
RECTORY GARTH, RAYLEIGH - PROPOSED EXTENSION TO WAITING RESTRICTIONS

This item was originally considered at Transportation & Environmental Services Committee on 21 March 2000.

Subsequently a requisition was received referring it to Full Council on 18 April 2000 for decision.

Full Council noted that Members of the Transportation & Environmental Services Committee had not appreciated that a decision to change waiting restrictions would only apply to part of the Rectory Garth location and that it was likely the proposed changes would cause confusion.

Accordingly, Council referred this item to the next meeting of the Transportation & Environmental Services Committee for further consideration.

Set out below is a copy of the Minute of Transportation & Environmental Services Committee of 21 March 2000 (Minute 98 (i)):-

"It was considered that the timing of the waiting restriction be reduced from that originally considered and on a Motion moved by Cllr Mrs J M Giles and seconded by Cllr Mrs H L A Glynn it was:-

Resolved

- (1) That Mr McCullagh report back with details of all outstanding requests regarding waiting restrictions and that until such time no more be progressed.
- (2) That the current waiting restrictions in Rectory Garth, Rayleigh be extended to cover the hours between 8.00 am and 6.00 pm every day as per drawing number TRA/11/2183A attached to the report. (Area Manager)"

To assist Members a copy of Transportation Sub-Committee Minute 128 together with the report to the Sub-Committee is set out at Appendix 1.

The ECC Area Highways Manager will be in attendance at the meeting for this item.

Andrew Smith

Head of Administrative & Member Services

Background Papers:

None

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Appendix 1

Transportation Sub-Committee Minute 128

The Sub-Committee considered the report of the County's Area Transportation Manager which outlined a proposal to extend the current waiting restrictions in Rectory Garth, Rayleigh to cover the whole road.

The Ward Member confirmed that much work had been involved in the lengthy consultation for this proposal, which had commenced in 1998. The majority of residents were in favour of extending the waiting restrictions to prevent the extensive on street parking by members of the public using the facilities of the town. This road was often used on the approach from Hockley to avoid driving around the whole of the town.

The Chief Constable from Essex Police had objected to the proposal as it was made for environmental rather than road safety reasons and felt that a residents' Parking Order would have sufficed.

Mr N McCullagh, the District Manager from the County's Transportation & Operational Services confirmed that the current arrangements for waiting restrictions across the District are not totally consistent, but that they would be reviewed. However, the way forward for future housing developments such as this would be to request the financing of such restrictions from the developer.

Mr McCullagh also confirmed that the cost of implementing the parking restrictions would be financed by the Locally Determined County Council Budget.

A request had been made last November that other locally determined schemes for consideration be submitted to County Highways. The Head of Corporate Policy & Initiatives asked Members to supply him with this information for the Transportation & Environmental Services Committee.

Thanks were extended to Mr McCullagh and Mr D Saunders from the Essex Police Traffic Management Unit who then left the meeting.

On a motion moved by Councillor G Fox and seconded by Councillor J E Grey it was:-

Recommended

- (1) that Mr McCullagh report back with details of all outstanding requests regarding waiting restrictions and that until such time no more be progressed.

- (2) that the current waiting restrictions in Rectory Garth, Rayleigh be extended to cover the hours between 8 am and 9 pm every day as per drawing number TRA/11/2183A attached to the report. (Area Manager)

meeting	ROCHFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL
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RECTORY GARTH, RAYLEIGH
PROPOSED EXTENSION TO EXISTING WAITING RESTRICTIONS

Report by Area Manager South (Essex County Council)

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1. Purpose of Report

To consider a proposal to extend the current waiting restrictions in Rectory Garth to cover the whole of the road.

2. Area of District Affected

Rayleigh Town.

3. Background

Rectory Garth is a narrow residential road situated a short distance from the High Street. An extension to the road was built in 1994, which was adopted in September 1999. The first part of the road is subject to a parking restriction from 8.00 am to 9.00 pm every day.

A resident requested that the waiting restrictions be extended to cover the length of road, the local district member supported the proposal.

After an assessment of the site, consultations were carried out in the usual manner.

Details of the proposal are outlined in Appendix A to this report.

4. Investigation Findings

A petition supporting the proposal and signed by 25 of the 27 homeowners from Rectory Garth was received in April 1999. A letter of objection was received from the Chief Constable at the informal consultation stage. His comments are included in Appendix C to this report.

Two letters of objection were received from residents at the formal consultation stage requesting that a variation to the proposal be considered. Their comments are included in Appendix C to this report.

A site visit was attended by the Area Transportation Manager's representative and the local district member to view the parking on site. During this visit a resident from the bottom end of the road requested that this part of the road be left unrestricted to allow

parking for visitors. This was considered and a letter was subsequently sent to numbers 16, 17 and 18 Rectory Garth inviting residents to comment on the new proposal. Three residents responded, two did not support the new proposal.

