

Subject:	Proposed amendments to verge & footway parking restrictions		
Date of Meeting:	4 March 2014		
Report of:	Executive Director Environment, Development & Housing		
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Ward(s) affected:	Patcham & North Portslade		

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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND POLICY CONTEXT

- 1.1 To consider representations, comments, support and objections received to amendment Traffic Regulation Orders
- 1.2 The amendments were requested by residents and ward members following the implementation of verge and footway parking restrictions in parts of the Surrenden area of Brighton and Mile Oak in North Portslade.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That having taken into account the duly made representations and objections the Committee is recommended to approve the Brighton & Hove (Various Roads) (Prohibition Of Stopping and Waiting On Verges And Footways) Order 2013 Amendment Order No.* 201* and the Brighton & Hove (Waiting & Loading/Unloading Restrictions and Parking Places) Consolidation Order 2008 Amendment Order No.* 201* drafts of which are attached at Appendices C & D ("the Amendment Orders").

3. CONTEXT/ BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 The Brighton & Hove (Various Roads) (Prohibition of Stopping and Waiting On Verges And Footways) Order 2013 ("the TRO") prohibiting verge and footway parking was approved by Environment, Transport and Sustainability Committee on 8 October 2013 and became operational in early December.
- 3.2 Residents in Old Court Close, Patcham requested that the Close become part of the verge and footway restriction scheme to prevent damage to and obstruction of verges and footways and to reduce the environmental impact of large signs at the entry to the street.

- 3.3 An independent road safety audit highlighted the issue of unrestricted parking at the eastern end of Chalky Road, Mile Oak. Should vehicles displace from the verges onto this area then traffic flow could be impeded leading to collisions.
- 3.4 The amendments contained in the Amendment TROs are to include Old Court Close, Brighton in the list of streets subject to verge and footway parking prohibition and to extend the yellow lines in Chalky Road, Portslade on the south side opposite Broomfield Drive.

4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & CONSULTATION

- 4.1 The Amendment Orders were advertised between the 24th January and the 14th February 2014. Any objections or other representations received after the publication of this report will be reported verbally at Committee.
- 4.2 The Ward Councillors for the areas were consulted, as were the statutory consultees such as the Emergency Services.
- 4.3 Notices were also put on street on the 23rd January and were rechecked on 4th February and were still in place. The notice was also published in the Argus newspaper on the 24th January 2014. Detailed plans and the order were available to view at Hove Library, Jubilee Library, the Customer Service Centres at Bartholomew House and at Hove Town Hall
- 4.4 The documents were also available to view and to respond to directly on the Council website.

Summary of Objections and officers response – see appendix G

Old Court Close

- 4.5 At the time of writing the report one objection had been received to the proposals in Old Court Close on the grounds that the required signage within the street could be intrusive. Officer response – round repeater signs will be required on lamp columns but a large entry/exit sign can be removed at the junction with Braybon Avenue. Overall the street environment will be improved.
- 4.6 At the time of writing the report seven representations in support had been received from residents in the street and the local area expressing general support for the proposals. This included a representation from a local campaign group “Campaign to save our verges”.

Chalky Road, Mile oak

- 4.7 At the time of writing the report one objection had been received from a local business as part of a general objection to a number of proposed traffic orders in the city. This refers to the “fanatical proposals that have been introduced recently... crippling the city” and affecting that business. Officer response –The measures are reasonable and proportionate at this location to ensure the safety of road users close to a traffic calming feature and have been supported by an independent safety audit.

5. CONCLUSION

- 5.1 Old Court Close, Patcham. Site surveys showed that there was evidence of parking and driving on the verges in the Close. The inclusion of the street will also enable the removal of one large post and sign and its replacement with less intrusive repeater signs on lamp columns.
- 5.2 Chalky Road, Mile Oak - Following implementation of the TRO the site was monitored and there is significant narrowing of the carriageway on the westbound approach to the first traffic calming feature (chicane). It is therefore proposed to extend the existing yellow lines on the south side of Chalky Road eastwards to the point where the available road width increases at the junction with Broomfield Drive.

6. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

- 6.1 February 2013 Budget Council approved a £125,000 one off revenue contribution in 2013-14 to support the verge and footways parking restriction pilot schemes.

Finance Officer Consulted: Steven Bedford

Date: 10/02/14

Legal Implications:

- 6.2 The Council regulates traffic by means of orders made under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 ("the Act"). Procedural requirements are contained in the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 and require public notice of orders to be given. Any person may object to the making of an order. Any unresolved objections to an order must be considered by the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee before it can be made.

Lawyer Consulted:

Name Hilary Woodward

Date: 19/2/14

Equalities Implications:

- 6.3 None

Sustainability Implications:

- 6.4 The proposals will help preserve the amenity of the verges and their value as surface drainage

Any Other Significant Implications:

- 6.5 None

7 ANALYSIS & CONSIDERATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 7.1 The alternative is not to proceed with the amendment traffic orders but this is not recommended for the reasons given in the report.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. Appendix A TRO Notices (combined)
2. Appendix B Statement of reasons (combined)
3. Appendix C Draft amendment order Old Court Close
4. Appendix D Draft amendment order Chalky Road
5. Appendix E Plan of Old Court Close proposals
6. Appendix F Plan of Chalky Road proposals
7. Appendix G Summary of representations

Documents in Members' Room

None

Background Documents

1. Report to Environment, Sustainability & Transport Committee 8 October 2013, Agenda item 30