

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

**HIGHWAYS AND PLANNING
CABINET MEMBER**

TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER – BRITANNIA CORNER, SCUNTHORPE

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 To seek approval of the Cabinet Member for the introduction of a Traffic Regulation Order with various restrictions, including, “No waiting at any time” and “No waiting at any time except taxis” within various times at the above-mentioned location. Refer to drawing P0043/014/001.
- 1.2 To consider objection received with respect to the above proposals
- 1.3 Key points in this report are:
 - The objector is concerned about the impact that proposed “No waiting at any time except taxis 10pm – 4:30 am” during the night time closure periods would have on her premises when revellers use the taxi rank.
 - The restrictions proposed are required in order to facilitate taxi operators during the night time road closures

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 The night time closure is to be made permanent and works have already commenced to implement the barriers. Key objectives of the night time closure are:
 - To improve the management of public order
 - To improve the management of taxi operations
 - To improve road safety, and
 - To improve the experience of the night-time economy for people visiting the area
- 2.2 To allow the closure to be a continued success it is proposed to implement a number of measures within the area including revising the layouts of taxi ranks which will improve the service taxi operators are able to offer and the experience encountered by members of the public visiting the town centre.

- 2.3 Extensive consultation has been carried out during the trial closure periods and during the statutory consultation period for this order to provide suitable facilities to serve both taxi operators and members of the public. The local taxi association along with colleagues within taxi licensing support the measures.
- 2.4 Humberside Police along with other emergency services support the measures. The Police and “NiteSafe” officers are within the vicinity during the time periods and they endeavour to prevent public order incidents occurring along Oswald Road
- 2.5 Statutory consultation procedures have been followed and letters delivered to every property within the area of the order. During the consultation period one objection was received from a local business proprietor.

3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 Option 1 – to approve the implementation of the Traffic Regulation Order to provide the various restrictions having taken account of the objection received. The Draft Order and Statement of Reasons are presented within Appendix 2. This would be the recommended option.
- 3.2 Option 2 – Revise details of scheme to relocate taxi ranks elsewhere, into residential areas further away from locations desired by pedestrians and taxi operators.

4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

- 4.1 Option 1 – approving a permanent traffic regulation order the permanent night time closure of Britannia Corner can be implemented as per the trials and continue to be a success.
- 4.2 Option 2 – by not providing the order inconsiderate use of the highway by taxi operators would resurface and colleagues within taxi licensing and Civil Parking Enforcement officers would be unable to enforce any regulations. Orders implemented elsewhere would cause concern to residential properties, rather than to commercial properties, as on Oswald Road

5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCIAL, STAFFING, PROPERTY, IT)

- 5.1 The estimated cost of introducing the proposed traffic regulation order is approximately £2000.
- 5.2 There are no staffing, property or IT issues associated with this report.

6. OTHER IMPLICATIONS (STATUTORY, ENVIRONMENTAL, DIVERSITY, SECTION 17 - CRIME AND DISORDER, RISK AND OTHER)

- 6.1 The introduction of restrictions will hopefully be seen as an encouragement to improve the experience of the night-time economy for people visiting the area
- 6.2 A Stage One Diversity Impact Assessment has been undertaken with regard to the Britannia Corner permanent closure.
- 6.3 The measures will contribute to improving the management of public order in relation to Section 17, Crime and Disorder Act implications .

7. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION

- 7.1 The views of the objector have arisen out of the consultation procedures undertaken for the proposed Traffic Regulation Order. In compliance with statutory procedures, notices were erected on site and also published in the local newspaper and additionally consultation letters were delivered to properties within the area.
- 7.2 The main area of concern for the resident is that members of the public using the taxi rank will cause nuisance within the area and possibly vandalise premises. The letter of objection is attached in Appendix 3.
- 7.3 It is noted that we have also received support for the scheme from the emergency services, taxi operators, licensed premises, other business premises and night time visitors to the area.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

