoring Officer be authorised to seal the Traffic Regulation Order;

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- (5) that the Director – Regeneration and Growth informs the objectors of the decision of the Cabinet Member for Highways and Environment.

(Meeting ended at 6.15pm)

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