

Phase 1 Adoption Proposals - Answers to the NCA from Chris Rook, Traffic Management Team Officer DCC 6 April 2018

Proposals 1 & 2 – Parking Restrictions at Junctions

Proposals 1 & 2 for No Waiting At Any Time (double yellow lines) are supported by the traffic management team and local Member in principle. These will be included in our annual waiting restriction review process.

Pending no significant objection in the appropriate legal and democratic process these would be introduced in 18/19.

As discussed at the meeting on 5th December'17, when considering the extent of restrictions we must consider the nature of each road in order to balance demand for parking (and natural traffic calming effect of parked vehicles) whilst maintaining free passage, this may see a slight reduction of the restrictions originally proposed in your document. Final designs will be agreed with County Councillor.

For information, whilst the spine roads are fully adopted, some sides remain at Section 38 stage. Therefore, if we are to introduce and enforce yellow lines before adoption we will require the landowners consent.

With regards bus stop clearway, these are supported by traffic management team and local Member. These do not require a traffic regulation order, therefore these can be progressed and implemented sooner to ensure that parking does not take place adjacent to the bus stops. The works order for the bus stop clearway will be raised during Quarter 1 of 18/19, the expectation being that our contractor delivers by mid-year.

SUMMARY:

No Waiting At Any Time (double yellow lines) will be considered as part of 18/19 review, with a view to implementing agreed restrictions in year.

Bus stop clearway will be ordered, and introduced by mid-year 18/19.

Proposal 3 – Reduced Speed Limit on All Newcourt Roads

Proposal 5 – Additional Speed Control Measures on lower Admiral Way

The proposal for a reduction in speed limit to 20mph has been reviewed and would not meet our current policy, therefore this is not something that will be supported at this time.

For information, our approach to setting speed limits is currently under review pending new national studies from the Department for Transport expected later this year. The request will be reviewed in light of any change made at that time.

However, we understand your concerns regarding the speed of vehicles on some stretches of the spine road and these will be investigated through the councils Speed Compliance Action Review Forum (SCARF), speed data will be collated to inform initial discussion at the next scheduled meeting in July. Feedback from that meeting will be shared with the Association.

SUMMARY:

Currently a reduced speed limit to 20mph would not be supported, however concerns over current driver behaviour will be investigated.

Proposal 4 – Weight Limit on All Newcourt Roads

It is understood that there is a desire to prohibit large good vehicles except those accessing properties on the estate. This type of restriction requires significant police presence to enforce and due to the limited resources of the police it is extremely unlikely that this could be a priority and therefore not something we would consider at this time.

SUMMARY:

The proposal for a Weight Limit restriction on all Newcourt Roads is not currently supported.

Proposal 6 – Access Only Status on All Newcourt Roads

It is understood that an alternative or supplementary proposal to the weight limit is made for Access Only, applied to all vehicles. For the same reasons as proposal 4, this is not something the council would consider at this time.

Having reviewed the spine road the assessment is that this route is likely to be less attractive than the main alternative routes (A379 & Topsham Road), therefore it is believed to be unlikely that any significant amount of non-local traffic will use the estate roads.

SUMMARY:

The proposal for a Access Only restriction on All Newcourt Roads is not currently supported.

Proposal 7 – Residents Parking Schemes for upper Newcourt Roads

The request for residents parking in Newcourt was reviewed by the Exeter Highways and Traffic Orders Committee residents parking working group and supported.

In January 2018, the committee resolved to consult on a number of proposals for residents parking, including Newcourt, in 2018/19. The consultation will involve a letter drop to all affected addresses to fully understand the demand for residents parking restrictions in the estate. (Item 38: <http://democracy.devon.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=168&MIId=2146&Ver=4>). Where schemes are identified for progression a programme for delivery will be agreed for 19/20 onwards.

SUMMARY:

Initial consultation on residents parking will be carried out in 18/19.

Proposal 8 - Pet Waste Bins & Litter Bins

Proposal 9 – Additional Pet Fouling Enforcement & Education

These do not fall within the remit of the county council.

Experimental Traffic Orders

We understand the proposal to utilise the Experimental Traffic Orders to speed up implementation of any matters progressed.

Experimental Orders are used in rare circumstances where there is a concern that the impact of restrictions may be significant enough to remove the new restriction e.g. closure of a road or a new one way system, and it is not believed that they would be beneficial or appropriate in this instance. The use of an experimental traffic regulation would not be appropriate for a number of these proposals as not permitted by law (namely Residents Parking and Speed Limits) or is not legally allowed for the proposals.