

NORTH STREET, ROCHFORD PROPOSED LIMITED WAITING RESTRICTION

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to ask Members to consider the objections received to the formal consultation of the above proposal.

2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 Market Square, Rochford has recently undergone a major refurbishment improving facilities for pedestrians, installing speed tables, upgrading the street lighting and amending the car parking layout within the Square.
- 2.2 Along with the improvements listed above, the two disabled parking bays have now been relocated from their previous location in the Square adjacent to Natwest Bank. One is now situated at the north of the Square adjacent to the library, and the other is near to the Post Office in North Street.
- 2.3 The previous unregulated one way working which operated in the Square has also been reversed and is now enforced by Order, in an attempt to ameliorate traffic congestion in West Street.
- 2.4 The existing limited waiting restriction on the east side of North street is to be varied to allow a no-return time of 3 hours, instead of the existing 4 hours, which should benefit shoppers and traders. The proposal for a limited waiting restriction to be introduced on the west side of North Street has received objection from local residents.

3 PROPOSAL

- 3.1 In order to compliment the environmental changes which were proposed for Market Square, a number of alterations to existing traffic regulations were proposed, to reduce congestion and improve parking facilities for shoppers. Full details of these proposals are included in Appendix A to this report.
- 3.2 Following the usual informal and formal advertisement of these proposals, the following written objections were received.

4 OBJECTIONS

- 4.1 Six (6) written objections were received whose comments are summarised below.

Objector	Objections	Comments
1. Ms G Mitchell 29 North Street	Resident is disabled and will be prevented from parking outside her home which will cause her lots of problems. Proposals do not seem to consider residents.	Agreed, the recommendation is to drop the west side proposal.
2. Mrs M Sipple 31 North Street	Where shall I put my car if the restrictions happen. When I bought my house last year there was adequate parking, now the parking is to be a half hour only. Residents permits should be considered as in Southend.	The recommendation is to drop the west side proposal. Residents parking has been considered by the district council previously and not adopted.
3. Mr T Mendoza 15 North Street	The proposed changes will cause considerable hardship to elderly diabetics visiting his practice which carries out eye screening. They will be unable to park in North Street as the procedure takes in excess of 1 hour.	The recommendation is to drop the west side proposal. It is unclear as to whether the objection is to both limited waiting proposals, but taken to be the west side where no 15 is located.
4. Mr D Harvey Miss E Sanderson 26 North Street	Consideration should be given to the residents of North Street who own a car who would be left with nowhere to park. Accept that parking is an issue in Rochford but don't feel that this proposal addresses the issue. Could residents parking permits be considered for North Street residents.	The recommendation is to drop the west side proposal. The proposed changes to the existing limited waiting restriction on the east side will not affect residents. See previous comments on residents parking.
5. 69 North Street	Feels strongly against the idea, it is difficult enough at the moment to find a parking space and would put a lot of people off coming to Rochford.	The recommendation is to drop the west side proposal.
6. Mr N Vinall Styles Cottage 33 North Street	Opposes the proposed parking restrictions in North Street which are unnecessary and pointless. Is both a resident and shopkeeper of North Street	The recommendation is to drop the west side proposal. The east side proposal will benefit both shoppers and traders.

and can see no advantages for him or his neighbours. Every building in North Street is both a business and domestic property with at least one car, where will these cars park. If the proposal goes ahead then a free or low cost residents parking scheme must be considered.

See previous comments on residents parking.

5 OPTIONS

- 5.1. Proceed with making the Order, overruling the objectors.
- 5.2. Withdraw the proposal to introduce a limited waiting restriction on the west side of North Street, Rochford.

6 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The Chief Constable has taken a position of “not support” with respect to the above proposal.

7 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 None in respect of the proposed recommendation.

8 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 Funding for this project has been provided from the County Council’s locally determined budget.

9 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 A Traffic Regulation Order will have to be made for the changes to the limited waiting restriction on the east side of North Street.

10 PARISH IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 No response has been received from Rochford Town Council.

11 RECOMMENDATION

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

That an Order be made to vary the existing limited waiting restriction on the east side of North Street, Rochford, but the proposal for a new limited waiting restriction

on the west side of North Street is hereby dropped in response to the level of local opposition.

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Background Papers:

All correspondence received is held by the Area Manager at the South Area Office, Rayleigh.

For further information please contact Andy Dellar on 01268 771458

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APPENDIX A.

**North Street, Rochford
Proposed Limited Waiting Restrictions**

6.00 am to 6.00 pm Monday to Saturday inc.
1 hour – no return in 3 hours

West Side – from a point in line with the southern wall of No 21 North Street northwards for a distance of approximately 42 metres.

**North Street, Rochford
Proposed Variation to Existing Limited Waiting Restriction**

8.00a.m. – 6.00pm Monday to Saturday
1 hour – No return in 4 hours to be varied to
1 hour – no return in 3 hours

East Side

From a point 30m south of its junction with Weir Pond Road southwards to a point 40m North of its junction with Old Ship Lane.

