

HEDGE END, WEST END AND BOTLEY LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE

MONDAY 5 NOVEMBER 2018

ON- STREET PARKING RESTRICTIONS

Report of the Environment Lead Specialist

Recommendation

1. It is recommended that given the on-going safety issues at these locations and having regard to the comment received during the consultation, it is recommended that Councillors approve the 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions on Swincombe Rise, Freegrounds Avenue, Charterhouse Way, Kings Copse Road Mapleton Gardens, and Beechwood Rise. The proposals will address the current safety issues whilst reducing the impact on residents parking; and
 2. It is further recommended that the proposal to restrict Gatcombe Gardens be removed from this order.
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Summary

New waiting restrictions have been proposed in Charterhouse Way, Swincombe Rise, Gatcombe Gardens, Freegrounds Avenue, Kings Copse Road, Mapleton Road, Sherbourne Way, junction with Freegrounds Avenue, and Beechwood Rise. Having advertised the proposed Traffic Regulation Order, the following responses were received:-

Two objections from residents in Swincombe Rise, both stating that there is a lack of on-road parking and that they move their vehicles when asked to do so.

Four objections to proposals for Gatcombe Gardens (NB; this is actually 2 households each submitting 2 objections).

One letter stating the restriction at Sherbourne Way / Freegrounds Avenue should be extended to avoid sightline obstruction.

Two emails regarding Charterhouse Way; requesting that the restrictions go further than indicated in the proposed order

No objections were received for Kings Copse Road, Mapleton Gardens and Beechwood Rise. This report summarises the responses received and recommends how to proceed with the proposals.

Statutory Powers

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984; Traffic Management Act 2004.

Legal Agreements

Agency Agreement dated 30 March 2009 between Hampshire County Council and Eastleigh Borough Council

Background

3. A consultation exercise has recently been concluded in relation to the proposed implementation of on-street parking restrictions at various locations in Hedge End and West End. This section summarises the responses received from residents in relation to each location and the Committee is asked to consider the comments received, in order to inform their decision on the implementation, or otherwise, of the Traffic Regulation Order.
4. Swincombe Rise; The respondents stated they are unaware of access issues for refuse vehicles and that when they block a neighbour's drive, they always go and move their vehicle. For information Swincombe Rise was investigated in response to reported and/or known obstruction issues. The refuse vehicle drivers find they are unable to collect from some properties because the access road is subject to parking within the junction. Obviously this gives cause for concern because a refuse truck is similar in size to a fire engine, for which access should always be available.
5. The borough council has received complaints from residents advising that there are occasions when they have to go knocking on neighbours' doors requesting cars be moved so they can get on or off of their driveways; unsurprisingly they feel that this is not acceptable. A (TRO) proposing 'no waiting at any time' restrictions has been progressed, having been prioritised by the Hedge End West End and Botley Local Area Committee.
6. Gatcombe Gardens has been investigated in response to reported concerns and it has been observed that vehicles are being parked adjacent to the traffic calming pinch-point adjacent to a T-junction, contrary to Rule 243 of the Highway Code. A (TRO) proposing 'no waiting at any time' restrictions has been requested, having been prioritised by the Hedge End West End and Botley Local Area Committee.
7. Freegrounds Avenue (junction with Sherbourne Way) has been investigated in response to reported and/or known visibility issues at the junction. Whilst no objection was received, one resident opined that the restriction was not lengthy enough to solve the issue and they requested the restriction to be increased. A Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for proposing 'no waiting at any time' restrictions has been progressed, having been prioritised by the Hedge End West End and Botley Local Area Committee.
8. Charterhouse Way has been investigated in response to reported and/or known obstructive parking issues. Two responses have been received, one requesting the restrictions be increased, the other requesting greater detail of where the restrictions are proposed. Members are advised that the second respondent has been spoken to and as a result, is not objecting to the proposals. Vehicles have been observed parking adjacent to junctions,

contrary to Rule 243 of the Highway Code. A (TRO) proposing 'no waiting at any time' restrictions has been progressed, having been prioritised by the Hedge End West End and Botley Local Area Committee.

