

# Northern Area Planning Committee

## Date: 25 February 2020

### Sherborne – Various Parking Traffic Regulation Orders

#### For Decision

**Portfolio Holder:** Cllr R Bryan, Highways, Travel and Environment

**Local Councillor(s):** Cllr Matt Hall, Cllr Jon Andrews

**Executive Director:** John Sellgren, Executive Director of Place

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**Report Status:** Public

**Recommendation:** That having considered the community support, objections received and officers report, this committee recommend that the Portfolio Holder approve the proposals to introduce, formalise or amend no waiting at any time, no waiting, no loading or unloading, or limited waiting, or limited waiting except permit holder, restrictions in the following roads in Sherborne:

- Abbey Road
- Back Lane
- Cold Harbour
- Digby Road
- Fairfield Heights
- Higher Cheap Street
- Horsecastles
- Hospital Lane
- Newland
- Portman Road (replacing previous proposals)
- The Green
- South Street
- Station Road
- Westbury

**Reason for Recommendation:** The proposals will address several parking concerns in Sherborne and in some cases increase parking for residents by removing parking restrictions that are no longer required.

## **1. Executive Summary**

Following the advertising to formalise or amend no waiting at any time, no waiting, no loading or unloading, or limited waiting, or limited waiting except permit holder, objections were received to 3 of the 15 proposals.

The proposals for 'No loading and unloading' in Cheap Street received 8 objections from businesses who will be potentially affected. Following discussions with the local Dorset Councillors and Sherborne Town Council this element of the TRO notice has been withdrawn with further consultation to take place with businesses to bring forward a scheme as a separate TRO that meets the needs of all users.

This report considers the objections to the Fairfield Heights and Horsecastles proposals and whether they are implemented as advertised.

## **2. Financial Implications**

The cost of making the order is estimated at £3500 inclusive of advertising Charges and new signs and road markings.

## **3. Climate implications**

None

## **4. Other Implications**

None

## **5. Risk Assessment**

Having considered the risks associated with this decision, the level of risk has been identified as:

Current Risk: LOW

Residual Risk: LOW

## **6. Equalities Impact Assessment**

The proposed waiting restrictions will have the usual exemption for disabled badge holders where appropriate and in accordance with the Highway Code.

## **7. Appendices**

**Appendix 1 – TRO Location Plan**

**Appendix 2** – Abbey Road, Cheap Street and Hospital Lane, Proposed Restrictions Plan

**Appendix 3** – Back Lane, Proposed Parking Restrictions Plan

**Appendix 4** – Cold Harbour, Fairfield Heights & Portman Road, Proposed Restrictions Plan

**Appendix 5** – Digby Road, South Street & Westbury, Proposed Restrictions Plan

**Appendix 6** – The Green, Higher Cheap Street & Newland, Proposed Restrictions Plan

**Appendix 7** – Station Road, Proposed Restrictions Plan

## **8. Background Papers**

Responses from the Town Council, Dorset Police and the local County Councillors are held on file in the Environment Infrastructure and Economy Directorate

### **Footnote:**

Issues relating to financial, legal, environmental, economic and equalities implications have been considered and any information relevant to the decision is included within the report.

## 1. Background Information

- 1.1 A parking review for Sherborne was taken forward in 2017/18 to look at on-street and off-street parking in the town centre. At the time they were managed by different local authorities being West Dorset District Council for off street parking and Dorset County Council for on street parking. The working group included Sherborne Town Council, local members, residents and the local chamber of trade.
- 1.2 The parking review report made recommendations for the long-term management of parking, however there were several issues and concerns highlighted by the working group that could be dealt with in the short term. This includes a number of parking measures that would help traffic flow in certain locations along with removal of parking restrictions in certain locations to assist local residents and reduce traffic speed. The parking proposals only will be covered in this report.
- 1.3 The proposals also standardise parking restriction times and return times to enable Dorset Council Civil Enforcement Officers to more efficiently manage enforcement in the town centre.
- 1.4 15 proposals were advertised for public consultation on 12 September 2019 for a 21 day notice period along with notices on site. 10 objections were received for the proposals. This report considers the objections and comments raised.
- 1.5 Details for the proposals are outlined below and as shown in appendices 1 to 6:

**Abbey Road:** a) Proposed Waiting Limited to 2 hours return prohibited within 4 hours, Monday to Saturday, 9.30am to 6pm - change to existing 2 hour return prohibited period.

b) Proposed No waiting at any time

**Back Lane:** a) Proposed change to unrestricted from No waiting at any time

b) Proposed Waiting Limited to 1 hour return prohibited within 2 hours, Monday to Saturday, 9.30am to 6pm - change to existing 1 hour return prohibited period