A further letter was sent to these residents asking them to consider a no parking restriction in the bottom section of the road between 8.00 am and 6.00 pm as an alternative. A response was received by fax, which was signed by each of the residents. One felt that the most suitable proposal was to leave the bottom section of the road unrestricted, another did not agree with this proposal but felt that it was the best option given the alternatives. The third did not make any comment but merely signed the form.

After considering these responses the County Secretary wrote to each resident, enclosing a response form giving three options, this was to be completed and returned. Three completed forms were returned. Two residents opted for leaving the bottom section of the road unrestricted and one opted for leaving the restrictions as they are currently, for no changes to be made.

5. Resource Implications

a. Finance

The estimated cost of implementing the parking restrictions is approximately £600 which can be financed by the 1999/2000 Locally Determined Budget.

b. Property

Nil.

c. Personnel

The design and supervision of any works will be carried out by WS Atkins Transportation under the term contract directed by existing staff of the Transportation and Operational Services Division at the South Area Office. The Order will be processed by The Corporate Law Division of the County Secretary's Department.

6. Conclusions

The Area Manager South has investigated the levels of parking in Rectory Garth and his view is that this is not a strategic matter. The County Council's Parking Policy states that where parking restrictions are enforced by the police on street parking will be restricted only where it is necessary to:-

Significantly improve traffic flow

Remove obstruction to visibility or turning movements.

RECOMMENDED

Parked vehicles on the bend do restrict the available carriageway width and driver sight lines. I therefore recommend in the interests of road safety, that restrictions are introduced as detailed in Appendix B to this report and plan TRA/14/2183/A. The local District Member supports this option.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Letter dated 30 March 1999 from Mr B M Chapman to Area Manager South.

Letter dated 12 April 1999 from the Chief Constable to Area Manager South.

Letter dated 14 April 1999 from Mrs D A Mason to Area Manager South.

Letter dated 8 August 1999 from Mr B M Chapman to Area Manager South.

Option form undated from Mr J Townley returned to Area Manager South on 11 August 1999.

Option form undated from Mr K G & J P Fisher, returned to Area Manager South on 11 August 1999.

Fax letter dated 18 September 1999 from Mr B M Chapman, Mr K G Fisher, Mr J Townley, and resident from No 17 Rectory Garth to Area Manager South.

Option form dated 4 January 2000 from Mr K G Fisher to County Secretary.

Option form dated 9 January 2000 from Mr J Townley to County Secretary.

Option form dated 7 February 2000 from Mr Chapman to Area Manager South.

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Appendix A

Proposed extension to existing parking restrictions 8.00 am ~ 9.00 pm every day.

Rectory Garth
Both Sides

From a point 66 metres northwest of its junction with Hockley Road (the terminal point of the existing waiting restrictions), northwest and then northeastwards to its terminal point including the turning head.

Drawing No TRA/11/2183 details the proposal.

Appendix B

Proposed extension to existing parking restrictions 8.00 am – 9.00 pm every day.

Rectory Garth
Both Sides

From a point 66 metres northwest of its junction with Hockley Road (the terminal point of the existing waiting restrictions), northwest and northeastwards for a distance of 75 metres.

Drawing No TRA/11/2183/A details the optional proposal.

Appendix C

Objector	Grounds for objection	Area Manager's Comments
Chief Constable	He objects to the proposal as it is made for environmental reasons.	Partly agree, however parking on the bend does reduce driver sight lines.
	A residents parking Order would suffice.	A matter for Rochford District Council.
Mrs D A Mason 11 Rectory Garth	The parking restriction times should be reduced at the weekend. 8.00 am – 4.00 pm on Saturday and am only on Sunday.	No strong views but this would go against the views of other residents.
Mr B Chapman Rectory Garth	Has not experienced any parking problems, yellow lines would create problems for residents and visitors. Parking outside no's 15-18 is very limited. Is in agreement with having no yellow lines in Rectory Garth (in accordance with Proposal in Appendix B). Residents parking should be provided.	Would support the proposal detailed in Appendix B. A matter for Rochford DC.
Mr J Townley 18 Rectory Garth	The proposal (in Appendix B) will move the unwanted parking to the bottom of Rectory Garth. There would be insufficient parking space if the Waiting Restrictions were to be introduced.	Possible No comment.
	Would like to see residents parking bays introduced.	Matter for Rochford DC.
	Given the options, accepts that leaving the bottom section unrestricted is the best option.	As above.
	Does not agree with any of the options so will opt for the status quo.	
17 Rectory Garth	As above	As above
Mr Fisher 18 Rectory Garth	Is in agreement with the proposal in Appendix B. If parking restrictions are to be used, would prefer Mon- Sat 8.00 am- 6.00 pm	As above.



