

Meeting of:- Witham Area Committee

On:- 7 November 2006

Agenda Item No.:- 5

Topic:- Proposed No waiting at any time on the verge – Valentine Way and School Road, Silver End

Type of Report:- Non-Key Decision

Executive Summary:- To consider objections received as a result of the formal advertising of the proposed No Waiting at any Time on the Verges at Valentine Way and School Road.

Consultation/Representations:-

Braintree District County Council officers support the proposal.
Essex Police Support the proposal.

Policy:- The County Council's policy is to implement parking restrictions in the interest of road safety and to prevent parking that causes serious maintenance issues.

Background:- The County Council propose to implement the parking restrictions in partnership with Braintree District Council. These proposals are in the interest of road safety and to prevent illegal parking which is creating a serious maintenance issue due to vehicles being driven up over upstanding kerbs and damaging the grassed areas.

OBJECTOR	GROUND	AREA MANAGER COMMENTS
Mrs T Finlay	Resident of School Road feels there is no alternative but to park on verges due to volume of cars. Previously told not able to have driveways constructed to properties.	Essex County Council and Braintree District Council making proposals based on road safety and road /verge maintenance grounds. Any resident entitled to apply to construct driveway to property this would be done using grasscrete therefore maintaining the aesthetic look to remain unchanged.
Mrs C Hooper	Only a problem evenings and weekends but no alternative to parking on verges. Could permit parking, Grasscrete or Grassroad be considered?	ECC and BDC making proposals based on road safety and road /verge maintenance grounds.
Mr & Mrs Smith	Lack of consultation with residents, Parking restrictions will not solve	ECC and BDC making proposals based on road safety and road/verge

<p>Ms G Vinall</p>	<p>problem, seek consultation with residents to resolve parking issues, parents of children using Village School causing congestion.</p> <p>Unrealistic to expect all cars to fit in road. No other parking options. Alternative option would be to grasscrete the verges or to cut parking bays into the verges. Does restriction apply to users crossing it to access hard standings at front of properties?</p>	<p>maintenance grounds. Will request road safety officer to liaise with school regarding parents parking</p> <p>ECC and BDC making proposals based on road safety and road/verge maintenance grounds. Where possible residents should park on own property by having vehicular access constructed. It is illegal to cross the verge where vehicular access is not constructed.</p>
<p>Mr Suckling & Miss Bearman</p>	<p>No alternative parking makes getting 2 young children from car to residence difficult. Suggests alternatives of cutting bays into verges, resident permit holder parking or dropped kerb installed and grant offered to enable off road parking to residence.</p>	<p>ECC and BDC making proposals based on road safety and road/verge maintenance grounds. Any resident entitled to apply to construct driveway to property this would be done using grasscrete therefore maintaining the aesthetic look to remain unchanged. Parking permits are a continual cost to residents.</p>
<p>Mrs D Sullens Smith (on behalf of Silver End South Tenants & Residents assoc)</p>	<p>Would not resolve problem no alternative parking. Only 4 of 31 properties on School Road have off road parking. Parking by those with children attending village school causing problems. Will there be a fine for parking on verges. Would planning applications for off road parking in front gardens be considered.</p>	<p>ECC and BDC making proposals based on road safety and road maintenance grounds. Any resident entitled to apply to construct driveway to property this would be done using grasscrete therefore maintaining the aesthetic look to remain unchanged. Will ask Road Safety Officer to monitor parking by school parents. If proposals implemented they would be monitored by traffic wardens.</p>
<p>Miss T Little & Miss A Smith</p>	<p>Would not resolve problems as majority of homes do not have driveways. Alternatives to widen road or introduce permit parking.</p>	<p>ECC and BDC making proposals based on road safety and road/verge maintenance grounds.</p>
<p>Mr R Morris</p>	<p>No alternative parking, no</p>	<p>ECC and BDC making</p>

Mr a Smith	resident consultation, impact no considered. Alternative to grasscrete area for parking. No alternative solution offered.	proposals based on road safety and road/verge maintenance grounds. ECC and BDC making proposals based on road safety and road/verge maintenance grounds. Most properties have enough room to have off street parking as an option.
Mr A J Culyer	Would encourage vehicles to park along road making it dangerous particularly for school children. Alternative would be to grasscrete verges to allow parking.	ECC and BDC making proposals based on road safety and road/verge maintenance grounds.
Mr F Morris	No consultation with residents, no alternatives offered and vehicles forced to park where they may present a safety risk.	ECC and BDC making proposals based on road safety and road/verge maintenance grounds.
Mr D Downy & Miss N Smith	No alternative parking offered.	ECC and BDC making proposals based on road safety and road/verge maintenance grounds.
Miss J Leach	Resident of Valentine Way feels road already has limited parking, as mother of young baby it would it very difficult getting to vehicle if not able to park close to residence, residents not consulted Would not be able to alter front of property to include parking.	ECC and BDC making proposals based on road safety and road/verge maintenance grounds.
Mr S Patterson & Miss J Wilson	Resident of Valentine Way no alternative offered Majority of properties do not have off road parking feels ECC should help with cost of providing off road parking. Overspill of cars from School Road, would make road more cramped causing cars to be damaged. Who will police proposed restrictions?	ECC and BDC making proposals based on road safety and road/verge maintenance grounds. They do not provide any form of parking & no resident has the right to park on carriageway. ECC would not contribute towards the cost of providing off road parking. Scheme would be

		monitored by traffic wardens working for BDC.
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Recommendation:-That notwithstanding the above objections an order be made subject to and in accordance with the County Council's standard order making procedure.

Background Papers:- Letters of objection from Mrs C Hooper dated 15 August 2006, Mr Suckling & Miss Bearman Dated 22 August 2006, Mrs Sullens Smith dated 24 August 2006, Miss T Little & Miss A Smith dated 18 August 2006, Mr D Downey & Miss N Smith dated 29 August 2006, Miss J Leach dated 28 August 2006 and E Mails from Mrs T Finlay dated 11 August 2006 Mr & Mrs Smith dated 19 August 2006, Ms G Vinall dated 22 August 2006, Mr R Morris dated 28 August 2006, Mr A Smith dated 28 August 2006, Mr A Culyer dated 30 August 2006, Mrs F Morris dated 29 August 2006, Mr S Patterson & Miss J Wilson dated 03 October 2006.

Financial Implications:- LDB 2006/7 (Locally Determined Budget)

Equalities Implications:- N/A

Legal Implications:- Will provide a legally enforceable restriction.

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