



Leicester
City Council

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AFFECTED: Abbey Ward

**Report for consideration by the
Planning Development and Control Committee**

11th December 2019

**THE LEICESTER (CONSOLIDATION) TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER 2006
(AMENDMENT) (DISCOVERY ROAD) ORDER 2019
OBJECTORS REPORT**

Report for the Director, Planning, Development and Transportation

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 To enable the Committee to give their views (if any) for the Director of Planning, Development and Transportation to take into account when considering the recommendations herein and for the Director to approve, or otherwise, the proposals.

2. Summary

2.1 The City Council is seeking authority to introduce a daytime residents' parking scheme for the residential development consisting of Ariane Place, Beagle Close and Discovery Road.

2.2 Double yellow lines are to be proposed (under a separate Traffic Regulation Order (TRO)) on part of Exploration Drive that is currently unrestricted and where commuters and other motorists park their vehicles on both sides of the road with two wheels on the footway, causing obstruction to pedestrians and vehicular traffic.

2.3 It is anticipated that the proposed restrictions on Exploration Drive will cause these vehicles to try to park on the adopted highway on Discovery Road estate during the daytime and the proposed residents' parking scheme should prevent this.

2.4 When the proposals were formally advertised one objection was received. Officers have explained to the objector the reasons for proposing the scheme and have asked the objector to reconsider his objection. The objector wishes to continue with his objection and officers recommend that the objection is over-ruled, subject to the comments of the Planning and Development Control Committee.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 It is recommended that the members of the committee give their views for the Director of Planning, Development and Transportation to take into account when considering whether or not to make the proposed traffic regulation order.

4. Background

- 4.1 Leicester City Council has recently adopted Discovery Road, Ariane Place and Beagle Close and the part of Exploration Drive between Abbey Lane and a point just south of where the Space Centre car parks start on Exploration Drive. Please refer to Appendix B1 Plan.
- 4.2 The part of Exploration Drive which bends round close to the junction with Discovery Road does not have any parking restrictions on it at present shown by the blue lines on Exploration Drive. Commuters and other visitors to the area will park on both sides of the road here usually with 2 wheels on the footway. This causes obstruction to both pedestrians and vehicles.
- 4.3 The City Council has proposed no waiting at any time parking restrictions here (indicated by the blue lines) and anticipates that the motorists who park their vehicles on this part of Exploration Drive at present, will then park in the Discovery Road area as it is the next closest free parking available.
- 4.4 City Council officers held a meeting with residents on 5th September 2019 at the Abbey Pumping Station which was attended by approximately 20 residents, and ward Councillor Manjit Kaur Saini. There was a general consensus at the meeting that a daytime residents' parking restriction on weekdays covering the whole estate would be effective in preventing this displacement during these periods. The City Council has therefore proposed a residents' parking permit holders only parking restriction from Monday to Friday, between 9am and 4pm on Ariane Place, Beagle Close and Discovery Road.
- 4.5 Most of the residents of the estate have off-street parking and would not necessarily need to park on street during these times and therefore may not require a permit. Outside of these times parking would be unrestricted.
- 4.6 It was explained to the residents present at the meeting, and previously in a postal consultation with all residents that took place in June 2019, that residents' parking permits will cost £25.00 per vehicle per year. With a yearly visitor permit card available for £30.00 that visitors put in their car when visiting, or scratch-card visitor permits that cost £2.00 and allow visitors to park for up to 48 hours.
- 4.7 In addition to the residents' parking, lengths of no waiting at any time parking restrictions are proposed (shown in blue on Appendix B1 plan), on Discovery Road at its junction with Exploration Drive, at the junctions of Ariane Place and Beagle Close with Discovery Road and on the north side of Ariane Place where the road is particularly narrow and vehicles that park here can cause obstruction to traffic.

4.8 The formal reason for introducing these restrictions is for preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the road runs.

5. Report

The residents' parking scheme proposals were formally advertised on 11th November 2019. The city council has received 1 formal objection to the proposals from a resident of Ariane Place. Officers have contacted the objector to discuss his objection and ask him if he will withdraw it.

