
REPORT OF THE STRATEGIC DIRECTOR PLACE

TO THE LEAD MEMBER FOR STRATEGIC PLANNING

TRAFFIC ADVISORY PANEL

6th September 2018

TITLE: Newlands Drive – TRO 2157

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Lead Member for Strategic Planning consider the contents of this report and the deliberations of the Traffic Advisory Panel and make a decision to

Overrule the objections and go ahead with the proposal as advertised.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

A proposal has been put forward through the Claremont & Weaste Community Committee to introduce a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for 'Limited Waiting' restrictions and 'No Waiting at Any Time' junction protection at the junction of Newlands Drive and Parkway to allow bin waggon access.

The proposal intends to address concerns raised by the local community and Salford City Councils Environmental Team regarding lack of bin wagon access. Inconsiderate and a high volume of residents parking is stopping refuse vehicles from accessing and servicing Newlands Drive.

Waiting restrictions will allow the refuse vehicles to park up and service Newlands Drive while the Junction protection will allow space and visibility for vehicles to move in and out of Newlands Drive safely. The TRO was advertised on the 12th July 2018 for a period of 21 days and received one objection.

UV Officers recommend that the objections are taken into consideration and the TRO is agreed. Members of the Highways Task Group have requested the views of the Traffic Advisory Panel on this matter.

Background

During the last two years complaints have been raised regarding dangerous parking stopping refuse vehicles accessing and servicing Newlands Drive. It was decided by local councillors through Highways Task Group that waiting restrictions should be put in place to allow bin wagons to service Newlands Drive.

During the design phase it was decided, along with waiting restrictions along one side of Newlands Drive, junction protection should also be put in place to keep the junction clear and allow vehicles to enter and exit the road safely. It is proposed to put in approx. 5 meters on both sides of the junction.

Nobody should be legally parking on or around a junction as stated in the Highway Code, Rule 234.

Do Not stop or park opposite or within 10 meters of a junction, except in an authorised parking space.

The proposed restrictions are the minimum required to enforce the need to keep a junction clear for both safe access and visibility issues.

It is proposed to have the limited waiting restrictions in place Monday-Friday 9am - 4pm to allow refuse vehicles access. Currently Newlands Drive refuse collection takes place on a Thursday but to future proof the collection changing days, the whole working week is included in the restrictions. Residents are still able to park outside of these restricted hours.

As per the TRO process, consultation with local residents was undertaken with some residents of Parkways and all residents of Newlands Drive. This consultation consisted of a letter and plan about the proposed restrictions. Following this consultation, a resident got in touch highlighting the issue of cars parking on the opposite side of the junction, this parking was restricting movements and safe visibility. It was decided to include 10m of Double Yellow Lines at both sides of its junction with Parkway. This will keep both sides of the junction clear to allow full access and movement of bin wagons.

Proposals:

Introduction of: **Waiting Restrictions**

Newlands Drive	North West side, from a distance of 5.2m from its junction with the north eastern kerblines of Parkway for a distance of 12.5m in a north easterly direction.
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Introduction of: **No Waiting at Any Time Restrictions**

Newlands Drive	North West side, from its junction with the north eastern kerblines of Parkway for a distance of 5.2m in a north easterly direction.
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Newlands Drive	South East side, from its junction with the North Eastern Kerbline of Parkway for a distance of 5.2m in a north easterly direction
Parksway	North East side, from its junction with the North Westerly kerbline of Newlands Drive for a distance of 4.5m in a North Westerly direction.
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Consideration of Objections

The following table summarises the general points raised by the objections and provides a response:

OBJECTION	REPONSE
The proposed restrictions will make parking on Parkways worse	While nobody has a legal right to park outside their property or on and around a junction, Officers accept this is a residential area with very limited off-street parking available and there tends to be more than 1 vehicle per household. The majority of properties on both Newlands Drive and Parkways have driveways which they are able to park on, it is a select few houses which don't have a driveway and they have been considered throughout the whole process. Instead of restricted the whole of Newlands Drive and Parkways the minimum needed has been put in place to allow residents to still park while Newlands Drive can be serviced by refused vehicles.
Bin collection is only on Thursday, when then are the restrictions in place Monday to Friday.	Bin Collection, although happens on a Thursday now, is not fixed and may change in the future. In order to future proof the access all working days have been included. If the restrictions were only appropriate on Thursday and this changed a whole new TRO and the required process will be needed, and the money required may not be available.
Why can the environmental team not park on Parkways and residents bring their bins to the end of Newlands Drive.	There is currently one resident who has assisted bin collection. Meaning the environmental team is required to collect the residents bin from inside their property and empty in, parking on Newlands Drive itself would allow this to happen. There are eleven properties on Newlands Drive and if all properties were to bring their bins to the junction (some being left all day) it would create an unsafe hazard on both the footway and road.

The objection email is attached to this report.

Deliberations of the Traffic Advisory Panel

The matter is to be considered at a meeting on the 6th September 2018. The objectors have been informed of the date and time of the meeting should they wish to attend.

Recommendation

The proposed parking restrictions have the aim of improving safe access for bin wagons servicing Newlands Drive while also allowing local residents parking by not restricting the whole area.

During the design process residents were consulted and the scheme was advertised on site and only one objection was raised.

