

Meeting to discuss Highcliffe TRO options following formal consultation

09:00 – Monday 03 June 2018

St Giles Room. WCC City Offices

Present

Cllr Dominic Hiscock – HCC Eastgate Division

Cllr Kim Gottlieb – WCC St Michaels Ward

Cllr Fiona Mather – WCC St Michaels Ward

Cllr Lynda Murphy – WCC St Michaels Ward

Simon Finch – WCC Corporate Director Regulatory

Richard Hein – WCC Head of Parking Services and CCTV

Neville Crisp – WCC Traffic Engineer

Discussion

NC provided copies of plans showing the results of the informal consultation, the overall proposal and detailed proposals for Zone X, X2 and X3 as advertised. Also table giving details of formal representations received and a summary of the petition received from residents of Gordon Avenue and Fivefields Road, also provided as a plan.

NC gave a brief history of why the changes to the restrictions in Highcliffe were being taken forward and why the proposals for each area had been decided.

KG said that he had been asked by residents for more on street parking to be introduced, but understood that it was not possible to create more highway.

KG asked about making disabled bays enforceable. This will require a new TRO, but can be done if necessary.

LM asked about crossing points for the school. This would be down to HCC School Travel Plan team, but without any existing problems they are unlikely to be able to justify any changes.

RH mentioned that Sunday restrictions would need to be mainly self-enforcing, but the Council does have CEOs working on Sundays when the Farmers Market is on, so there will be staff available. Additional resources can be investigated.

RH also mentioned that there might be significant changes if the HCC/WCC Agency Agreement is not renewed. HCC's policy for full cost recovery was explained and the cost implications of the first permit being at least £50.

KG clarified the existing Zone X restrictions together with the current permit costs. The clause for permit entitlement to developments after May 2002 was explained. This was

particularly relevant to a specific property in Highcliffe Road which was a new build on waste land and therefore the residents of the 4 new properties are not entitled to any permits. They therefore rely on parking on the local unrestricted roads or on the single yellow lines outside the current restrictions times.

Discussion on the responses and options for the three zones

Zone X

There is overwhelming support for Sunday permit holder restrictions, however the proposal to change the existing single yellow lines to double yellow has raised objections as some residents use the single yellow lines to park on in the evenings and Sundays as there is limited parking on street in the Highcliffe Road/Canute Road area.

Conclusion

In recognition of this it is not proposed to change the single yellow lines in this area, but double yellow lines are to be included on Milland Road.

Zone X2

The results of the informal consultation for this potential new permit zone showed a fairly low level of support, however it was considered appropriate to proceed with proposals for new restrictions as there would be criticism if this the probable displaced parking was not anticipated and measures proposed accordingly.

However, during the formal consultation period a 99 signature petition was received from residents of Gordon Avenue and Fivefields Road stating that they objected to any new restrictions. This means that almost 50% of residents in the new Zone X2 area are not in favour of new restrictions.

Conclusion

Due to the above and the fact that there was not significant response in support for new restrictions during the informal consultation it was agreed that the proposal for new restrictions should be dropped. If this happens the impact of any new restrictions in Zone X will be closely monitored and if necessary new restrictions could be implemented as a priority.

Post meeting comment – Subject to timescales and what is wanted this could be done under the current proposal as advertised which would save time.

Zone X3

Although there is substantial support from residents for new restrictions, this area was only included as a permit zone due to the adjacent proposals. If it was taken in isolation it would not meet the criteria for a permit scheme due to all of the properties having off road parking. As the new restrictions for Zone X2 are being withdrawn it is not believed that the new permit restrictions are appropriate for this area.

It is also acknowledged that the area is used by other residents to park (see Zone X comments) and restrictions would also have a severe impact on recreational users of the South Downs Way. As the Zone X2 proposal is being withdrawn there is unlikely to be any further parking displaced into Chalk Ridge and as such additional restrictions should not be needed beyond the junction with Petersfield Road. However to ensure clear access along the road and reasonable visibility along Petersfield Road is maintained it is proposed to introduce restrictions on the north side of the road as there are no restrictions at present and sometime vehicles are parked causing potential obstructions and obscuring on-coming traffic especially for the residents exiting steep driveways locally. As a precaution restrictions should also be introduced in Chalk Ridge at its junction with Petersfield Road and on the first section (bend) to ensure clear access and sufficient visibility for road users.

Conclusion

Due to the above it is agreed to drop the current proposed restrictions but to take forward a new proposal to introduce double yellow lines for the whole of the north side of Petersfield Road and the junction of Chalk Ridge. Subject to committee approval this new TRO is to be actioned as a priority.

This course of action is unlikely to be popular with residents, but they will be given the opportunity to comment at Committee when the proposal is taken for decision.

Next Steps

Committee report required.

The recommendations within the report can include for the impact of the any changes to be monitored and action taken to introduce additional restrictions as a priority.

All individuals that have made formal representations will be contacted notifying them of the meeting and how to view the report and that they can make personal representation at the meeting if they wish to.

Letters to be sent to all residents notifying them of the proposed decision, the meeting and how to view the report and that they can attend and make personal representations at the meeting if they wish to. (wording of letter to be approved by Cllrs prior to sending)

Likely implementation date Autumn 2019. (this would be linked to the new 'virtual' permit system being rolled out)

All of the above could be dependent on HCC/WCC Agency Agreement being renewed.

Post meeting note

The outcome of this meeting was discussed at the Highcliffe Community Forum meeting the same evening (03/06/2019) and when the petition objecting to the restrictions for Zone X2 was mentioned there was a comment that a counter petition would be organised by residents in favour of restrictions. If received this would be noted in any report and might influence the decision, however the course of action being taken by officers at present is in line with the discussions at the meeting as set out above.

N Crisp

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