

## **STAFFORDSHIRE PARKING BOARD**

### **Prioritisation of parking related Traffic Regulation Orders**

Report for the consideration of parking related Traffic Regulation Order requests within the Cannock Chase District

#### **APPENDIX 1 – Part A**

#### **Requests for further investigation and possible implementation**

##### **Old Fallow Road, Cannock.**

##### **Problem:**

Concern has been raised by a resident from Brunswick Road regarding difficulty getting onto Old Fallow Road from Brunswick Road. Cars are parking too close to the junction of Old Fallow Road / Brunswick Road and therefore reducing visibility when manoeuvring onto Old Fallow Road. They are requesting a possible solution to this problem

##### **Comments:**

The junction in question was visited on Friday 4th January 2013 at around 15:30hrs, both roads are bus routes and situated within a residential estate. It was evident that cars are constantly parked in close proximity to the junction on Old Fallow Road. (please see pictures 0001 - 3).

Driver's line of vision may be impaired when emerging from Brunswick Road while cars are stationary in close proximity to the junction and may find it difficult to manoeuvre safely. The risk of reduced visibility may result in an accident. Both roads are only 6m wide, with cars stationary on Old Fallow Road and taking up almost a lane, drivers emerging from Brunswick Road will be forced to travel in the wrong lane for a period before getting back in lane.

It should be noted however that the speed limit on these roads is 30mph and the likelihood and severity of any accident should be minimal. Also there have been no serious or slight accidents reported within the last xx years.

##### **Recommendations:**

As there are poor visibility splays and stopping sight distances in both directions dangerous conditions may arise if vehicles obstruct visibility by parking within visibility splays. It is essential that road users can see clearly oncoming vehicles from both directions and parking control may be necessary to prevent this, however further



investigation would be required in order to fully ascertain the extent to which the parking is an issue and to confirm that there is a danger to persons or traffic.



**Picture 0001: Old Fallow Road / Brunswick junction**



**Picture 0002: Eastbound of the junction**



**Picture 0003: Westbound of the junction**



**Park Road, Norton Canes, Cannock.**

**Problem:**

Concern has been raised by a resident from Park Road regarding difficulty getting onto Brownhills Road, especially during peak times. Some of the residents on Park Road park their cars close to the junction of Brownhills Road and therefore narrowing the road width, resulting into tailbacks and delays when manoeuvring onto Brownhills Road. They are requesting a possible solution to this problem

**Comments:**

The location was visited on Friday 4th January 2013 at around 15:00hrs, Park Road leading to a dead end in a residential estate while Brownhills Road is a busy 30mph bus route. It was evident that cars were parked on Park Road in close proximity to the junction of Brownhills Road. (please see pictures 0001 - 3).

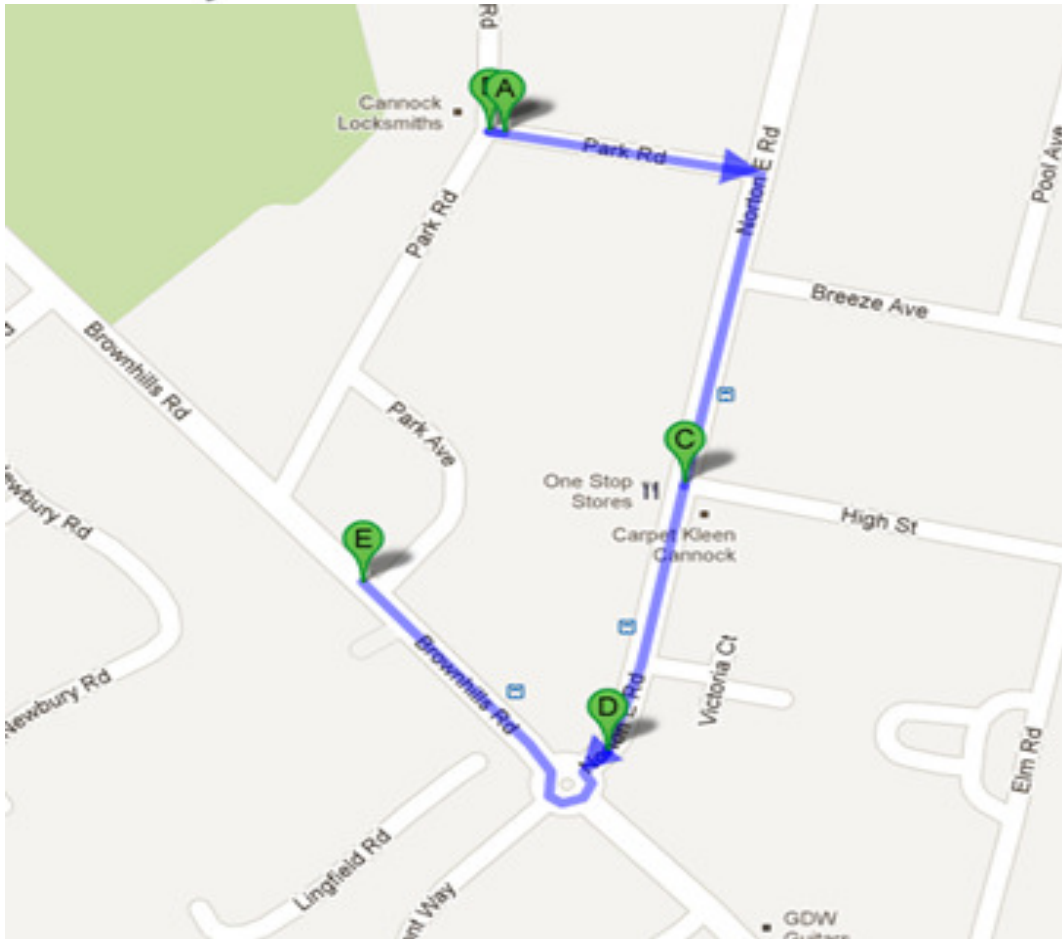
Driver's emerging onto Brownhills Road would have to give way to incoming traffic while cars are stationary at the junction, resulting into traffic building up on Park Road especially during peak times. Park Road is only 6m wide and is not enough to accommodate two-way traffic while cars are static at the junction. Drivers on both roads may become impatient and tend to carry out an unsafe overtaking manoeuvre. There is likelihood of an accident occurring, however severity could be slight.

