

**REPORT TO THE HEAD OF HIGHWAY MANAGEMENT
REPRESENTATION TO AN ADVERTISED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER**

**The Metropolitan Borough of Solihull (Dorridge Village) (Total Prohibition of
Waiting, Restriction of Waiting and Restricted Parking Zone) Order 2021**

20/09/21

LEAD OFFICER: JANE WILLIAMS

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To consider representations received to a permanent Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to introduce new parking restrictions and amended parking restrictions in Dorridge Village.

1 Background

- 1.1 Through the council's established Traffic Regulation Order Framework process Dorridge Village was identified as a priority location in the 2020/21 works programme to be considered for the introduction of new or amended parking restrictions.

The proposals have been made in response to local concerns regarding the increase in commuter and obstructive parking throughout the village. It was also taken into consideration that any new restrictions carry with them a displacement factor.

The response to the proposals was high and varied which is what is to be expected with such a large consultation.

The majority of representations referred to additional enforcement.

Other general comments mentioned:

- That the proposals would create additional disruption for residents when there was no issue.
- Concerns about possible displacement which in turn included requests for additional restrictions.
- By discouraging commuter parking we would be discouraging use of the railway and also affecting those who work in and visit Dorridge.

Specific comments referred to:

- Possible increased speeds on Dorridge Road if commuter parking was discouraged completely.
- The affect that the proposed restrictions would have on St Philips Church and the new Church centre.

2. Matters for Consideration

- 2.1 The proposals were formally advertised on 8th July 2021 and the closing date for receipt of representations was 30th July 2021.

2.2 Three 'drop in' sessions were held at the local Sainsburys and residents were invited to come along and ask questions. Many residents attended to learn more about the scheme. As part of this process, residents were advised to put their comments in writing in accordance with the legal process.

2.3 Lockdown restrictions in relation to Covid 19 were lifted in the UK on 19th July 2021. It is not known at this time if working arrangements and rail travel will return to how they were pre Covid.

2.4 Officers and Ward Members attended a meeting to discuss the results of the consultation and to decide on the most beneficial way forward at this present time.

2.5 The objections, comments and suggestions received have been fully considered.
The tables overleaf summarise the original proposal and the recommendation as to how to proceed at this time based on feedback, site observations and engagement with ward councillors:

Dorridge Village North (Plan 8673a)

Location	Original Proposal	Recommendation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beckford Close • Copstone Drive • Edstone Drive • Fennis Close • Hartlebury Close 	Existing restricted zone: Mon – Fri, 9.30-10am to be replaced with Restricted Zone: Mon – Fri, 9-11am & 2-3pm	Deferred (Please refer to paragraph 4.3).
Poplar Road (east side)	Extension of double yellow lines	Implement as advertised.
Poplar Road (west side)	Double yellow lines	Withdraw.

Dorridge Village North (Plan 8673b)

Location	Original Proposal	Recommendation
Hanbury Road (south, west and around grassed area)	No Waiting, Mon-Fri, 8.45 - 9.15am & 2.45 - 3.45pm, Sept 1st – July 31st to be replaced with No Waiting, Mon – Fri, 8.30 - 9.30am & 3 - 4pm, Sept 1st - July 31st	Implement as advertised.

Dorridge Village East (Plan 8673c)

Location	Original Proposal	Recommendation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dorridge Road / Clyde Road crossroads • Blue Lake Road / Clyde Road / Knowle Wood Road, junction 	Double yellow lines	Implement as advertised.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gladstone Road • Walcott Green • Clyde Road (south) 	New restricted zone Mon – Fri, 9 - 11am & 2 - 3pm	Extend the existing restricted zone on Granville Road ‘Mon-Fri, 9.30 – 10.30am’ to include these roads. Defer pm restrictions. (Please refer to paragraph 4.4).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grove Road roundabout. • Blue Lake Road / Dorridge Road junction 	Double yellow lines	Deferred (Please refer to paragraph 4.3).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clyde Road (north) • Knowle Wood Road • Blue Lake Road • Bushwood Drive • Foxbury Drive • Longford Close • Granville Road • Warren Drive 	New restricted zone Mon – Fri, 9 - 11am & 2 - 3pm	Deferred (Please refer to paragraph 4.3).
Dorridge Road	No Waiting, Mon - Fri, 9 - 11am & 2 - 3pm	Deferred (Please refer to paragraph 4.3).

