

Agenda Item:

# Regulatory Committee

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**Dorset County Council**



Date of Meeting	11 June 2015
Officer	Andrew Martin – Head of Highways
<b>Subject of Report</b>	<b>Proposed Waiting Restrictions, Christchurch</b>
Executive Summary	Following the advertising of proposed changes to parking restrictions in various roads, Christchurch, objections have been received to the proposals for Caxton Close, Pinehurst Avenue, Scott's Hill Lane/Rotterdam Drive and Stuart Road. This report considers those objections, and whether the proposals for the roads listed should be implemented as advertised. Gleadowe Avenue and Stanley Road have been withdrawn following a request from Christchurch Borough Council Traffic Regulation Task & Finish Group because of the weight of opinion against these.
Impact Assessment:	<p>Equalities Impact Assessment:</p> <p>The proposed waiting restrictions will have the usual exemption for disabled badge holders.</p>
	<p>Use of Evidence:</p> <p>Site investigations, public consultation and support of Local Member, Borough Council and the Police.</p>
	<p>Budget:</p> <p>The cost of making the Order is estimated at £8000 inclusive of advertising changes.</p>
	<p>Risk Assessment:</p> <p>Having considered the risks associated with this decision using the</p>

	<p>County Council's approved risk management methodology, the level of risk has been identified as:                  Current Risk: LOW                  Residual Risk: LOW</p>
Recommendation	<p>That the Cabinet be recommended to approve the proposed waiting restrictions on Caxton Close, Pinehurst Avenue, Scott's Hill Lane/Rotterdam Drive and Stuart Road as originally advertised.</p>
Reason for Recommendation	<p>The proposals should improve the safety aspect of vehicle movements in Caxton Close and Stuart Road, which both have a ninety degree bend with no visibility; safer and improved vehicle movements in Scott's Hill Lane/Rotterdam Drive for vehicles exiting the road and being faced with vehicles entering off the B3059 at speed. The proposal in Pinehurst Avenue will give priority for parking to residents and visitors rather than all-day parking by employees to a local hotel and visitors to local beaches in the summer months.</p>
Appendices	<p>Appendix 1 – Caxton Close Location Plan                  Appendix 2 – Pinehurst Avenue Location Plan                  Appendix 3 – Scott's Hill Lane/Rotterdam Drive Location Plan                  Appendix 4 – Stuart Road Location Plan                  Appendix 5 – Drawing No. Caxton Close 2271/1/11a                  Appendix 6 – Drawing No. Pinehurst avenue 2271/1/1i                  Appendix 7 – Drawing No. Scott's Hill Lane/Rotterdam Drive 2271/1/1d                  Appendix 8 – Drawing No. Stuart Road 2271/1/1l                  Appendix 9 – Draft minutes Christchurch Borough Council Regulatory Task &amp; Finish Group 16<sup>th</sup> March 2015</p>
Background Papers	<p>All letters of response are available in the Members Room.</p> <p>Consultation responses from Christchurch Borough Council, Dorset Police and the local councillors are held on file in the Environment and the Economy Directorate.</p>
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## 1. Background

- 1.1 Proposals were advertised on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2015 for a variety of changes to waiting restrictions in Christchurch. Objections were received for four of these roads – Caxton Close, Pinehurst Avenue, Scott's Hill Lane/Rotterdam Drive and Stuart Road. This report considers these objections. A petition and further correspondence of objection were received for Gleadowe Avenue and Stanley Road. These will be dealt with further on in the report.
- 1.1.1 Caxton Close is a cul-de-sac with a ninety degree bend with housing on the right hand side of the road only. There are currently daytime No Waiting restrictions on the southern and western sides of the road as it is too narrow for parking on both sides and approximately five bays for Limited Wait. There is a large commercial administrative building at the beginning of the road with parking for staff and visitors. When the car park for this business is full, the vehicles belonging to these people are currently accommodated on the grass and bend of the road and on junctions of Caxton Close and Newlands Road as well as on the entrance/exit to the car park causing a lack of visibility and in contravention of the Highway Code. Vehicles moving around the Close are forced into the middle of the road with no line-of-sight around the junctions and ninety degree bend.
- 1.1.2 Pinehurst Avenue is a cul-de-sac with residential housing on both sides of the road which have off road parking for at least one vehicle. Currently there are No Waiting At Any Time restrictions on the western side of the road as it is too narrow to permit parking on both sides. The restriction extends around the turning head at the northern end of the road. Staff and visitors to a large local hotel are regularly parked in the road for large lengths of time. Day visitors to local beaches seeking free parking during the summer months also use the road for parking.
- 1.1.3 Scott's Hill Lane/Rotterdam Drive is part of a residential area with off-street parking, garaging and private area parking. Areas of the road are used by commuter all day parking by staff from local businesses. Vehicles leaving the B3073 are in conflict with vehicles leaving Scott's Hill Lane, who are forced onto the wrong side of the road because of the parked cars. Following "corner surgeries" by local PCSO Sparks of Dorset Police, residents asked for No Waiting At Any Time and Limited Waits to be added to the existing restrictions.
- 1.1.4 Stuart Road is a residential road containing both large houses and flats. It currently has a length of No Waiting At Any Time on both sides of the road east of the Waterford Road cross roads. This then becomes seasonal No Waiting on the southern/eastern side. Unlimited parking is available on the northern/western side except for a length of No Waiting At Any Time around a ninety degree bend. The area has non-seasonal No Waiting in other roads.

