

Individual Decision

Title of Report:	Proposed Waiting Restrictions, Pangbourne Hill, Pangbourne		
Report to be considered by:	Councillor Sally Hannon	On:	29 th April 2005
Forward Plan Ref:	ID0949		

Purpose of Report:

To inform the Portfolio Member for Highways and Transportation of the objections and comments received during the statutory consultation of proposed waiting restrictions on Pangbourne Hill, Pangbourne.

Recommended Action:

That the Portfolio Member for Highways and Transportation resolve to approve the recommendations as set out in Section 4 of this report.

Reason for decision to be taken:

To improve road safety and reduce congestion associated with parked vehicles on Pangbourne Hill.

List of other options considered:

Not to introduce the waiting restrictions as advertised.

Key background documentation:

- Responses received during statutory consultation and advertisement.
- Minutes of the meeting of the Eastern Area Forum held on 12th October 2004.

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Supporting Information

1. Background

- 1.1 No waiting at any time restrictions exist on both sides of Pangbourne Hill, between its junction with the A340 Church Road and Riverview Road. The restrictions are to improve safety at the junction with the A340 Church Road and prevent parking on Pangbourne Hill due to the narrow nature of the road.
- 1.2 During the latest three year period there has only been one recorded injury accident on Pangbourne Hill between its junctions with the A340 Church Road and Stokes View, which resulted in a slight injury being received following a rear end collision.
- 3.1 A traffic survey was undertaken on 12th October 2004 for a duration of 24 hours and the results showed that the 85th percentile speed of traffic was recorded at 31 mph and 34 mph for east and west bound traffic respectively. The survey showed that a total two-way volume of 5,175 vehicles was recorded. Also as part of the Council's ongoing road safety programme the Speed Indicator Device (SID) is used throughout the district to inform drivers their speed. A number of parish councils, of which Pangbourne is one, have been specially trained to operate SID within their parish and SID is often used on Pangbourne Hill.
- 1.3 The number of vehicles parking on Pangbourne Hill has significantly increased following the recent increase in car parking charges for the Station Road car park. This has led to safety concerns as vehicles attempt to pass a number of parked vehicles by entering the opposing lane of downhill traffic, together with associated visibility problems for pedestrians wishing to cross or vehicles wishing to access Pangbourne Hill from adjacent properties. The concerns were expressed at the Eastern Area Forum on 12th October 2004 and it was requested that the no waiting restrictions be extended on Pangbourne Hill to address these concerns.
- 1.4 It is proposed to extend the no waiting at any time restrictions on both sides of Pangbourne Hill to the lay-by south of its junction with Stokes View as shown on plan number EAF/04-05/TM40/001 in Appendix A. The statutory consultation and advertisement period commenced on 10 March 2005, which included a number of street notices being erected.

2. Responses to statutory consultation

- 2.1 At the end of the statutory consultation and advertisement period a total of two responses had been received, which included a resident of Pangbourne Hill and Thames Valley Police. A further response, from a resident of Riverview Road, was received after the advertisement period, but for completeness their comments have been included in this report.
- 2.2 The response from Thames Valley Police stated that they have no objections to the advertised order.
- 2.3 The resident of Pangbourne Hill commented that there is limited parking available within the grounds of their property and their second vehicle has to park on Pangbourne Hill. The proposed extension to the restrictions would mean that their second vehicle would have to be parked some distance from their property.
- 2.4 The response from the resident of Riverview Road commented that, while they did not object to the proposals in principle, they considered that parked vehicles influenced traffic speeds and traffic speeds on Pangbourne Hill will increase as a result of their removal. The respondent also requested that additional traffic calming measures be introduced to prevent traffic speeds from increasing.

4. Officer comments

- 4.1 It is considered that there is sufficient parking for two vehicles within the grounds of the property belonging to the single objector on Pangbourne Hill by use of their existing garage and driveway. Alternatively the resident can continue to park on Pangbourne Hill, albeit further away from their property or park free of charge in Station Road car park before 8.00am or after 6.00pm Mondays to Saturdays inclusive or anytime on Sundays.
- 4.2 The results of the recent traffic study showed that traffic speeds are appropriate for a road of this nature. Pangbourne Hill is a location regularly used by the Speed Indicator Device (SID). Should the waiting restrictions be introduced on this length of Pangbourne Hill, SID would continue to be used to inform drivers of their speed and monitor traffic speeds. Consequently it is not considered appropriate to introduce traffic calming measures.

5. Recommendations

- 5.1 It is recommended that the proposed extension to the no waiting at any time restrictions be introduced as advertised.
- 5.2 That the respondents be informed accordingly.

Appendices

Appendix A - Plan Number EAF/04-05/TM40/001 showing proposed waiting restrictions on Pangbourne Hill.

Implications

Financial:	The cost of making the Traffic Regulation Order is approximately £1,000 and will be funded from the Eastern Area Forum Works budget.
Legal:	The implementation and sealing of the Order will be undertaken by Legal and Electoral Services.
Environmental:	The proposed waiting restrictions will improve road safety and therefore provide environmental benefits to local residents.

Consultation Responses

Members:

Leader of Council:	Councillor Royce Longton supports the recommendation on the basis that the Ward Member agrees with it.
Select Committee Chairmen:	Councillor Brian Bedwell supports the recommendation on the basis that the Ward Member agrees with it.
P&L Committee Chairman (where appropriate):	N/A
Ward Member:	Councillor Susie Kemp supports the recommendation.

Opposition Spokesperson: Councillor Brian Bedwell supports the recommendation on the basis that the Ward Member agrees with it.

Advisory Members: N/A

Local Stakeholders: Have been consulted as part of the statutory consultation process. Pangbourne Parish Council supports the recommendation.

Officers Consulted: Andrew Garratt, Mark Cole, Mark Edwards.

Trade Union: No Trade Union implications.