**Cold Harbour:** Proposed No waiting at any time

**Digby Road:** a) Proposed Waiting Limited to 1 hour return prohibited within 2 hours, Monday to Saturday, 9.30am to 6pm - change to existing 1 hour return prohibited period

b) Proposed Waiting Limited to 2 hours, return prohibited within 4 hours, 8am to 6pm, Monday to Saturday, except permit holders, change to existing 2 hour return prohibited period

**Fairfield Heights:** a) Proposed No waiting at any time

b) Proposed Waiting Limited to 2 hours return prohibited within 4 hours, Monday to Saturday, 9.30am to 6pm

c) Proposed No waiting, Monday to Saturday, 10am to 11am and 2pm to 3pm

**Higher Cheap Street:** Proposed Waiting Limited to 1 hour return prohibited within 2 hours, Monday to Saturday, 9.30am to 6pm - change to existing 1 hour return prohibited period

**Horsecastles:** a) Proposed No waiting, Monday to Saturday, 9.30am to 6pm

b) Proposed No waiting at any time

**Hospital Lane:** Proposed No waiting at any time, Monday to Saturday, 9.30am to 6pm

**Newland:** Proposed Waiting Limited to 2 hours return prohibited within 2 hours, Monday to Saturday, 9.30am to 6pm

**Portman Road:** Proposed No waiting at any time

**The Green:** Proposed Waiting Limited to 1 hour return prohibited within 2 hours, Monday to Saturday, 9.30am to 6pm - change to existing 1 hour return prohibited period

**South Street:** Proposed Waiting Limited to 2 hours return prohibited within 4 hours, Monday to Saturday, 9.30am to 6pm – removes section of No Waiting at any time.

**Station Road:** a) Proposed Waiting Limited to 30 minutes, Monday to Saturday, 9.30am to 6pm, return prohibited within 1 hour, change to existing 30 minutes return prohibited period

b) Proposed reinstatement of Waiting limited to 30 minutes, Monday to Saturday, 9.30am to 6pm, with new 1 hour return prohibited period

c) Proposed Waiting Limited to 2 hours, Monday to Saturday, 8am to 6pm, return prohibited within 4 hours, except permit holders, change to existing 2 hour return prohibited period

**Westbury:** a) Proposed Waiting Limited to 1 hour return prohibited within 2 hours, Monday to Saturday, 9.30am to 6pm

b) Proposed Waiting Limited to 1 hour return prohibited within 2 hours, Monday to Saturday, 9.30am to 6pm - change to existing 1 hour return prohibited period

c) Proposed formalisation and extension of existing No waiting at any time

## **2. Law**

2.1 Sections 1 and 2 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 allow the Council to make an Order prohibiting or restricting the waiting of vehicles or the unloading of vehicles. The circumstances where an Order may be made include:

- For avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road;
- For facilitating the passage on the road of any class of traffic;

### **3. Consultation**

- 3.1 Under Dorset Council's procedure, primary consultation was carried out on the proposed scheme and is supported by Sherborne Town Council and Dorset Police with approval given to advertise by the local Dorset Councillors for the town.
- 3.2 There have been eighteen responses to the public consultation process for this Order which included 10 objections.
- 3.3 There were 8 objections to the 'No loading and unloading' proposal in Cheap Street from businesses who would be directly affected. Due to these objections and in discussion with the two Dorset Councillors for the town and the Town Council, this proposal has been withdrawn from the advertised TRO. Subsequent meetings have been held with businesses to bring forward an acceptable proposal that meets the needs of the local community and businesses in this busy shopping street. Any new proposals will be taken forward as a separate TRO.
- 3.4 The proposed 'no waiting at any time' in Fairfield Heights combined with 'limited wait' timed restrictions would remove all day parking which is generally used by visitors to the town centre and would ensure safe access by emergency services. This proposal received 6 correspondence in support and 1 objection.
- 3.5 The objection considered that the proposed restrictions are too complex and would move the existing parking to the north and east of Fairfield Heights. The suggestion was made that double yellow lines at key points would alleviate the problem of access. However, the proposed scheme also addresses all day parking of vehicles generally by those that work in the town centre. By introducing limited wait at certain times of the day this will discourage the all day parking and maintain safe emergency vehicle access. The proposals were also drawn up through the town working group which included a resident from Fairfield Heights and it must also be noted that there were 6 correspondence in support.
- 3.6 The proposed 'No waiting Monday to Saturday' in Horsecastles had one response in support and one objection. To summarise, the response in support highlighted the need for parking restrictions as there is a risk that emergency service vehicles and buses are not left enough room to get through due to parking on both sides of the road. The objection highlighted the lack of residents parking in the area and that non-residential parking should be tackled before we implement any TRO's.
- 3.7 On consideration of the comments for and against and taking into account the views of the town council and the working group it is officers opinion

that to ensure safety for all users the 'no waiting at anytime' is implemented as advertised in Horsecastles. This will also ensure that all day parking at this narrower section does not impede the X11 (Dorchester to Yeovil) South West Coaches Service which runs along Horsecastles 6 times a day (Mon-Fri) in each direction.