9. Site visits were undertaken to determine whether the proposed restrictions will address the issues at these locations. Initial consultation was undertaken with the statutory consultees, including the emergency services and public transport operators. Additionally local Members and Hampshire County Council (HCC) were consulted and no objections to the proposals were received from them.
10. This report details the objections, comments and support received during the public consultation period and makes a recommendation on changes that could be considered.
11. Swincombe Rise; it would appear that the objectors are either unaware or unwilling to accept the consequences of the obstructive parking. The overriding issue is one of safety with the potential for emergency vehicles to be obstructed in the same way as is regularly experienced by refuse vehicles. Measures to control parking within the junction should be implemented, whilst retaining as much on -road parking as possible
12. Gatcombe Gardens; It should be noted that there have been no complaints from residents about obstruction or reports of service vehicles being unable to gain access. However habitual parking within the junction has been observed and should be discouraged..
13. The comments received regarding Freegrounds Avenue junction with Sherbourne Way should be supported and the lines extended, to ensure sight lines are kept clear enough to allow drivers emerging from Sherbourne Way to have adequate side road visibility.
14. The comments received in relation to Charterhouse Way are requesting lines to be extended. However the view of Officers is that current proposals be retained and the location is monitored, as extending the lines may be overly restrictive.

Consultation

15. The formal consultation was advertised in the Hampshire Independent newspaper, on the Eastleigh Borough Council (EBC) website, the HCC Public Notices Portal and on public notices placed throughout affected areas.
16. Officers received comments regarding the proposals as listed below

Statement of Reasons:

17. To implement a 'No Waiting At Any Time' restriction on Swincombe Rise, Gatcombe Gardens, Freegrounds Avenue, Charterhouse Way, Kings Copse Road Mapleton Gardens, and Beechwood Rise in order to improve road safety. The effect of the restriction will be to;

- prevent obstructive parking within Swincombe Rise, Freegrounds Avenue, Charterhouse Way, Kings Copse Road, Mapleton Gardens and Beechwood Rise

Summary of Comments:

Swincombe Rise; objecting due to a lack of on- road parking

Gatcombe Gardens; resident don't wish to see yellow lines on the local roads

Charterhouse Way; supported the implementation of restrictions but could they be implemented along the whole of Charterhouse Way?

Freegrounds Avenue; resident stated that the restrictions would not solve current issue and needed to go further

Response to comments:

18. The support for the restriction in Charterhouse Way is noted and the point raised about increasing the restriction was also noted, ongoing monitoring of the location to be undertaken.
19. The objection to the restriction in Swincombe Rise is noted, however it is felt that measures to prevent obstruction outweigh the lack of on- road parking objection.
20. Gatcombe Gardens; the habitual parking within the junction should be discourage. However a lack of resident complaints relating to obstruction or reports of service vehicles not being able to get access weakens the case to implement
21. Freegrounds Avenue, junction with Sherbourne Way; the objection to minimal restriction is noted. Increasing the restriction length to safeguard the sightlines is supported by Officers and should be taken forward as part of the consolidation order.

Financial Implications

22. The cost of the TRO and associated signs and road markings are funded through the Local Area Committee budget.
23. Any amendments or new proposals which require the Traffic Regulation Order to be re-advertised and further consultation to be carried out, will incur additional costs relating to staff time and advertisement expenses that were not included in the original estimate for the work. Due to time and budget limitations, such changes would be better addressed through inclusion in a future Consolidation TRO.

Equality and Diversity Implications

24. An equal opportunities assessment has not been carried out because the report does not contain proposals for significant changes to existing services,

policies or strategies and does not introduce any new services, policies or strategies. The proposed restrictions will not result in a loss of existing disabled bays.

Conclusions

25. The proposed Traffic Regulation Order to introduce new waiting restrictions in Hedge End, West End and Botley received six objections and three comments
26. This report takes this into account and makes a recommendation to address the current safety concerns.

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