

Limited Parking Bay on Lulworth Road - Birkdale

Date of Issue:	29 November 2024
Date of Decision:	9 December 2024
Report to:	Cabinet Member – Housing & Highways
Report of:	Assistant Director Highways and Public Protection
Portfolio:	Housing and Highways
Wards affected:	Dukes
Is this a key decision:	No
Included in Forward Plan:	No
Exempt/confidential report:	No

Summary:

To seek approval for the progression of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO), the effect of which will introduce an 'All days 8am – 6pm 1 hour No return within 1 hour' limited waiting parking bay on Lulworth Road, Birkdale.

Recommendation(s):

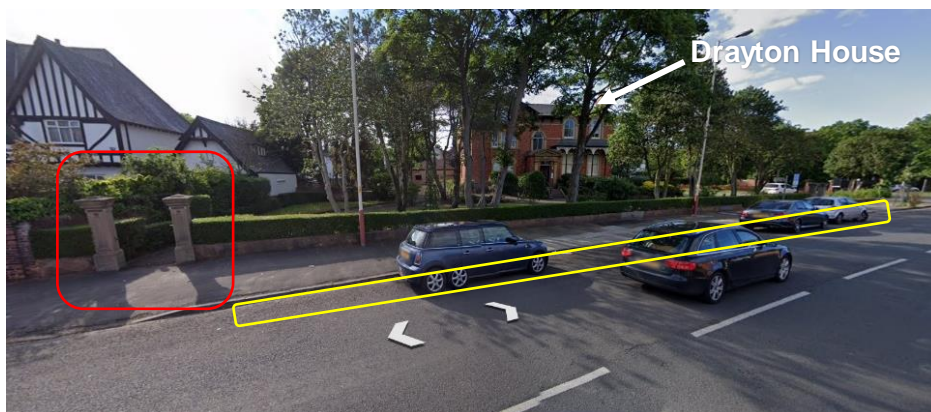
- (1) That Cabinet Member approves the introduction of the new TRO.

1. The Rationale and Evidence for the Recommendations

- 1.1 In September 2024, the council received correspondence from iSight, an Eye Clinic based in Drayton House, 2 Lulworth Road, Southport. The correspondence outlined difficulties the service faces both in terms of the existing limited onsite parking, the volume of appointments, daily town centre parking and access to the step free entrance point for wheelchair users and those individuals that require help and assistance when attending or leaving appointments.
- 2.2 Officers requested additional information from the business to include details of how the site currently manages its existing onsite, visitor, disabled and staff parking. The days of operation, the number of daily and weekly appointments, their duration and clarification on the location of the step free access point into the facility. We subsequently received a comprehensive report answering all of our questions in detail.
- 2.4 The clinic facilitates 2 NHS contracts and has AQP (Any Qualified Provider) status treating NHS patients from neighbouring regions, representing 91% of business. The total number of patients visiting the practice in the last year exceeded 20,500 with the average age of patients being over 76 years of age.

Over 75% of the patients attending the clinics will have dilating drops instilled or exit the clinic with a shield covering one eye, both of which impair the vision of patients exiting the clinic. With the front stepped access point creating an additional obstacle.

- 2.5 Drayton House has listed building status and as such the business is not permitted to modify or change the frontage of the building to accommodate a step free access point. The location of the existing step free access is to the rear of the building and give immediate access to the internal building's lifts, by the pedestrian entrance point on Lulworth Road, highlighted red in the image below give the at level path access to the rear access.



- 2.5 The area marked out in yellow, above, is the proposed location for the Limited Waiting Parking Bay. This location currently accommodates both visitors to the clinic but also long stay parking associated with the town centre as it's within a short walking distance. Vehicle owners can park at this location all day without having to pay for parking, this restricts easy access to the clinic. The proposal set out in this report will stop this behaviour and afford the clinic's clients a location where they can be dropped off and picked up throughout the day in close proximity to the step free access.