- 3.8 The proposed 'No waiting at any time' restriction in Portman Road which will improve access for residents and emergency services, received one response in support.
- 3.9 There was no response to the public notice to all the other advertised proposals.
- 3.10 A summary of the responses to the advertised Traffic Regulation Order's is shown below in tabulated format along with response summary:

Location	Objections	Support	Response summary
Abbey Road	0	0	N/A
Back Lane	0	0	N/A
Cheap Street	8	0	<b>WITHDRAWN FROM ADVERTISED TRO</b> - Review proposals and work with businesses on solution
Cold Harbour	0	0	N/A
Digby Road	0	0	N/A
Fairfield Heights	1	6	6 correspondence in support. 1 Objection considered that proposal is complex and will move parking to the north and east of Fairfield Heights.
Higher Cheap Street	0	0	N/A
Horsecastles	1	1	1 correspondence in support 1 objection highlighted the lack of residents parking in the area and that non-residential parking should be tackled before we implement any TRO's.
Hospital Lane	0	0	N/A
Newland	0	0	N/A

Portman Road	0	<b>1</b>	1 correspondence in support
The Green	0	0	N/A
South Street	0	0	N/A
Station Road	0	0	N/A
Westbury	0	0	N/A

#### **4. Summary and Recommendation**

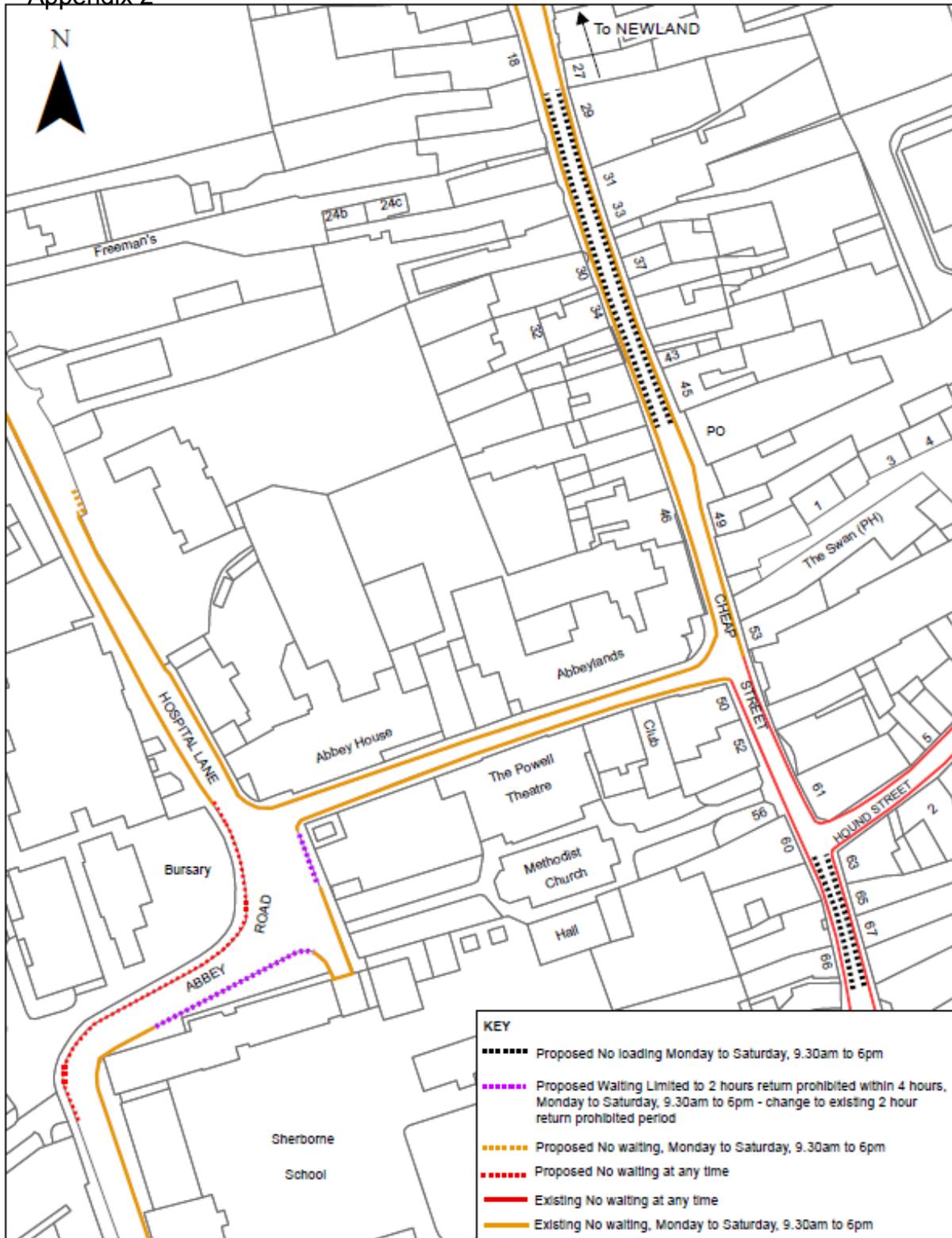
- 4.1 Proposals for loading and unloading bans in Cheap Street have been withdrawn. Officers are working with local councillors, businesses and the Town Council to bring forward proposals as a separate TRO.
- 4.2 Representations for the proposed TRO's in Fairfield Heights and Horsecastles, have been considered with officers' recommendation that the TRO's are supported as advertised.
- 4.3 That having considered the representations received, in response to public advertisement and community support that the Portfolio Holder be recommended to support the proposed Traffic Regulation Orders as advertised in the streets of Abbey Road, Back Lane, Cold Harbour, Digby Road, Fairfield Heights, Higher Cheap Street, Horsecastles, Hospital Lane, Newland, Portman Road, The Green, South Street, Station Road and Westbury.