## 2. Information

- 2.1 There are several reasons that No Waiting At Any Time restrictions have been asked for in Caxton Close. There are a large number of vehicles parked around junctions, in contravention to the Highway Code, and on the entrance/exit to Hello House, blocking line of sight for vehicle movements. Vehicles frequently park right around the ninety degree bend, forcing moving traffic into the path of on-coming vehicles, neither having sight of each other. The possibility of head-on collisions has increased with the greater number of staff and visitors to Hello House. Residents who live further down Caxton Close are concerned with the nature of this dangerous parking.

- 2.2 Pinehurst Avenue has endured parking all year round by staff and customers from Christchurch Harbour Hotel since the addition of an extra 38 rooms and bistro and spa. Day time parking by visitors searching for free parking to use the local beaches puts a further strain on available parking spaces. Parking right up to, and occasionally encroaching on, dropped kerbs, as well as camper vans which may stay over night, are causing residents hardship and distress. A length of Limited Waited of a 3 hour stay has been proposed for the road.
- 2.3 Scott's Hill Lane/Rotterdam Drive, primarily a residential area, has a length of road adjoining fields, which is used by staff of local industrial type businesses for all day parking. There is the potential for head-on collisions to occur when vehicles leaving the B3073 are faced with vehicles leaving Scott's Hill Lane who are forced, due to the parking, onto the wrong side of the road. No Waiting At Any Time and Limited Waits have been requested by residents in conjunction with Dorset Police. Further extensions to existing No Waiting At Any Time restrictions have also been requested to keep junctions further into the estate clear of parked traffic and afford safe visibility sight-lines.
- 2.4 Stuart Road is within easy walking distance of the Highcliffe main shopping area. Existing seasonal restrictions stop irresponsible parking through the summer months to allow vehicles to move about the road, including a ninety degree bend, safely. There is an area of unlimited parking which is used by local residents, shoppers and others which helps deter speeding and rat running of the main road traffic signals. Many other roads have daytime No Waiting restrictions all year round to enable vehicles to move about safely. The proposed all year No Waiting would bring conformity to the road with less confusion for those looking to park. Residents have off-street parking and do not currently have the ability to park here in the day time between April and September.

### 3. **Law**

- 3.1 Section 1 and 2 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 allow the County Council to make an order prohibiting or restricting the waiting of vehicles. The circumstances where an order may be made include:-:
- 3.1.1 For avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road or any other road;
- 3.1.2 For facilitating the passage on the road of any class of traffic.

### 4. **Consultation**

- 4.1 Under Dorset County Council's procedure, primary consultation was carried out on the proposed scheme and is supported by the Local Member, Christchurch Borough Council, and Dorset Police.
- 4.2 There have been a number of responses to the public consultation process, and these are summarised by road below:-

**Caxton Close:**

<b>Name &amp; Address</b>	<b>Summary of Response</b>
Mr D Jobbins Director of Planning & Development Nicolas James Group Hello House 135 Somerford Road Christchurch	Proposals are considered unnecessary and will harm local businesses. Current restrictions ensure highway is safe and allows free flow of traffic. Parking will be displaced.