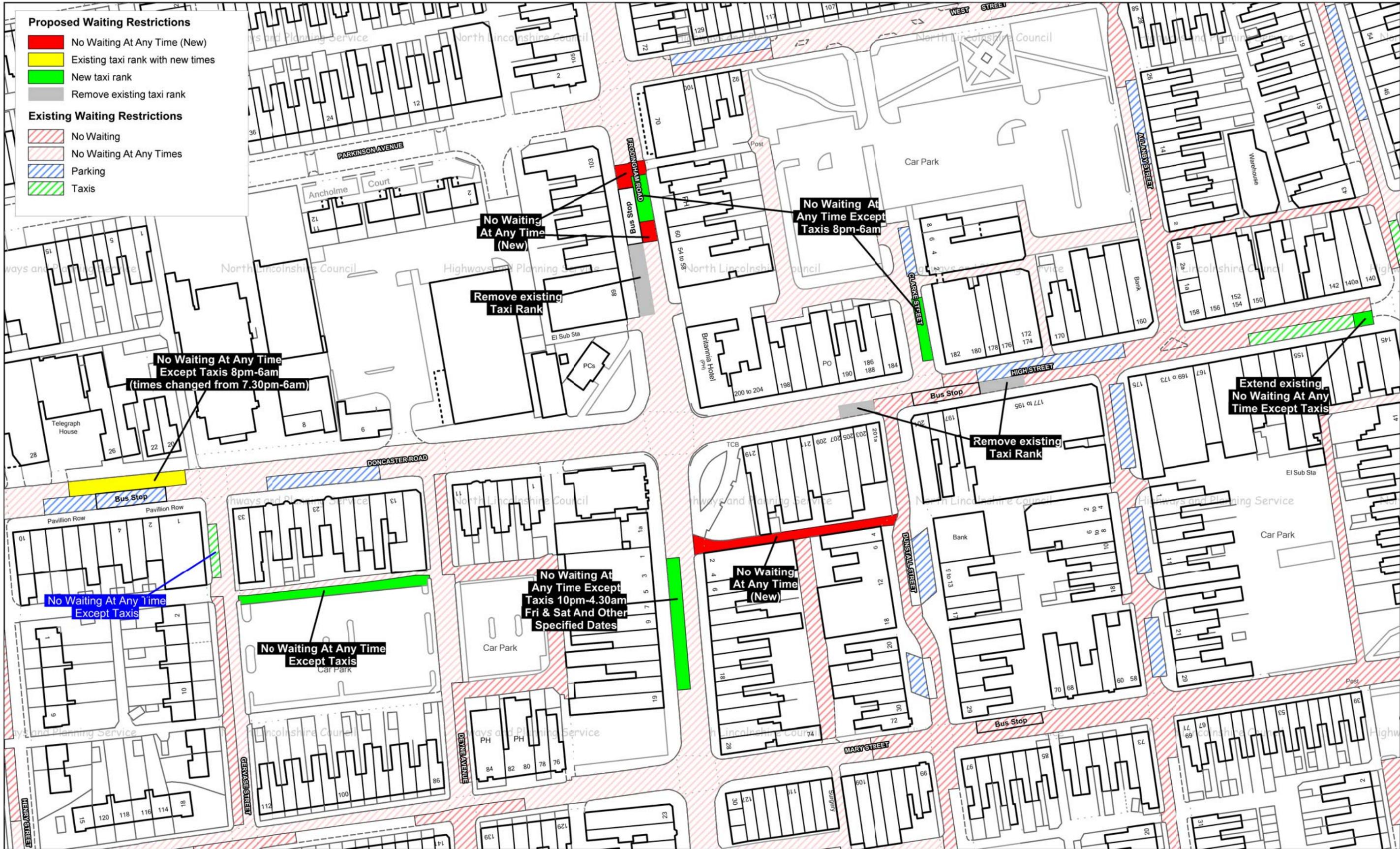
- 8.1 Cabinet Member considers the merits of the Traffic Regulation Order for the proposed restriction, as shown on the plan in Appendix 1, and determine accordingly.
- 8.2 The objector is written to with the results of the decision in accordance with the statutory procedure.

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Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

Consultation letters held within Safer Roads Division scheme file.
Drawings within Appendix 1
Draft Order and Statement of Reasons Appendix 2
Letter of objection



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Proposed Traffic Regulation Order

North Lincolnshire Borough Council (Britannia Corner) Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and street parking places) (Consolidation) Order 2009

Statement of Reasons

The amendments to the restrictions are required to improve safety in the area and formalise parking and taxi ranks within the Britannia Corner area, in conjunction with the barrier closure scheme been implemented in the area.