# Appendix 1 – TRO Location Plan

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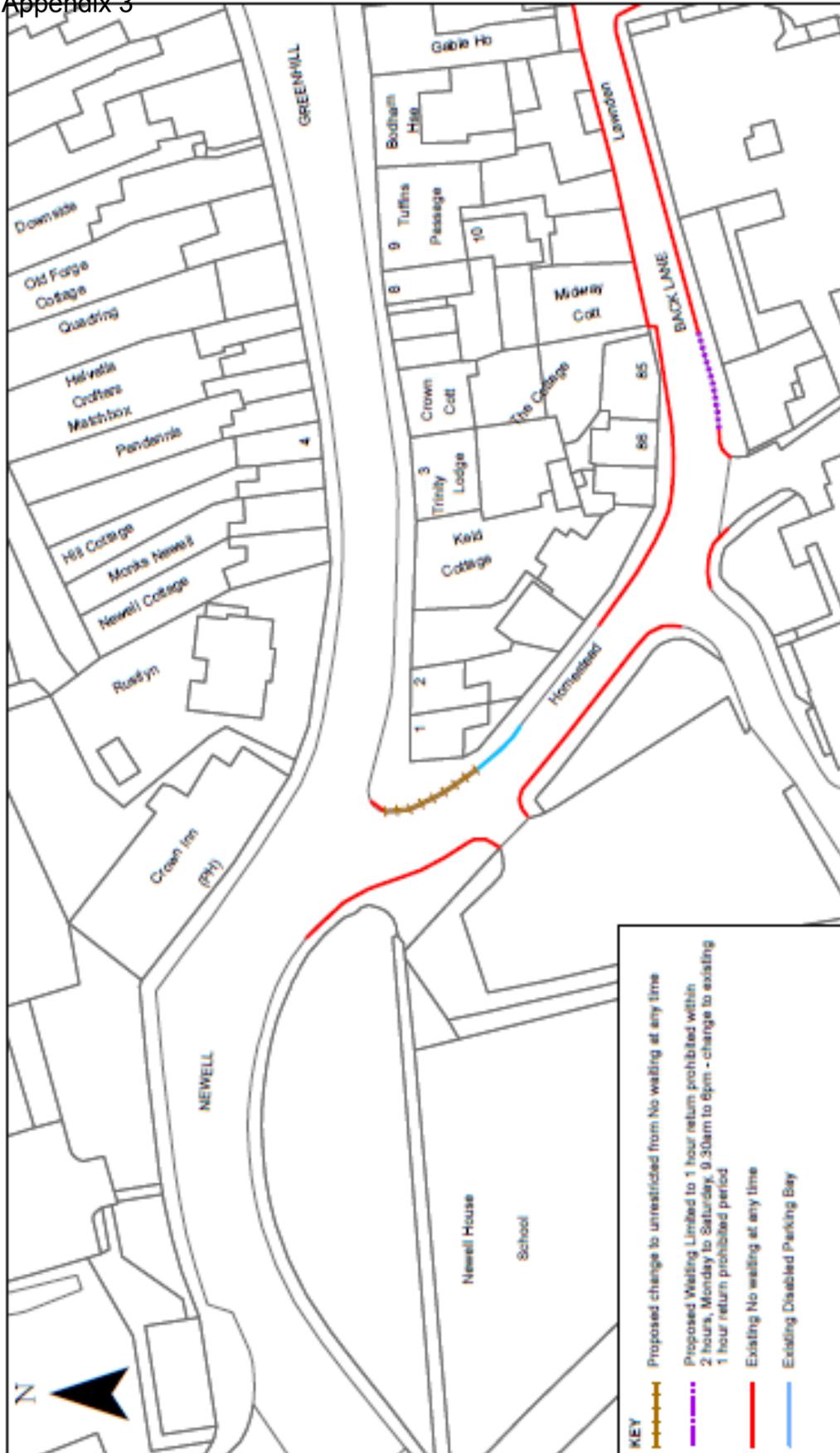