2. Financial Implications

2.1 The cost of all legal and administrative procedures and signing and lining, amounting to £1500 will be funded from the 2024/25 Traffic Management Revenue budget.

3. Legal Implications

3.1 There are no legal implications.

4. Corporate Risk Implications

4.1 There are no Corporate Risk implications.

5 Staffing HR Implications

5.1 Progression of the Traffic Regulation Order can be accommodated within existing staff resources.

6 Conclusion

6.1 That progression of the TRO be approved.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

Equality Implications:
This request being granted will support the Social Value Impact NHS agenda, which focuses on meeting the needs of patients within our locality.
Impact on Children and Young People:
None
Climate Emergency Implications:
The recommendations within this report will have a Neutral impact.

What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?

(A) Internal Consultations

The Executive Director of Corporate Services & Commercial (FD.7845/24) and the Chief Legal and Democratic Officer (LD.5945/24.) have been consulted and any comments have been incorporated into the report.

(B) External Consultations

None

Implementation Date for the Decision :

Following the expiry of the “call-in” period for the Cabinet Member decision.

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Appendices:

The following appendices are attached to this report:

Appendix A – Ward Members Briefing Report

Background Papers:

None

WARD MEMBERS' BRIEFING REPORT

Subject: Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – Lulworth Road, Birkdale

Report of: Assistant Director - Highways and Public Protection

Wards Affected: Dukes

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What will it cost and how will it be financed?

(A) **Revenue Costs** £1500 – legal and administrative costs

(B) **Capital Costs** Nil

Approval by Ward Members to progress:

Name: Cllr Mike Prendergast **Date:** 11 October 2024

Name: Cllr Dr. John Pugh **Date:** No comments received

Name: Cllr Sir Ron Watson C.B.E. **Date:** 10 October 2024

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Background Papers: NIL

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 A request has been received from a business for a limited waiting parking bay to be considered on Lulworth Road, in the vicinity of the business.
- 1.2 It is alleged that wheelchair users and other users who may have frailty and mobility issues accessing and leaving the business are unable to access from the off-street car park due to the stepped access at the front of the building. The shorter route to the step free access may be reached via a path from Lulworth Road to the rear of the business building, however due to parked vehicles on the adjacent unrestricted section of Lulworth Road, visitors may not be able to park at this location.
- 1.3 The business has a high turnover of appointments throughout the day and early evening and due to the nature of the business, most visitors are dropped off and then collected and are accompanied as they leave the premises as they are visually impaired or have mobility issues. There may be up to one hundred visitors to the business per day and as such it is alleged that the fourteen on-site parking spaces are inadequate for the demands of the business.
- 1.4 Therefore, in order to provide a turnover of parking to the side of the business to facilitate the drop-off and collection of visitors to the business, it is proposed to introduce an 'All days 8am – 6pm 1 hour No return within 1 hour' limited waiting parking bay on Lulworth Road, Birkdale.
- 1.5 Any objections received within the 21-day objection period will be reported back to the Licensing & Regulatory Committee.

2.0 Proposal

- 2.1 In order to provide a limited waiting parking area to facilitate a high turnover of vehicles it is proposed to introduce an 'All days 8am – 6pm 1 hour No return within 1 hour' limited waiting bay as per below:

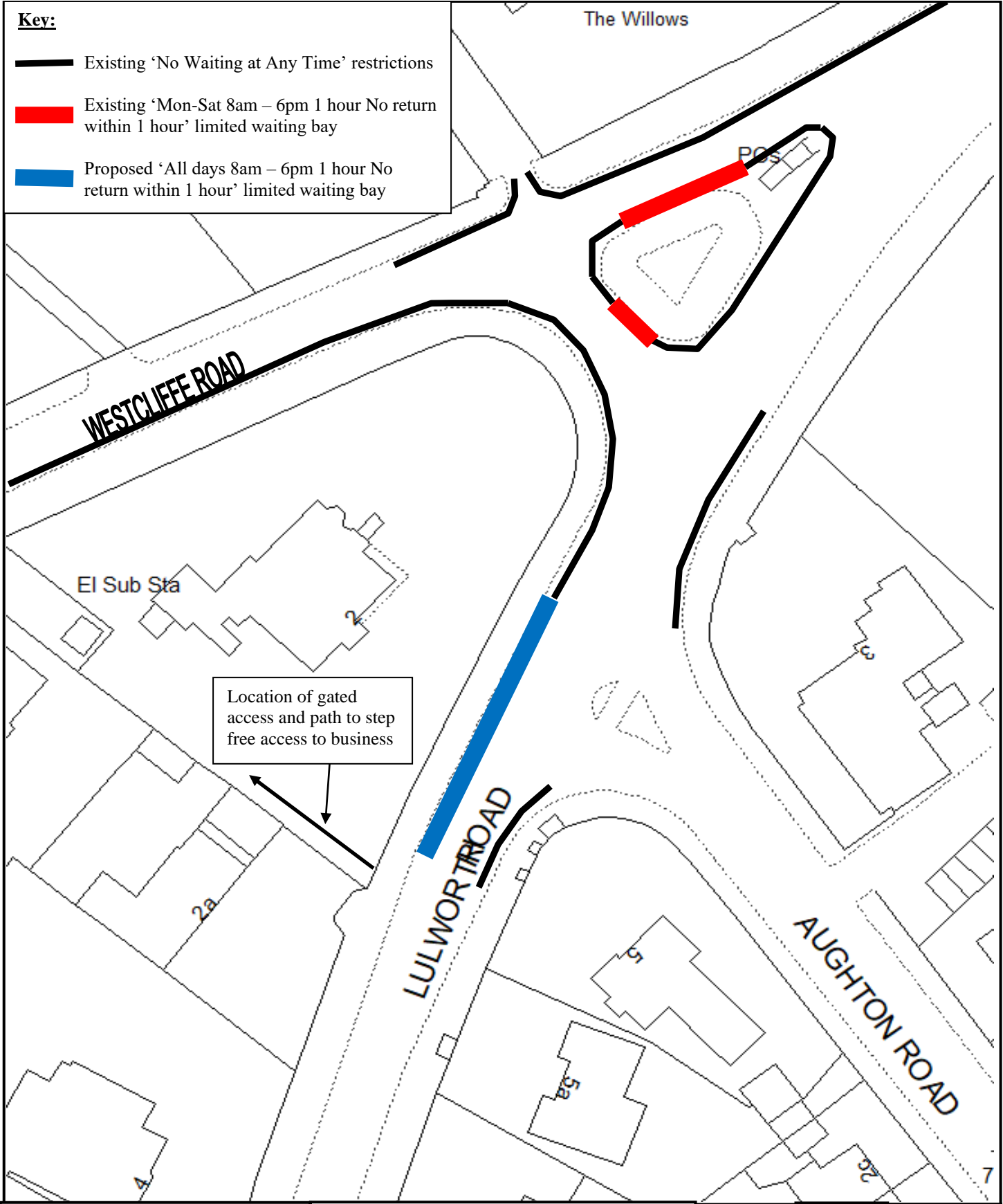
Lulworth Road – North-west side

From a point 10 metres south-west of the north-east kerblines of Aughton Road projected to a point 33.5 metres south-west of the south-west kerblines of Aughton Road projected

- 2.2 In order to simplify Sefton's Traffic Regulation Orders, current Orders which exist on any of the roads affected by this proposal will be revoked, and new Orders made incorporating the new amendments. In this respect, the following Order will be revoked and replaced with a new Order:-

Metropolitan Borough of Sefton (Lulworth Road, Birkdale) (On-Street Parking Places, Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting) Order, 2005

- 2.3 A plan showing the proposals is shown as Annex A.



METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF SEFTON

Peter Moore
 Head of Highways and Public Protection

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 Lulworth Road, Southport
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