

BOROUGH OF POOLE

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY GROUP – THURSDAY 25 MAY 2006

REPORT OF HEAD OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

PARKSTONE WARD ISSUES

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To consider requests from the Newtown and Parkstone Area Committee regarding traffic and parking issues in Parkstone.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that:

- i) No action be taken to introduce further waiting restrictions in North Road or Courtenay Road.
- ii) No action be taken to introduce further traffic restrictions in Salterns Road.

3. Information

- 3.1 On 1 March the Newtown and Parkstone Area Committee considered requests for parking restrictions to protect accesses in North Road and Salterns Road. The Area Committee resolved to ask this Group to consider:

- i) Extending parking controls in North Road between Danecourt Road and St Peter's Road.
- ii) Reducing the volume of traffic using Salterns Road and the possibility of white lines along the road to provide passing bays.

Since the meeting, Ward Councillors have received requests for parking controls in Courtenay Road and have asked that this also be considered by the Group.

North Road

- 3.2 The Traffic Panel's recommendation on the request for daytime waiting restrictions in North Road between Danecourt Road and St Peters Road is attached at Appendix A. The Area Committee felt that parking had been displaced to this location by the nearby Civic Centre Area Parking scheme and this Group should consider extending parking controls to this section of North Road. The Civic Centre Area Parking Scheme has been reviewed in some detail several times in the past. Experience indicates that piecemeal extensions to the zone merely displace the parking to the next available section of unrestricted road and the Group are aware that there are other roads where parking pressures are being experienced.

- 3.3 An extension to the parking controls is about to be advertised in Springfield Crescent but this follows an extensive consultation that had previously been

approved. The report on Springfield Crescent reminded Members that any further extensions or modifications to the Civic Centre parking zone should not be considered without a specific financial allocation being made. The Traffic Panel's recommendation is that there is no specific need to introduce parking restrictions in this section of North Road.

Courtenay Road

- 3.4 The request here is for marked bays and associated restrictions to control parking. This is another road on the fringe of the Civic Centre Area Scheme, but observations suggest that parking is also associated with properties in Castle Hill (building work is currently being carried out nearby) as well as the commercial area. The road is nominally 7.3m wide and it is appropriate to accommodate parking on both sides of a residential road of this width. As with North Road, introducing parking controls would merely intensify the level of parking in other unrestricted roads nearby.

Salterns Road

- 3.5 The Area Committee discussion followed a request from The East Dorset Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club for measures to improve visibility at their access. The Traffic Panel's recommendation on this request is attached at Appendix B. The Area Committee felt that a Driveway Protection Marking might help to keep the access clear and also provide a passing place in the road. They also felt that reducing the amount of traffic in the road would make the accesses easier to use.
- 3.6 The carriageway in Salterns Road varies between 7.5m- 8m in width and it is not uncommon to encounter two way traffic and parking on both sides of a residential road of this width. There have been no injury accidents in Salterns Road (excluding the junction with Sandbanks Road) in the last 3 years and it would be difficult to justify traffic calming measures. Although the section of Salterns Road south of the bridge is two way, there are a series of one way restrictions north of the bridge and these already limit its attractiveness as a through route. It is considered not to be appropriate to introduce further traffic restrictions.

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Appendix A – North Road Traffic Panel Minute and Plan

Appendix B – Courtenay Road - Plan

Appendix B – Salterns Road Traffic Panel Minute and Plan

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Appendix A

<u>Location:</u>	North Road
<u>Ward:</u>	Parkstone
<u>Approval & Funding:</u>	Newtown and Parkstone Area Committee
<u>Request by:</u>	The proprietor of a hotel in North Road
<u>Nature of Request:</u>	Daytime waiting restrictions in North Road between Danecourt Road and St Peters Road
<u>Background:</u>	None
<u>Members Comments:</u>	Cllrs Mrs Stribley and Woodcock have submitted the request
<u>Emergency Services Refuse Collection Comment:</u>	No specific comments
<u>Traffic Panel Comments:</u>	<p>The panel noted that parking is permitted on both sides to the south of this section of North Road. North Road is a bus route and the Bus Company has not encountered undue problems here.</p> <p>The Council has a general policy that parking restrictions will not be imposed purely to protect private accesses and, if restrictions were introduced here the parking would merely be displaced further up the hill.</p> <p>The Panel was aware that there are concerns about speeding in North Road and imposing additional waiting restrictions could exacerbate these concerns.</p>
<u>Recommendation:</u>	No Action
<u>Estimated Cost:</u>	£1,000
<u>Priority:</u>	Access
<u>Likely Objectors:</u>	There will be objections from some residents in the restricted section and from the sections of road where displaced parking is likely.

Appendix B

<u>Location:</u>	Salterns Road
<u>Ward:</u>	Parkstone
<u>Approval & Funding:</u>	Newtown And Parkstone Area Committee
<u>Request by:</u>	East Dorset Tennis And Croquet Club And A Local Resident.
<u>Nature of Request:</u>	Measures to prevent parking close to the Tennis Club Access
<u>Background:</u>	Waiting restrictions were imposed at the Worthington Crescent junction a few years ago
<u>Members Comments:</u>	None
<u>Emergency Services Refuse Collection Comment:</u>	No specific comments although they would normally support measures that protect their access
<u>Traffic Panel Comments:</u>	The Panel noted that there is quite heavy parking in Salterns Road and on street parking space is already quite limited for residents. There council has a general policy that waiting restrictions will not normally be imposed to protect private accesses and there will inevitably be objections from residents if further restrictions are proposed in the road.
<u>Recommendation:</u>	No Action
<u>Estimated Cost:</u>	£1000
<u>Priority:</u>	Safety
<u>Likely Objectors:</u>	local residents may object