Appendix 2



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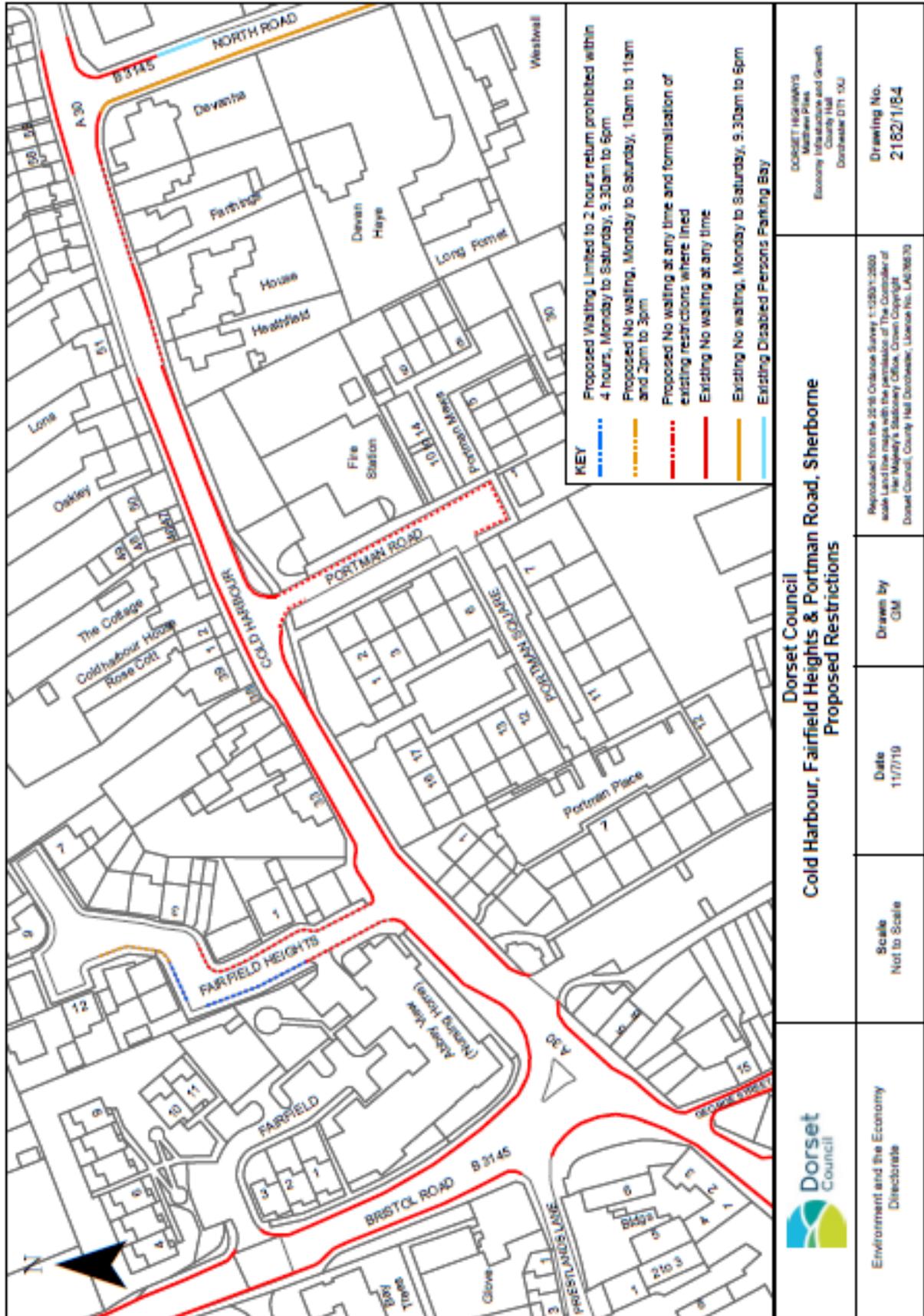