Dorridge Village East (Plan 8673d)

Location	Original Proposal	Recommendation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manor Road (north bend) • Manor Road (adj. no. 6) • Rodborough Road (adj. to 3 & 5, both sides) • Grange Road (adj. no. 41) <p>Junctions of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rodborough Road / Woodchester Road • Grange Road/Ernsford Close • Grange Road/Kingscote Road • Grange Road/Beconsfield Close • Grange Road/Hansell Drive • Grange Road/Earlswood Road 	Double yellow lines	Implement as advertised.
Manor Road	No Waiting, Mon – Fri, 9 - 11am & 2 - 3pm	Implement ‘No Waiting, Mon-Fri, 9.30 – 10.30am’ (this will be consistent with existing timings in Dorridge) Defer pm restrictions. (Please refer to paragraph 4.4).
Grange Road	No Waiting, Mon – Fri, 9 - 11am & 2 - 3pm	Implement ‘No Waiting, Mon-Fri, 9.30 – 10.30am’ (this will be consistent with existing timings in Dorridge) Defer pm restrictions. (Please refer to paragraph 4.4).
Ernsford Close	New Restricted Zone: Mon – Fri, 9 - 11am & 2 - 3pm	Implement ‘Restricted Zone, Mon-Fri, 9.30 – 10.30am’ (this will be consistent with existing timings in Dorridge) Defer pm restrictions. (Please refer to paragraph 4.4).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Westfield Road • Cawdon Grove • Hinchwich Court 	Existing Restricted Zone: Mon – Fri, 9.30 - 10am to be replaced with Restricted Zone: Mon – Fri, 9 - 11am & 2 - 3pm	Deferred (Please refer to paragraph 4.3).

Requests which have been noted for possible inclusion in a future consultation for Dorridge Village

Location	Request
Spring Coppice Drive	Inclusion within a restricted parking zone. (This location was not covered in the original consultation). (Please refer to paragraph 4.5).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rodborough Road • Woodchester Road 	Extension to double yellow lines and/or inclusion within a restricted parking zone. (Please refer to paragraph 4.5).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Woodstock Crescent • Hartington Close • Swinford Grove 	Inclusion within a restricted parking zone. (Please refer to paragraph 4.5).
Hanbury Road (north & east)	Inclusion within a restricted parking zone. (Please refer to paragraph 4.5).

3. Ward Members' Views

- 3.1 The Ward Members for Dorridge were informed of and approved the advertising of the original proposals.
- 3.2 On completion of the consultation a meeting was held between Ward Members and officers to discuss the representations received, where they agreed to defer, modify and implement the restrictions as set out in the table above.

4. Officer Recommendation

- 4.1 The representations received in respect of the proposed Traffic Regulation Order have been fully considered.
- 4.2 Approximately 200 representations were received concerning the proposals and officers also held three 'drop in' sessions at the local Sainsburys, where residents were invited to visit to ask questions.
- 4.3 Feedback received has indicated that at a number of locations residents do not consider that currently there is an issue with parking that necessitates the restrictions as proposed. This is in part due to the impact of Covid-19 which it is recognised has significantly changed many peoples travel behaviour. It is also noted that as the country recovers post Covid-19 it is possible that parking practices may reoccur at these locations which would benefit from the restrictions proposed in this order. It is therefore recommended that the majority of the original proposals be deferred for a period of 12 months with an option to implement if necessary within statutory 2 year period from the date of original order advertisement (before 8th July 2023).
- 4.4 In response to feedback from local residents concerned about the restrictive nature of the proposals, it is recommended that a lesser restriction be implemented initially, that being for an AM period between 9:30-10:30am only. This restriction will still prevent all day parking from occurring, but will provide a less limiting option for residents and their visitors. It will also alleviate the concerns raised by the Church on Manor Road, which highlighted the impact on visitors to their site as part of their objections. These restrictions will also be subject to a deferred 12-month review as set out in paragraph 4.3 above, and provide an opportunity to implement the PM restriction as well if this is considered necessary in the future.
- 4.5 The locations identified as locations for future possible inclusion will be monitored as part of the council's business as usual processes. Should displacement parking at these locations arise, and prompt concern from residents, these locations would then be feed into the TRO annual prioritisation process for consideration and progression if appropriate.
- 4.6 It is recommended that the proposed Traffic Regulation Order be implemented as detailed on plans 8673e, 8673f & 8673g in Appendix A.

Democratic Services

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

Risk Implications

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.

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 the Traffic Regulation Order as detailed on plans 8673e, 8673f & 8673g in Appendix A is implemented. (The plans showing the original proposals can be found in Appendix B)

The recommendation as set out above is hereby approved:

P.S. Tovey

18th October 2021

Signature:Date:

Paul Tovey
Head of Highway Management