**Pinehurst Avenue:**

<b>Name &amp; Address</b>	<b>Summary of Response</b>
Residents of Pinehurst Avenue	29 letters of support were registered for the on-street proposals.
Mr & Mrs R Rundle 19 Pinehurst Avenue Mudeford	Objects to the proposals as they need all day parking for visitors. They regard non-resident parking as not causing a problem.
K McVey General Manager Christchurch Harbour Hotel & Spa 95 Mudeford	Objects to the proposals as it is not seen as wholly hotel staff which park in the road and that the hotel contributes a significant amount of business rates to the council. Local residents use the varied facilities. Large numbers of customers require access to public parking. The hotel is one of the biggest local employers in the area. Additional parking restrictions would have a significant impact on the business.

**Stuart Road:**

<b>Name &amp; Address</b>	<b>Summary of Response</b>
Mr R Bullen 52 Stuart Road Highcliffe	Objection because in the time he has been living there (52 years) there has been no problem with parking.

**Scott's Hill Lane/Rotterdam Drive**

<b>Name &amp; Address</b>	<b>Summary of Response</b>
Residents of Scott's Hill Lane, Haarlem Mews, Utrecht Court, Rotterdam Drive, Moffat Road and Amsterdam Square.	41 signatures of support were registered for the on-street proposals.
Mr & Mrs Champion 11 Haarlem Mews Christchurch	Letter of support. Would like to see further restrictions.
Mrs J Evans 35 Scott's Hill Lane Christchurch	Letter of support where they agree area has become one large parking area.
Mr W Woodisse 9 Haarlem Mews Christchurch	Letter of support.
Mr P Wilkinson 1 Haarlem Mews Christchurch	Letter of objection to road safety issues of vehicles entering and exiting Scott's Hill Lane and Rotterdam Drive reduction in road width. Proposal does not address

	these issues.
Mr B Thomas 5 Haarlem Mews Christchurch	Letter does not object nor support wholly. Proposal should not have included an area of Limited wait. Extra lines should be included to improve access to and from Haarlem Mews and Rotterdam Road.
Mr M Churchill 6 Haarlem Mews Christchurch	Letter of objection to Limited Wait as lorries can still use this and should include Saturdays, but supports No Waiting At Any Time. This restriction should include both sides of the road towards Haarlem Mews to negate waste lorries and emergency services mounting kerbs.

4.3 Having considered the responses regarding:-

4.3.1 Caxton Close – Safety implication are of major concern around junctions and on the ninety degree bend where there is a strong possibility of a head on collision by vehicles with no line of sight. This must be prioritised over commuter parking, which through the proposed restriction, has only been moved away from dangerous areas with the bulk of on-street parking remaining.

4.3.2 Pinehurst Avenue – Although residential roads are frequently parked on by residents and their visitors, the continuous vehicle movements and parking by business staff and customers of the local hotel, and seasonal all-day beach visitors, has become distressing as well as inconvenient for residents. Some parking has encroached on driveways and with the occasional camper van parking overnight the road has lost its residential feel and become a mini car park. The proposed Limited wait will still allow residents to have visitors or park themselves for 3 hours and allow short term parking for people having business in the area.

4.3.3 Scott’s Hill Lane/Rotterdam Drive – Due to all day parking by commuters, vehicles must be moved away from the junction of the B3073 and Scott’s Hill Lane and a week day Limited Wait imposed. This will allow local vehicles to park for 3 hours but as the number will be small the vehicles entering/leaving will have a much smaller line of parked cars to negotiate leading to a much better line of sight.

4.3.4 Stuart Road – All other roads in the area are No Waiting during the day but are non-seasonal. This can be confusing for the general public and therefore this road should be brought in line with the other restrictions in the area. There is also a ninety degree bend in the road which should not be used for parking in day light hours. There are two large car parks within easy reach of Stuart Road which the removal of out of season restriction will encourage drivers to use and will easily hold any displacement of vehicles.

**5. Further Consultation Information**

5.1 Gleadowe Avenue  
Following the advertisement of parking restrictions to include No Waiting At Any Time around junctions, No Waiting during day light hours and a Limited Wait, there was a total of 19 objections, both by letter and through a petition against these proposals. There was one letter of support. Following this, and with consultation with the local member, Dorset County Council asked the Christchurch Borough Council Regulatory

Task & Finish Group, at their meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2015, to abandon the proposal. This was accepted and minuted.

