

Report to	Norwich highways agency committee 20 March 2014	Item 7
Report of	Head of city development services	Supplementary report
Subject	Controlled parking zones: miscellaneous waiting restrictions amendments representations received	

Representations concerning proposed waiting restrictions

In addition to those objections cited in the report, the following have been received.

Corton Road: 8 further objectors

Objections to proposal:

- Width of Corton Road is inadequate with parking on both side of road.
- Vehicles unable to pass.
- Level of traffic entering and leaving Corton Road is too great for this proposal due to length of queuing traffic, congestion problems and safety risk.
- Make Corton Road one way
- Footways are substandard and narrow, pedestrians must walk in the road, this proposal will make this difficult and dangerous.
- City Council not meeting its legal duty under Disabled Discrimination Act.
- Trees in footway make Corton Road difficult to use.
- Many people in area are elderly will mobility difficulties
- The need for additional parking is outweighed by the safety risks of this proposal
- Footfall for football is very high in this area, this proposal puts these pedestrians at risk
- The development in the area on the sports ground will increase traffic
- Loss of parking on Corton Road is not compensated by proposal as Zone Z will decrease in size.

Response:

Corton Road is approximately 7.5 metres in width. Parking on both sides of road can be accommodated with a single running lane. Due to footway issues officers would wish to withdraw the proposal as recommended in the report.

Duke Street: 2 objectors

- Not witnessed vehicles driving in to cycle lane; proposal not warranted.
- Object to loss of parking useful for residents and their visitors and local businesses such as the pub or the Church nearby
- Duke Street has speed problems and this proposal will speed up traffic more
- Cyclists don't use the cycle path and ride on the pavement
- City Council should pay for work that residents have asked for such as traffic calming.
- The proposal would only resolve issues after 6.30pm weekdays and Sats and on Sundays at the cost of resident and visitor parking.

Response: Duke Street is subject to a review of safety and will be a 20mph speed limit within 18 months as part of cycle schemes. The removal of on street parking is necessary to reduce risks to cyclists. Visitors can use St Andrews car park instead of parking on street.

Gaol Hill: 2 objectors

- 15 minute loading restriction is too short for unloading for market
- Enforcement of the existing restriction should improve
- The market is dying
- Abuse of the bay is by the public, not market traders

Response: If loading exceeds 15 mins and is continuous it may occur for as long as is necessary as determined by a civil enforcement officer. This restriction will act as a deterrent to those abusing the bay and will retain this bay for its intended use for loading. Recommend implementation as proposed

Magdalen Street; 1 further objector

- Loss of on street parking will be of detriment to traders
- Buses already have a bus lane, loss of parking not justified
- Proposal will displace vehicles into Boswells Yard (residential)
- Extend the loading ban nearer to the pedestrian crossing

Response: The loss of on street loading and parking in the evenings and Sundays must be balanced with the need to maintain traffic flow for popular bus and park and ride services. Thousands of bus passengers are affected by delays that can be avoided. Recommend implementation as proposed.

Waterloo Road: 2 objectors

- Road is too narrow to accommodate the parking bays
- Parking bays will reduce visibility of adjacent junctions used by cyclists
- Junctions are dangerous already
- Road is a bus route and this will create delays
- Cyclists put at risk
- Children at risk crossing the road
- No traffic survey to assess road safety risks
- Letter did not reach the property owners as some properties are let.

Response: Waterloo Road is of adequate width to accommodate a limited waiting bay, this was requested by the local business owner and MP. This bay will be of benefit to local residents and their visitors. Recommend implementation as proposed.