Drivers are expected to maintain calm and drive safely always. It should also be noted however that there is an alternative diversion (circa 500m) for traffic from Park Road to get back unto Brownhills Road which should minimise the tailbacks during rush hours. Introducing parking control may deprive residents parking closer to their homes which may result into another problem. Also there have been no serious or slight accidents reported within the last xx years.

**Recommendations:**

The severity of this problem is unknown and further investigation may be required in order to fully ascertain the extent to which the parking is an issue and to also confirm that there is a danger to persons or traffic. It may then be obligatory to introduce some parking control measures around the junction.





**Picture 0001: Junction of Brownhills Road / Park Road and alternative diversion**



**Picture 0002: On Park Road looking toward Brownhills Road**



**Post Office Lane, Rugeley.**

**Problem:**

Vehicles are being parked on Post office Lane and its adjacent verge, in close proximity to Penkridge Bank Road junction by visitors to the Cannock Chase Forest. Subsequently narrowing the road and thus create a problem when emerging onto Penkridge Bank Road.

**Comments:**

This issue has previously been presented to the Committee and at that time it was recommended further action was undertaken by the Forestry Commission. Works to provide an earth bund on site has solved the issue of parking on the footpath and forestry land however vehicles are now parking half on half off the footway.

We have received a complaint from a Mr Paul Simpkin who provided the photographs below and he has also been in contact with PC Paul Bradbury.

**Recommendations:**

To prevent parking at this location we may need to consider a TRO which may hopefully resolve the issue. However we should be cautious to the expectations of the residents in terms of enforcement levels and the possibility the problem may move further into the residential part of Post Office Lane or Penkridge Bank Road.

We should also consider the sensitivity in terms of the AONB and if the provision of lining and signing in this area is justified.

No recommendation has been made in this case and is subject to consideration of the committee.



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**Requests to be returned no further action**

None for this Meeting.



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#### **APPENDIX 1 – Part C**

#### **Update on Current Traffic Regulation Order Progress.**

##### **Priority (2012/13)**

**Church Street – Rugeley** – Assess current restrictions on street and consider removal of restrictions where possible to allow additional parking for residents. An officer has been assigned and we are hopeful this request will be Implemented this financial year dependant on the outcome of the public consultation.

**Brunswick Road / Georgian Place Cannock** – Current issue is high demand for on street parking adjacent to Cannock Hospital. There are car parks available however there is a desire to park on street at this particular location, which is at the end of the current restrictions. A site meeting has taken place and it was agreed by the committee to support further restrictions on Brunswick Road to include Georgian and Hanover Place. An officer is currently drawing up the scheme and a consultation letter has been sent to resident's week commencing 14<sup>th</sup> Jan 2013 to gather their views.

##### **Mill Street / Remington / Spring Street / Girton Road Cannock -**

Further investigation is required before implementing any changes on street, however the proposal for On Street Parking charging (below) may affect in particular Mill Street and it may be beneficial to await the outcome of the consultation before proceeding with this order.

##### **On street Parking Charges – Update**

The scheme has been delayed however we can update that further site visits have taken place to look at detailed measurements within the various areas.

We have also drawn up initial plans to be used in the formal consultation letters and schedule.

We intend to letter drop street traders and Businesses week commencing 21st January, we will also arrange an open day / evening at Cannock Library to showcase the proposals.



**Update Previous meeting Minute 13 (page 9) – Cemetery Road Cannock.**

We have undertaken a speed and Volume Count on cemetery Road (Verble update to follow).

We have also arranged for the projects team to look at various options to improve turning conditions from Victoria Street onto Cemetery Road which may include parking restrictions for committee approval.