5.2 Stanley Road

Following the advertisement of a change to the existing Limited Wait from 2 hours to 30 minutes to mirror the restriction on Lymington Road which is Highcliffe's main shopping area, 3 letters of objection and no support letters were received. Following this, and with consultation with the local member, Dorset County Council asked the Christchurch Borough Council Regulatory Task & Finish Group, at their meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2015, to abandon the proposal. This was accepted and minuted.

6. **Recommendation**

That having considered the objections received, Cabinet be recommended to approve the proposed waiting restrictions on Caxton Close, Pinehurst Avenue, Scott's Hill Lane/Rotterdam Drive and Stuart Road as originally advertised.

**Andrew Martin**  
Head of Highways  
June 2015

**Location plan for Caxton Close, Christchurch**

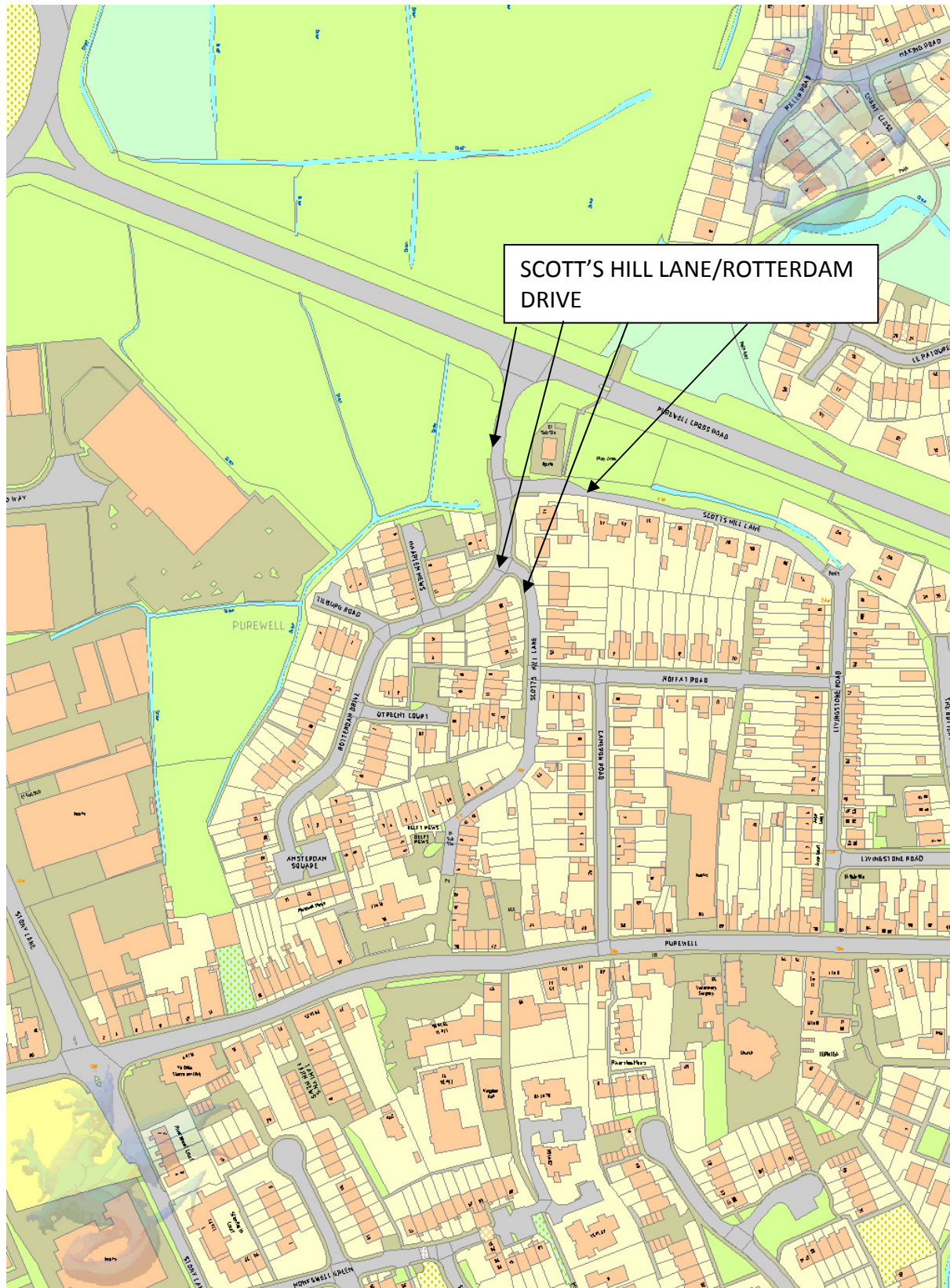




**Location plan for Pinehurst Avenue, Mundeford**



**Location plan for Scott's Hill Lane/Rotterdam Drive, Christchurch**

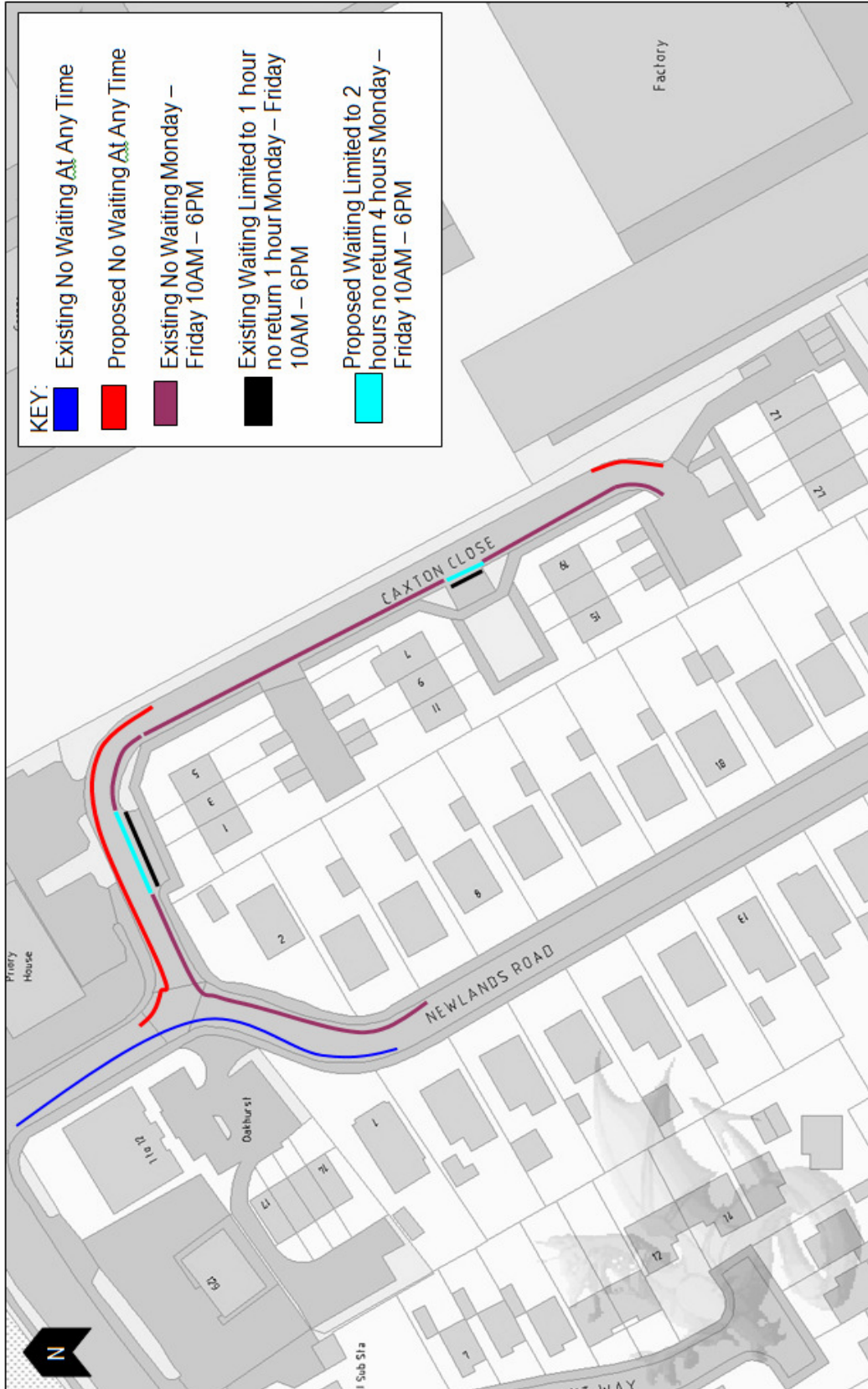





**Location plan for Stuart Road, Highcliffe**



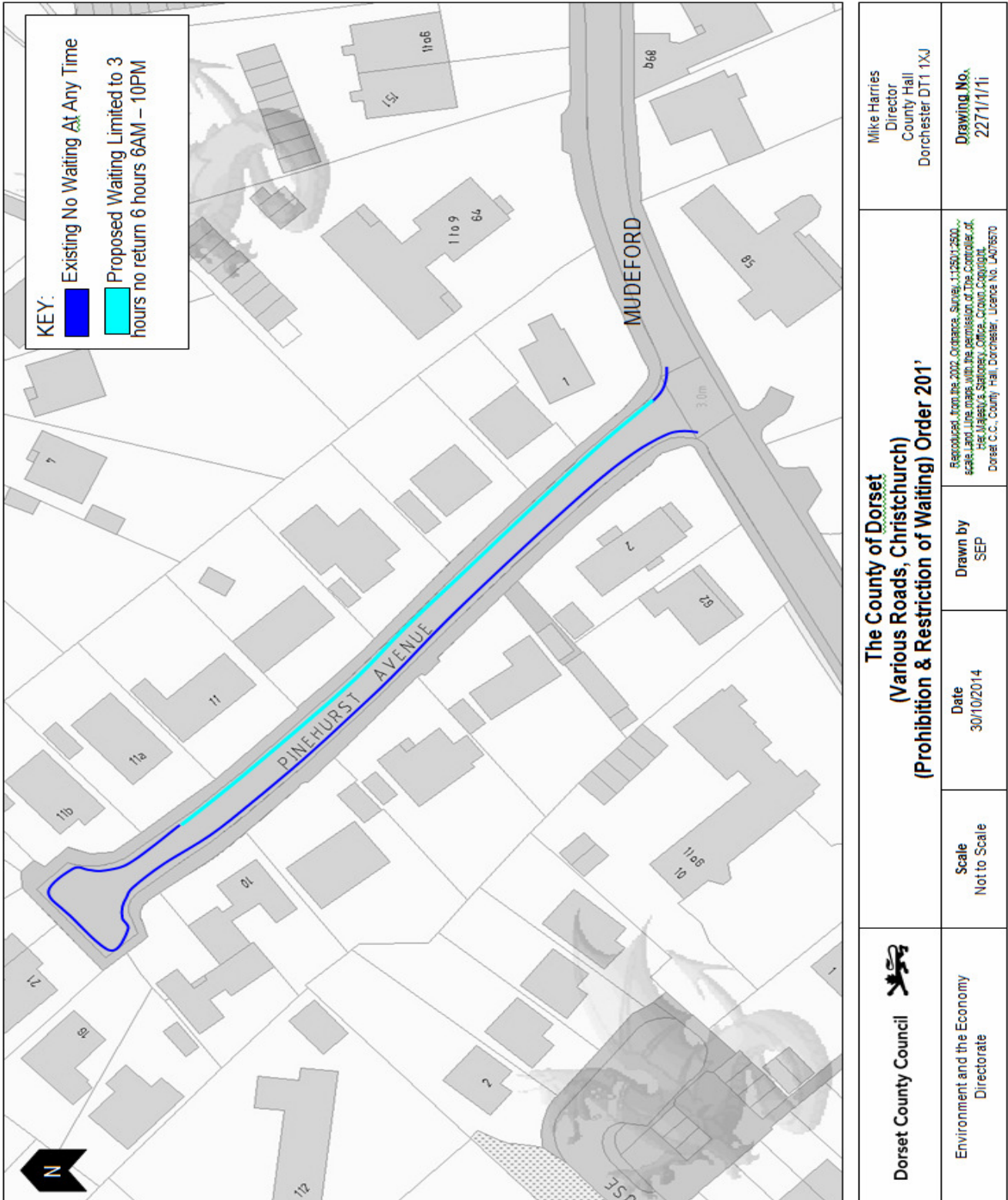
