
NORTH STREET, ROCHFORD

PROPOSED NO WAITING AT ANY TIME

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to ask Members to consider the objections received to the above proposals, to introduce a no waiting at any time restriction on the above roads.

2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 North Street Rochford is a busy road situated in the heart of this historical town, part of which is flanked on either side by shops and residential properties. There are various restrictions in place, restricting parking, allowing limited waiting, disabled parking, a goods vehicle loading and unloading bay and a short section of unrestricted parking.
- 2.2 The proposed building of a new town centre development off Roche Close, Rochford will make it necessary to construct a build out at its junction with North Street to improve driver sight lines, and to restrict on street parking further by imposing a no waiting at any time restriction to give drivers of HGV's adequate space to turn into Roche Close. This was reported to Rochford District Council's Planning Services Committee in May 2004 as part of the planning application, and consent was finally granted in March 2005.
- 2.3 In addition, a scheme for the provision of not more than 5 on street parking spaces to be situated on the Application Site or in Weir Pond Road to replace those lost on North Street due to the redesign of the junction shall be submitted to the Council prior to commencement of the development. Informal and formal advertisement of the scheme has now taken place, and two written objections to the proposal have been received.

3 PROPOSAL

- 3.1 To allow sufficient turning space for heavy goods vehicles to access the new town centre development off Roche Close, and to improve sight lines for drivers exiting the development, a proposal to impose a no waiting at any time restriction on a section of limited waiting bays removing approximately 4 spaces, and on an unrestricted section 1 space was advertised. Two letters of objection were received from local residents, and their comments are outlined below.

Objector	Objections	E.C.C. Comments
Mr Stephen Cottis 79 Rochford Garden Way Rochford	The parking restrictions will restrict people parking and visiting the shops. They will affect people using the shops and supporting the local trade.	An additional limited waiting bay is to be provided by ECC. The developer is to provide 5 on street parking spaces on site or in Weir Pond Road
	The restriction in North Street is 30 minutes and should be at least 1 hour.	This request will be considered separately
Mr N Vinall Styles Cottage 33 North Street Rochford	I don't see the benefit to the council tax payer, local residents or visitors.	The restrictions are to give HGV's enough visibility and turning space. The situation will be monitored after implementation.
	Lots of parking spaces have been lost over the past 20 years. I now spend more time driving round the one way system looking for a parking space. When I come home after a shift, I have to wait until the pubs turn out to move my car to a space where I won't get a parking ticket the next day.	Access and visibility must be maintained, and traders and other road users have to be catered for. Car ownership has escalated also. The lost spaces will be replaced. (see sections 2.1 and 5.1)
	If I park where I can't see it I risk it being vandalised.	This is an Unfortunate part of today's society and not a highway matter. Essex police should be informed.
	Spaces are also being lost in Weir Pond Road and East Street. Where does that leave to park?	See comments above.

I have no alternative but to
get rid of my car.

Could you consider a
residents parking scheme?

This request will be
Raised with RDC.

4 RISK IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Strategic Risk

There is to be a loss of 5 on street parking spaces in North Street. However, the developer is due to be providing 5 additional parking spaces on site or in Weir Pond Road. ECC is providing 1 limited parking space.

4.2 Resource Risk

Rochford District Council have 6 parking attendants, and this is expected to give sufficient resources to provide adequate enforcement of the restrictions, which to a certain degree should be self enforcing.

4.3 Operational Risk

From October 2004, enforcement passed from Essex Police (Traffic Wardens) to Rochford District Council. There could be possible non-compliance to begin with.

5 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Essex Police do not object to the proposals

6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

6.1 All costs to be met from the 2005/2006 Locally Determined Budget.

7 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 A Traffic Regulation Order will have to be produced.

8 PARISH IMPLICATIONS

8.1 Both the Parish Council and local County Member, Mr R Pearson have been consulted on the proposal but neither have commented.

9 RECOMMENDATION

9.1 It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES**

That the proposals be introduced, as detailed in appendix A and on the drawing numbered TRA/11/2416, notwithstanding the objections that have been received.

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Background Papers:-

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Appendix A

PROPOSED EXTENSION TO EXISTING NO WAITING AT ANY TIME

North Street
East side

From a point 30 metres south of its junction with Weir Pond Road, southwards for 18 metres.

North Street
West Side

From a point 12 metres south of its junction with Roche Close, southwards for 5 metres.

**PROPOSED LIMITED WAITING RESTRICTION
MON – SAT 8AM – 6PM
30 MINUTES NO RETURN FOR 1 HOUR**

North Street
West side

From a point in line with the southern boundary wall of 17 North Street, southwards for 5 metres.