The objection raised is about the potential of exacerbating the current parking issues, to stop this from happening the minimum needed has been put in place to allow access while still allow residents to park. The need for future proofing and assisted bin collection need also taking into consideration.

As such it is recommended that the proposed parking restrictions are approved and put in place as designed and advertised.

KEY COUNCIL POLICIES: Local Transport Plan

EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND IMPLICATIONS:

ASSESSMENT OF RISK:

Implementation of parking restrictions would improve access for bin wagons; however there is a risk that it will generate parking problems for local residents who may be unable to park outside or near to their homes. All efforts have been made to reduce the impact on local parking while designing the restrictions. If the restrictions do not go in, there is a risk of the environmental being unable to service Newlands Drive in the right way.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

Not applicable

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The costs are to be met from the Block 3 Highways Capital allocation of the Claremont & Weaste devolved budget from the 2017/18 financial year.

PROCUREMENT IMPLICATIONS:

Not applicable

HR IMPLICATIONS Supplied by: N/A.

OTHER DIRECTORATES CONSULTED: None.

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WARDS TO WHICH REPORT RELATES: Weaste & Seedley

Ben Dolan
Strategic Director, Place

Good Afternoon Alex,

Please see email below from a [REDACTED] who objects to the proposals on Newlands Drive and Parkway. Please respond, her email address is [REDACTED]

Kind regards

Gurmail Singh

On Friday, 13 July 2018 15:06:28 UTC+1, [REDACTED] wrote:

Good Afternoon

I live on Parkway at no 46 and am constantly struggling to park due to issues with the residents from Newlands Drive parking outside my home. If this proposal goes ahead that will make it 10 times worse. I have lived here for 23 years and feel upset at the idea of this happening. I am assuming this is to do with the bin waggons but we only have a collection on a Friday so why does it need to be Mon-Fri and why can't the residents of Newlands Drive bring their bins to the bottom of the driveway. The on-going problems with parking will just be exacerbated by this action. I strongly object to this proposal. Parking is very tight as it is and this will create more problems than rectify them. I look forward to your response.

Yours Faithfully

[REDACTED]

From: alex.parkin@urbanvision.org.uk

To: [REDACTED]

Hello Lorraine,

I am emailing regarding the objection you raised to the proposed TRO for parking restrictions on Newlands Drive and Parkway.

I understand that as a resident of Parkway you are worried about parking on your street when the new restrictions are put in place. The aim of the restrictions are not to take away residents parking but to keep crossing points and accesses clear. Attached is a drawing of the proposed restrictions.

The aim of putting in place the waiting restrictions is to allow bin wagons to access the road and to reduce parking at the junction of Newlands Drive and Parkway. By removing parking at the junction, it allows bin wagons to park on and service newlands drive without blocking Parkway. The double yellow lines going on both sides of the junction have been placed there to keep the junction clear of parked cars for safety and access reasons. The scheme was originally designed to have double yellow lines on only the west side of the junction, but through consultation residents expressed concern and a wish to have further parking restrictions. Following this it was decided to put double yellow lines on both sides of the junction.

The proposed double yellow lines will only enforce a section of road where cars are currently legally unable to park, as per the highway code. If a car parks within 10 meters of a junction they are in breach of the Highway Code and as such liable for a parking penalty:

Rule 243 of the Highway Code states that you 'DO NOT stop or Park except when forced to do so by stationary traffic:

- Anywhere you would prevent access for emergency services
- Opposite of within 10 meters (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space
- Where the kerb has been lowered to help wheelchair users and powered mobility vehicles
- In front of an entrance to a property
- On a bend
- Where you would obstruct cyclists use of cycle facilities

By putting double yellow lines in place we are clearing the access for cars entering and exiting newlands drive and for the safety of all vehicles traveling on Newlands Drive and Parkway. We are also keeping the junction clear so footway users have a safe place to cross.

Referring to your question regarding why the restrictions will be in place Monday to Friday and not only Friday. This is to future proof the bin wagon access, if the date and time of bin collection was to change on your street the parking restrictions would allow for this. Cars will still be able to park on this section of road outside of the restricted hours.

The other query you raised was, if the bin wagons could park on Parkway and the bins could be dragged down from newlands drive. Currently there are one or two assisted collections on Newlands Drive, this means that certain residents are not able to move their bin from their house to the desired location on the footway meaning that the environmental team have pre-arranged to assist the resident with their bin collection. Collection of the bins needs to happen on newlands drive to allow for these assisted bin collection.

I hope the above gives you an idea about why we are proposing the restrictions and that we have taken the needs of local residents into account when designing these restrictions.

We do take your objection seriously and as such the proposed scheme will be going before the Traffic Advisory panel. The panel is made up of Councillors, including the Lead Member for Transport and they will take the proposed scheme along with objections raised into consideration and decide if the scheme will go ahead. As you have objected to the scheme you are welcome to come along to the meeting and represent your objections for consideration by councillors. The Traffic Advisory Panel will take place around lunch time on Thursday 6th September, if you would like to attend please let me know and I can send you more details of the meeting.

If you have any further questions that I have not covered above or if you have any further comments please feel free to give me a ring or send me an email.

Thanks

Alex

Regards

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