



# SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL Cabinet Highways Committee

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**Report of:** EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, PLACE

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**Date:** 10<sup>th</sup> February 2011

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**Subject:** OBJECTION TO PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER -  
WORTLEY ROAD, HIGH GREEN

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**Reasons for Recommendations:**

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In view of the above comments it is recommended that the proposed 15 minute maximum stay parking should be introduced as advertised.

**Recommendations:**

The objection to the advertised TRO should be overruled,

The TRO be made in accordance with the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984,

The objector be informed accordingly,

The proposed 15 minute restriction be introduced on Wortley Road.

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**Background Papers:** N/A

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**Category of Report:** OPEN

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## Statutory and Council Policy Checklist

<b>Financial implications</b>
NO Cleared by: Liam Gilligan
<b>Legal implications</b>
NO Cleared by: Julian Ward
<b>Equality of Opportunity implications</b>
NO Cleared by: Ian Oldershaw
<b>Tackling Health Inequalities implications</b>
NO
<b>Human rights implications</b>
NO
<b>Environmental and Sustainability implications</b>
NO
<b>Economic impact</b>
NO
<b>Community safety implications</b>
NO
<b>Human resources implications</b>
NO
<b>Property implications</b>
NO
<b>Area(s) affected</b>
Wortley Road area
<b>Relevant Scrutiny Board if decision called in</b>
Culture, Economy and Sustainability
<b>Is the item a matter which is reserved for approval by the City Council?</b>
NO
<b>Press release</b>
NO

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## **1.0 SUMMARY**

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## **2.0 WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR THE PEOPLE OF SHEFFIELD**

- 2.1 If approved the introduction of limited waiting at this location will increase the turn over of parking spaces to benefit customers of local businesses and improve access for delivery vehicles.
- 2.2 The proposals will meet the City of Opportunity Corporate Plan Priorities of 'Delivering for business and encouraging enterprise' and also 'Access to Services' provided by the local Post Office, particularly for the elderly and less mobile citizens.

## **3.0 OUTCOME AND SUSTAINABILITY**

- 3.1 If approved the outcome will be that there will be improved parking opportunities on a section of Wortley Road adjacent to the Post Office.
- 3.2 There are no sustainability issues associated with this report.

## **4.0 REPORT**

- 4.1 In March 2009 a package of measures to introduce various changes to the waiting restrictions on parts of Wortley Road were advertised. The measures primarily affected the highway adjacent to High Green Junior and Infant School and were aimed at easing congestion and access problems. They also included a section of double yellow line outside the Post Office intended to keep an area of carriageway clear to allow deliveries to take place. When the proposals were formally advertised an objection was received from the agents acting on behalf of the Post Office, specifically opposed to the double yellow lines outside the Post Office.
- 4.2 Following discussions with the agents it was agreed that the package of measures would proceed without the double yellow lines in front of the Post Office. These would be dropped and alternative proposals to introduce a section of limited waiting, maximum stay 15 minutes, would be promoted. The intention to introduce the limited waiting in front of the Post Office was formally advertised in July 2010 and one objection was received. The plan at Appendix A shows the proposals.
- 4.3 **Objection**  
An objection was received from a resident living near the Post Office on the following grounds :-
  - The proposals are not necessary as residents move their cars, when asked to do so, to enable deliveries to take place,
  - The recently introduced measures to improve the flow of traffic (the package of measures referred to in paragraph 4) have been

successful but the introduction of limited waiting will encourage motorists to park where they should not and those benefits will be lost.

- There is unused land to the rear of the Wortley Road properties which could be utilised as parking for residents and to stand delivery vehicles.
- The 15 minute maximum stay will disadvantage customers and visitors to nearby shops, hairdressers, vets and the school.

4.4 The objector put forward a compromise solution suggesting that the 15 minute restriction should apply 9:00am to 5:00pm Monday to Friday rather than at all times.

4.5 Response to the objection

The proposed restriction covers the frontage to the Post Office, with sufficient space for 3 or 4 parked vehicles. It may not always be feasible to find the owners of those vehicles to move them to allow a delivery vehicle to attend.

4.6 If there are problems caused by motorists parking where they should not, as a result of the limited waiting being introduced, these can be addressed either by enforcement of waiting restrictions or consideration being given to additional restrictions, as appropriate.

4.7 The City Council does not have resources available to fund converting the unused land off Wortley Road into car parking.

4.8 It is accepted that the 15 minute parking would not be particularly useful for visitors to the school or some of the other businesses in High Green. However, when the proposals were advertised none of the businesses or the school expressed any concern. There will still be unrestricted parking spaces available in the area. The 15 minute restriction would only affect 3 or 4 of those spaces.

4.9 Relevant Implications

There are no additional costs associated with this report which is concerned with progressing a previously advertised TRO. The cost of the TRO and the signing and lining required on site will be met from the Traffic Regulations Revenue Budget.

4.10 The proposals will improve parking opportunities outside the Post Office. This will be of benefit to the elderly and less mobile. Blue badge holders will be allowed to park without need to adhere to the 15 minute maximum stay.

## **5.0 ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED**

5.1 The compromise solution put forward by the objector was discussed with the agents acting on behalf of the Post Office and their view was that it did not adequately cover the hours during which deliveries take place, some being early morning or on Saturdays, and neither would it help customers wishing to park in the early mornings or on Saturdays and Sundays.

5.2 If the proposals were dropped in their entirety then access for delivery vehicles And customer parking would remain a problem.

## **6.0 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 6.1 Parking on Wortley Road will always be problematic due to its very nature. The carriageway is narrow, there are several businesses, residential properties and a school all in close proximity.
- 6.2 It is not anticipated that the proposals under consideration would significantly alter the overall parking situation on Wortley Road.
- 6.3 If the solution put forward by the objector was accepted problems would remain in the early mornings and at weekends
- 6.4 In view of the above comments it is recommended that the proposed 15 minute maximum stay parking should be introduced as advertised.

## **7.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

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31 January 2011