**KEY**

- Proposed change to unrestricted from No waiting at any time
- Proposed Waiting Limited to 1 hour return prohibited within 2 hours, Monday to Saturday, 9.30am to 6pm - change to existing 1 hour return prohibited period
- Existing No waiting at any time
- Existing Disabled Parking Bay

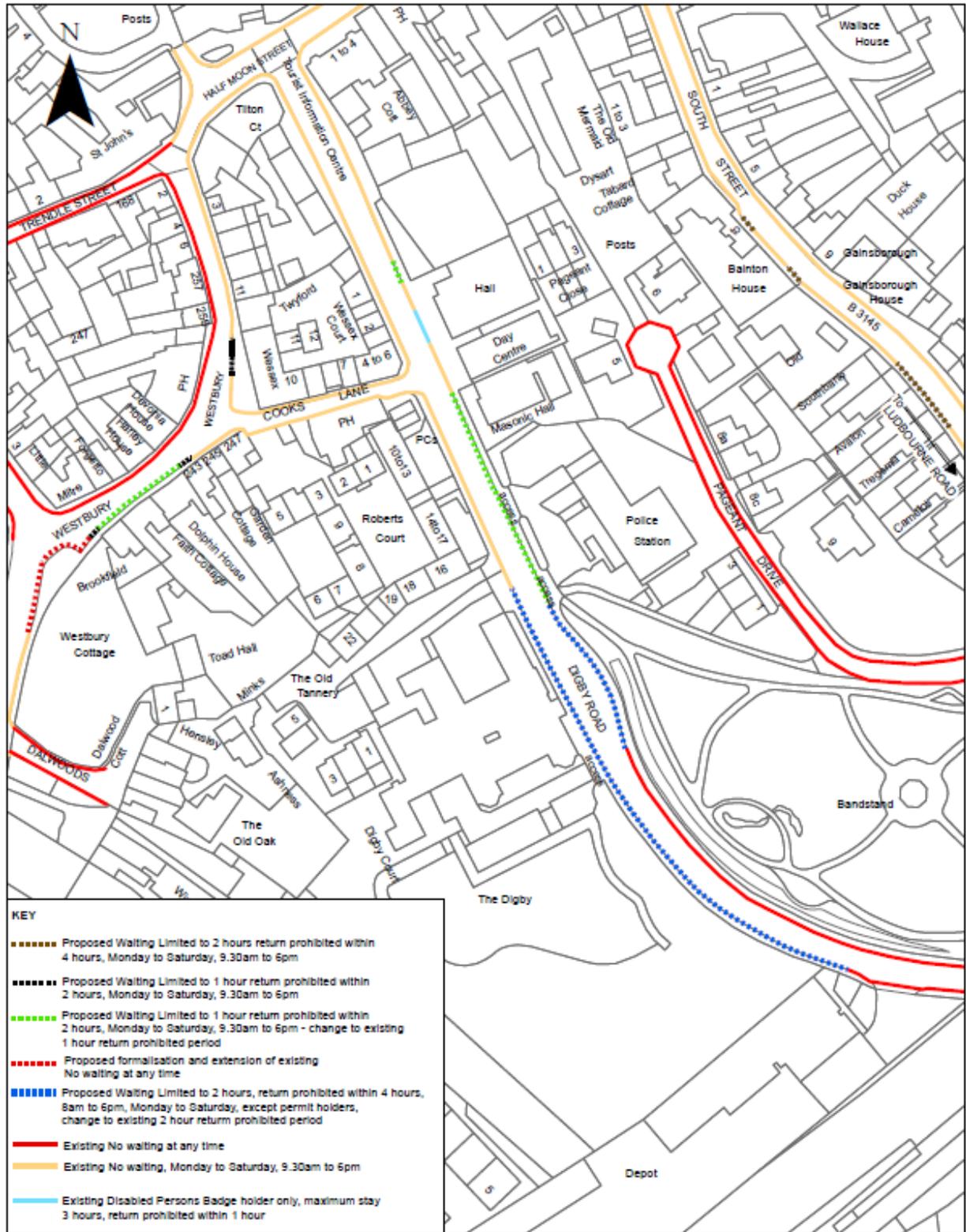
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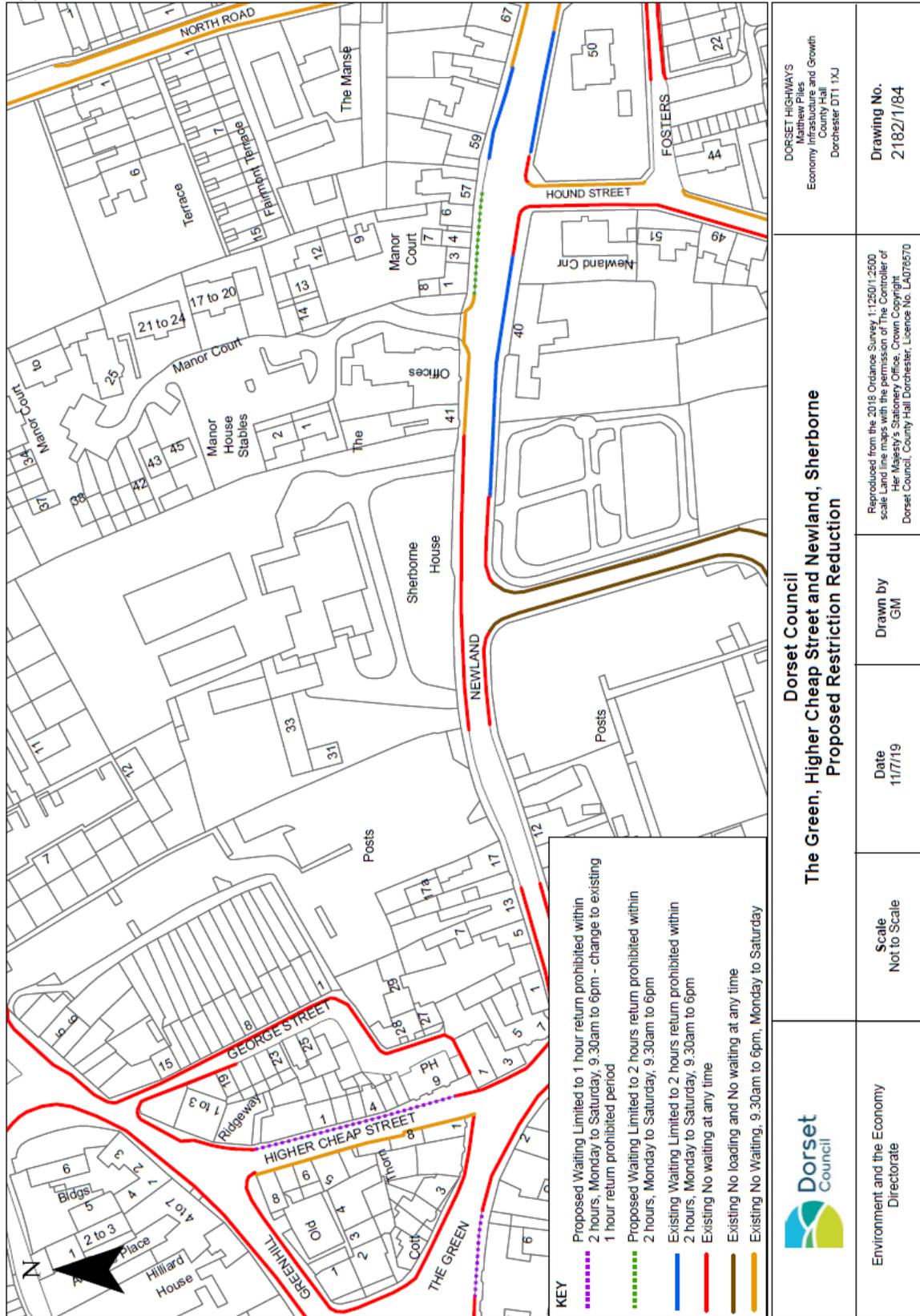
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# Appendix 5



		<b>Dorset Council</b> <b>Digby Road, South Street and Westbury, Sherborne</b> <b>Proposed Restrictions</b>		DORSET HIGHWAYS Matthew Piles Economy Infrastructure and Growth County Hall Dorchester DT1 1XJ	
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## Dorset Council The Green, Higher Cheap Street and Newland, Sherborne Proposed Restriction Reduction

