

**BRAMERTON ROAD, HOCKLEY: PROPOSED WAITING
RESTRICTION/ROSSLYN CLOSE – CUL-DE-SAC:
PROPOSED REVOCATION OF EXISTING WAITING
RESTRICTION**

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is for Members to consider the responses received following the formal consultation with residents of the above roads on the proposals set out in the report.

2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 Bramerton Road is an estate road flanked on both sides by residential properties and situated a short distance from shopping facilities in Spa Road, and within walking distance of Hockley town centre and railway station. Concerns have been raised by local residents regarding inconsiderate parking that occurs on the south-west side of the road which is currently un-restricted, reducing the available carriageway to one lane, obstructing access to adjacent properties, and creating unreasonable noise in the early hours by commuters when vacating their vehicles.
- 2.2 The south-west side of the road had already been recommended for a waiting restriction (11am – 12noon Mon – Fri) by the Highway Authority at the previous Hockley review of waiting restrictions in 2000, but due to an administration error at that time was overlooked in the final draft, and the restriction could not be introduced.
- 2.3 Rosslyn Close - cul de sac is situated on the west side of Rosslyn Close and forms a small group of seven properties. Although some distance from Hockley town centre and shops, it is within walking distance of the railway station.
- 2.4 All seven householders would like the existing waiting restriction (11am – 12noon Mon – Fri) revoked in the interests of improving their quality of life, as some of the residents have more vehicles than they have available parking space on their properties, and the restriction disrupts the free-flow of residents parking.

3 PROPOSAL

- 3.1 Full details of the proposals are included in Appendices A and B to this report. Following the usual informal and formal consultation process, plus a letter drop to householders, letters of both support and objection to the proposal for Bramerton Road were received.

All of the residents in the Rosslyn Close, cul de sac support the proposal by way of a petition.

- 3.2 Bramerton Road has been monitored by staff from the area office on an ad hoc basis over the previous eighteen months, in an effort to ascertain the extent of the reported parking problems. During that time few problems were witnessed at the northern end of the road, but it is acknowledged that considerable on-street parking does occur at the southern end, being closer to the parade of shops in Spa Road, and Hockley town centre.
- 3.3 The road is almost one-half mile from the railway station. The County Council has published a parking policy document which offers guidelines to officers dealing with proposals for the introduction of waiting restrictions, and although there appears to be insufficient reason to justify the introduction of such a measure, the majority of local residents who responded to the consultation process are in support of the proposal.

4 OBJECTIONS

- 4.1 Seven letters of objection to the proposal for Bramerton Road were received, and there were thirteen letters of support. Six residents did not respond to the mail-drop, and are therefore considered to have no strong convictions on the matter.

Objections received

Objector	Objections	Comments
1 Bramerton Road	Long-standing resident who was originally involved in maintaining the road prior to adoption. Objects as he feels he would be penalised, but would support residents' parking scheme if there was no charge. Existing restrictions at junction with Spa Road are frequently ignored; why introduce more, penalising residents?	The decision on residents' parking schemes in the District is one for Rochford District Council Members, but, if implemented in the future, would have to be administered by the District Council. However, it may be the answer to prevent long-term parking without penalising local residents. Enforcement of waiting restrictions is still a matter for Essex Police (Traffic Wardens), but will pass to the District Council in October 2004.

8 Bramerton Road	Objects as there is no provision for off-road parking at her property, and as she is a mature student cannot afford to finance paving garden. Not anti in principle providing residents' parking scheme is introduced.	See above. Any such scheme would involve a fee for residents' permits.
10 Bramerton Road	Long standing resident, and now resents the idea of yellow lines being introduced, penalising residents in the process. However, would support residents' parking scheme.	Reference residents' parking schemes: see above.
12 Bramerton Road	Objects to proposal, but would support residents' parking scheme in principle.	See above for comments on residents' parking schemes.
16 Bramerton Road	Objects as there would be occasions when it would prove inconvenient to residents – however, would accept a restriction if there were a waiver for local residents.	See above for comments on residents' parking schemes. There is no way of introducing a waiver for local residents.
21 Bramerton Road	In ten years as a resident, has never recorded a parking problem in all that time. Imposing a waiting restriction would be a waste of public money for associated lining and signing costs.	Comments have been noted. The likely costs involved in the signing and lining requirements are in the region of £450.

5 OPTIONS

Bramerton Road

- 5.1 Overrule the objections and proceed with making the Order for Bramerton Road.
- 5.2 Withdraw the proposal.

Rosslyn Close

- 5.3 Proceed with revoking the current waiting restriction on the cul-de-sac section of Rosslyn Close.
- 5.4 Withdraw the proposal.

6 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Whilst not objecting, The Chief Constable has taken a position of 'non support' with respect to the proposals set out in appendices A & B.

7 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 None in respect of the proposed recommendation.

8 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 Funding for the proposals have been provided from the County Council's locally determined budget for Rochford District for 2003/2004.

9 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 A Traffic Regulation Order will have to be made for the waiting restriction in Bramerton Road, should the proposal be approved.

10 PARISH IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 Hockley Parish Council has been consulted and has made no comment.
- 10.2 Rochford District Council has been consulted and supports the proposal for Bramerton Road, but does not support the proposal for Rosslyn Close cul-de-sac.
- 10.3 Both County and District Council Members have been consulted and support the proposals.

11 RECOMMENDATION

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

- (1) That the waiting restriction be introduced in Bramerton Road, Hockley.
- (2) That the existing Order covering the cul-de-sac section of Rosslyn Close, Hockley be revoked. (County Highways)

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Background papers:

All communications received are held by the Area Manager at the South Area Office, Rayleigh and are available for inspection.

For further information please contact Peter Craig on 01268 771458

APPENDIX A

SCHEDULE

Traffic Regulation Orders

Details of Order

District: Rochford
Location/Description: Bramerton Road, Hockley
South-west side

SCHEDULE

PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTION NO WAITING
11am – 12noon Mon – Fri

BRAMERTON ROAD

South-west side

From a point 65 metres northwest of the junction with Spa Road in a northwesterly direction for a distance of approx. 125metres.

APPENDIX B

SCHEDULE

Traffic Regulation Orders

Details of Order

District: Rochford

Location/Description: Rosslyn Close – cul de sac

SCHEDULE

PROPOSED REVOCATION OF EXISTING WAITING RESTRICTION

11am – 12noon Mon – Fri

Rosslyn Close cul de sac

That part on the western side of Rosslyn Close forming the cul de sac, from a point 15metres west of its junction with the north-south length of Rosslyn Close, westwards for a distance of 18metres.