5.1 Objector 1, resident of Ariane Place

The area in question is circled on the attached Report Plan.

The objector lives on the south side of Ariane Place and is not in favour of the proposed residents' parking scheme.

The objector has long been concerned about the carriageway width of Ariane Place outside his home which is 4.6 metres wide. Officers have contacted the City Council's engineer responsible for Development Control who has confirmed that there is no possibility of widening the carriageway there.

The objector has 2 vehicles. He has a garage and an area of hard-standing in front of the garage and therefore has room to park both vehicles off the highway potentially.

He does not use his garage for his second vehicle and does not wish to park this vehicle wholly on the carriageway outside his home as this may risk damage by large vehicles passing, whilst parking partly on the footway will obstruct pedestrians.

He does not see why he should pay for a residents' parking permit when the width of the road outside his house makes it difficult for him to park directly outside his house without either impeding pedestrians or risking damage from passing vehicles.

As part of the proposals for the residents' parking scheme, the City Council has proposed no waiting at any time parking restrictions on the north side of Ariane Place (blue on the plan) where the road is narrowest to ensure that vehicles can pass and this would leave the objector to park either wholly on, or part on and part off the carriageway.

The objector agrees with this proposal but would also like a single yellow line parking restriction on the south side of Ariane Place outside his home with the same times as the residents' parking restriction to prevent any vehicles parking there during the daytime.

Whilst he understands that this will mean that he can't park outside his house he believes this is the safest option considering the narrowness of the road there. The City Council is willing to consider this, but it cannot be included in the current proposed scheme and would have to be proposed at a later date as a separate TRO.

However, it is likely that when double yellow line no waiting at any time parking restrictions are introduced on Exploration Drive, then the vehicles that park there currently will park on the Discovery Road estate including Ariane Place. Residents who attended the meeting about this issue on 5th September 2019 recognised this and were in favour of the proposed residents' parking scheme as the most appropriate solution.

Officers have explained their reasons for the proposed residents' parking scheme to the objector who has replied to say that he wishes to continue with his objection.

Conclusion

- 5.2 The residents parking scheme is proposed to address the possibility of displacement parking when double yellow line, no waiting at any time parking restrictions are introduced on Exploration Drive. Residents of the Discovery Road estate who attended a meeting which took place on 5th September 2019 were generally in agreement with this proposal.
- 5.3 1 objection has been received from residents of Ariane Place, shown at Appendix B2.
- 5.4 The TRO plan for Herschell Street and Mundella Street is attached in Appendix B1
- 5.5 Officers recommend that the objection be overruled.
- 5.6 A further TRO can be proposed to introduce a single yellow line outside the objector's address to stop vehicles from parking there during the daytime in order to ensure the passage of traffic, including pedestrians.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1 The estimated cost of the Traffic Order is £6,000 and will be funded by the Pioneer Park Budget.

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7. Legal Implications

- 7.1 Traffic Regulation Orders are introduced under the 1984 Road Traffic Regulation Act and the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedures) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996. All aspects of that legislation will be complied with in the making of the Order. The legislation requires that all objections made and not withdrawn are taken into consideration before an Order is made. All objections received have been taken into consideration in preparation of this report.

The legal implications are written and confirmed by John McIvor, Solicitor, Legal Services, tel: 0116 454 1409

8. Powers of the Director

8.1 Under the constitution of Leicester City Council, delegated powers have been given to the Chief Operating Officer to approve the advertisement of Traffic Regulation Orders as covered by the 'Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedures) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996'. The Chief Operating Officer has arranged for this power to be exercised by the Director; Planning, Transportation and Economic Development

9. Decision Making

9.1 The power to make a Traffic Regulation Order is delegated to the Director Planning, Development and Transportation having regard to comments made by the Planning Development and Control Committee.

10. Decision of the Director Planning, Transportation and Economic Development.

I approve the recommendations set out in Section 3

Signed **Date.....**

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