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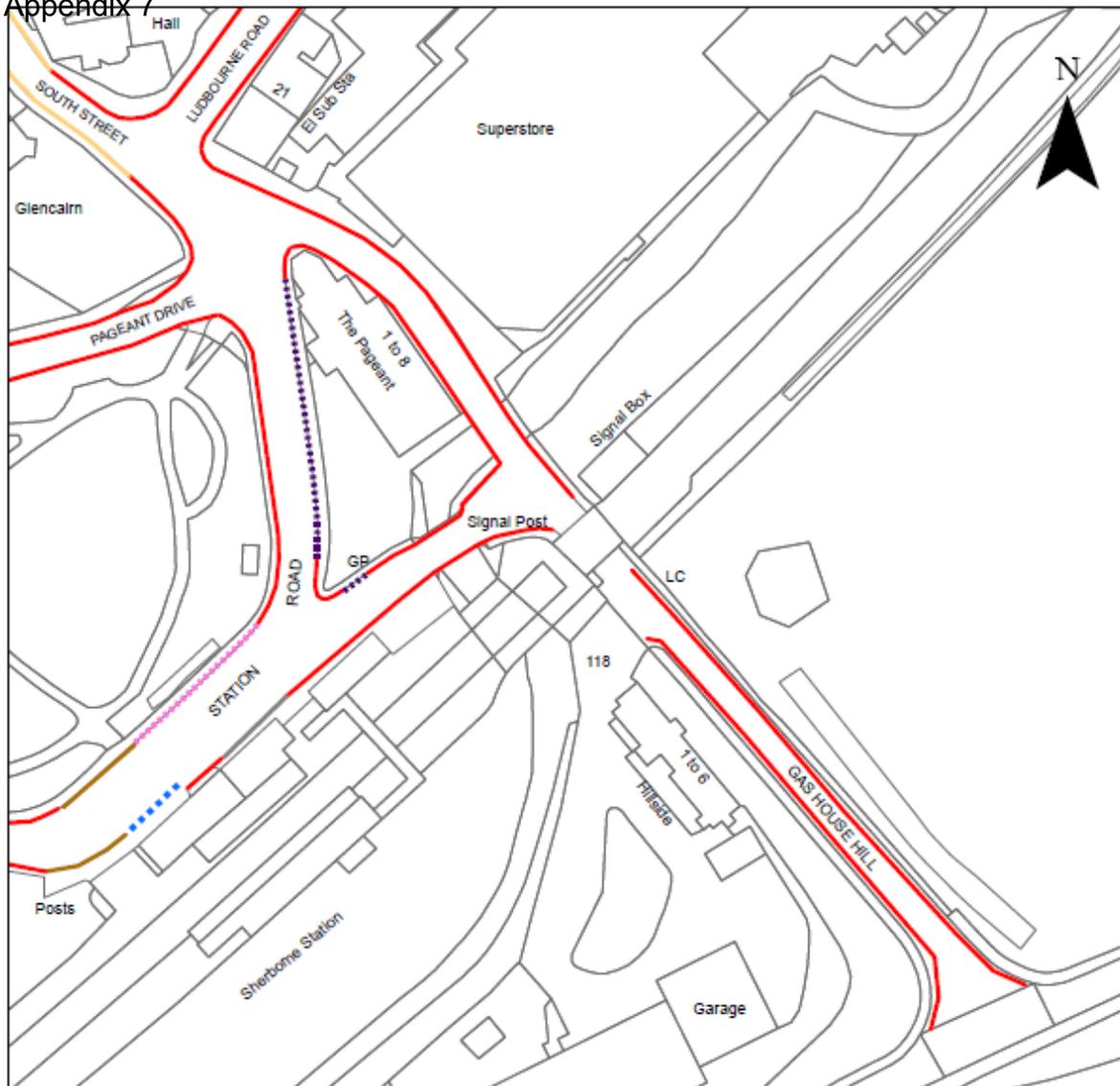
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Appendix 7



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	Proposed Waiting Limited to 30 minutes, Monday to Saturday, 9.30am to 6pm, return prohibited within 1 hour, change to existing 30 minutes return prohibited period
	Proposed reinstatement of Waiting limited to 30 minutes, Monday to Saturday, 9.30am to 6pm, with new 1 hour return prohibited period
	Proposed Waiting Limited to 2 hours, Monday to Saturday, 8am to 6pm, return prohibited within 4 hours, except permit holders, change to existing 2 hour return prohibited period
	Existing Bus Stop Clearway
	Existing No waiting at any time
	Existing No waiting, Monday to Saturday, 9.30am to 6pm
	Existing No waiting at any time except taxis

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