

REPORT TO THE DIRECTOR OF ECONOMY & INFRASTRUCTURE
REPRESENTATIONS TO AN ADVERTISED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER
THE METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF SOLIHULL (BEEHCROFT ROAD, CHESTER ROAD & KINGSLEIGH DRIVE) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING) ORDER 2020

23 NOVEMBER 2020

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1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To consider representations received to a traffic regulation order (tro) for the proposed introduction of parking restrictions on Beechcroft Road, Chester Road & Kingsleigh Drive.

2 Background

- 2.1 It is proposed to introduce double yellow lines on Beechcroft Road on the approach to the mini-roundabout junction with Chester Road.
- 2.2 Vehicles are parking on Beechcroft Road which is creating difficulties with obstruction & congestion. The new restriction on Beechcroft Road will aid local bus services by allowing passengers to board and leave the vehicles safely. Presently, buses are being forced to pick up passengers from the middle of the road which in turn leads to congestion and waiting risks. The proposed tro is shown on drawing no. 8667 in Appendix A.
- 2.3 Waiting restrictions are also proposed on Chester Road (beside St. Mary & St. Margaret's Church), and part of Kingsleigh Drive, to deter vehicles parking in a manner which creates an obstruction. The proposed tro is shown on drawing no. 8667/2 in Appendix B.

3 Matters for Consideration

- 3.1 The proposals were advertised on 16 July 2020. The closing date for receipt of representations was 6 August 2020. 50 representations were received. 47 objections to the order were received. Whilst there were 3 representations in support.
- 3.2 Both the responses for and against the proposal have been fully considered. All of the representations received related to the proposal at Chester Road/Kingsleigh Drive.
- 3.3 47 objections were received to the proposed tro at Chester Road/Kingsleigh Drive. The new parking restriction would create difficulties for visitors to the church and cemetery. Weddings and services at the church are likely to be impacted.
- 3.4 The medieval church has been at this site for several hundred years. Residents in the immediate vicinity of the church should have been aware of its presence and when making a decision to purchase a property during the construction of the housing estate.
- 3.5 It is likely that the tro would simply displace the parking onto Kingsleigh Drive and create problems for nearby residents.
- 3.6 3 respondents were in favour of the proposal at Chester Road/Kingsleigh Drive.

4 Ward Members' Views

- 4.1 The Ward Members for Castle Bromwich are aware of the proposals for the traffic regulation order. Councillor Ted Richards & Councillor Mrs Cheryl Buxton-Sait raised objections to the tro at Chester Road/Kingsleigh Drive but supported the tro on Beechcroft Road. Similarly, Castle Bromwich Parish Council objected to the proposal at Chester Road/Kingsleigh Drive but supported Beechcroft Road.
- 4.2 Following receipt of the representations it is proposed to reduce the extent of the proposed restrictions so that on Chester Road, opposite No. 2, the restrictions are extended by 5 metres on the southern side only, or the approximate length of a private car. This will afford the required space to allow better access to the resident's property, whilst minimising the loss of parking or displacement of those wishing to visit the church. A similar approach is proposed for the advertised restrictions in Kingsleigh Drive, whereby it is proposed to only progress the restrictions adjacent to the narrow section of footway on the northern side of the street. The revised proposals were received favourably by the ward members.
- 4.3 Officer's Recommendation:-
- 4.4 The representations received in respect of the proposed traffic regulation order have been fully considered in sections 3.1-3.6 (inclusive) of the report.
- 4.5 It is recommended that the proposed traffic regulation order on Beechcroft Road (as detailed in Appendix A, drawing no. 8667) should be implemented as originally advertised.
- 4.5 It is recommended that the proposed traffic regulation order at Chester Road & Kingsleigh Drive should be changed to that shown in Appendix C.

5 Democratic Services

- 5.1 Democratic Services have confirmed that the proposed order was subject to statutory advertisement on the dates reported and that the representations received as noted above.

6 Risk Implications

- 6.1 The Corporate Risk Management Approach has been complied with to identify and assess the significant risks associated with this decision / project. This includes (but is not limited to) political, legislation and reputation risks.
- 6.2 The Approach is not intended to eliminate all risks and not all the risks identified can be managed all of the time. Also, risks will still exist that have not been identified.

FOR DECISION

The Head of Highway Management is asked to approve that:-

(1). The traffic regulation order, as detailed on drawing no. 6667, for Beechcroft Road, in Appendix A, is implemented as originally advertised.

(2). The revised traffic regulation order, as detailed on drawing no. 8667/2 Rev A in Appendix C, for Chester Road/Kingsleigh Drive, is introduced.

The recommendations as set out above are hereby approved:

Signature:**Date:**.....

Paul Tovey - Head of Highway Management