**Plan of the Caxton Close Proposals**



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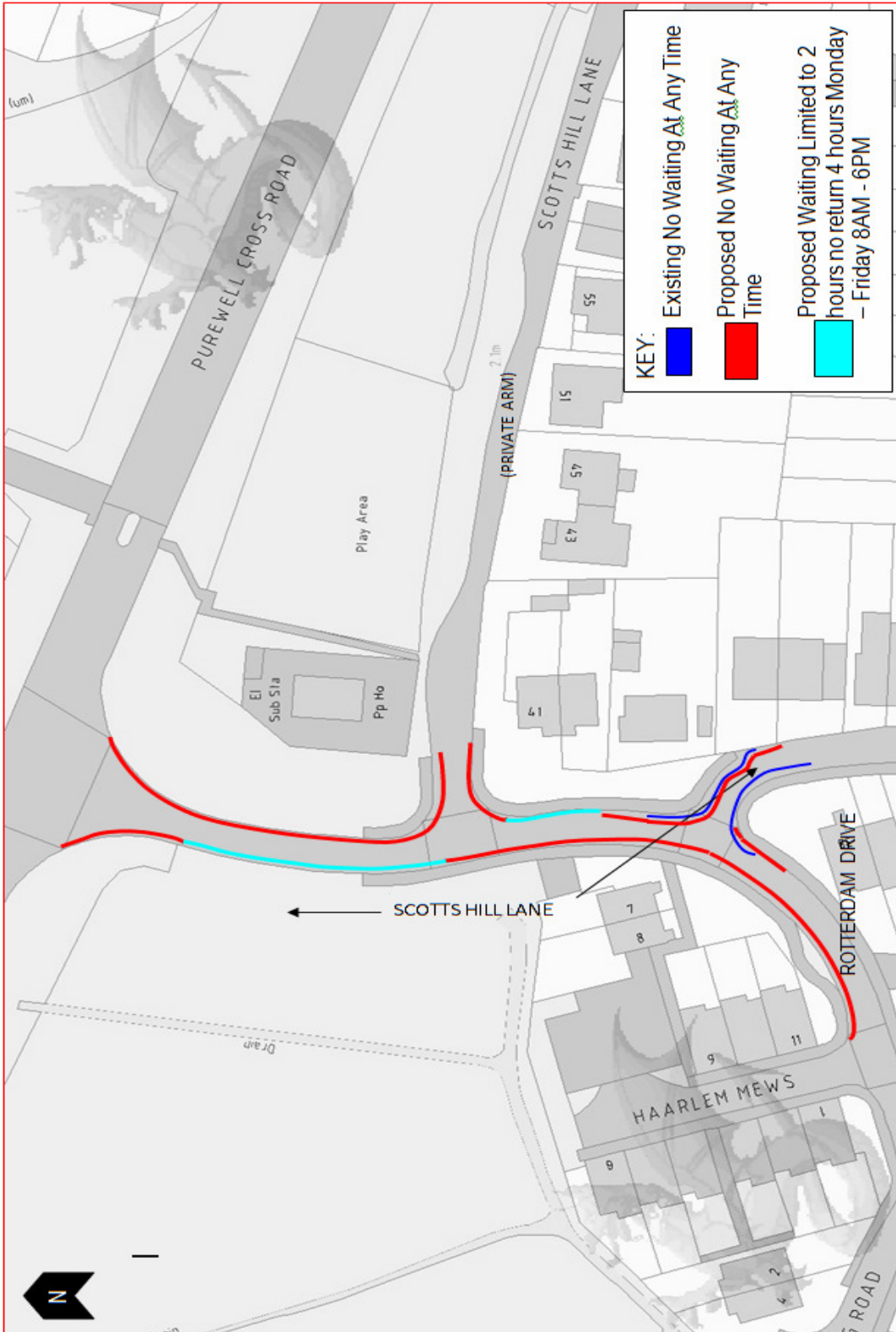


**Proposals Plan of the Pinehurst Avenue Proposals**



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**Plan of the Scott's Hill Lane/Rotterdam Drive Proposals**




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**Plan of the Stuart Road Proposals**



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**Minutes Christchurch Borough Council Traffic Regulatory Committee**

CHRISTCHURCH BOROUGH COUNCIL CHRISTCHURCH BOROUGH COUNCIL

TRAFFIC REGULATION TASK AND FINISH GROUP

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 16 March 2015 at 4.00 pm

Present:-

Councillor Cllr Mrs P F Jamieson – Chairman

Present: Councillors Cllr B Davis, Cllr D A Flagg, Cllr N C Geary and  
Cllr F F T Neale

Also in attendance: Councillor P R Hall

1. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 21 July, 2014 were confirmed as a correct record, subject to the first paragraph under 3.2 being amended to read:

*“Councillor Hall addressed the group in respect of this item, informing the group that he agreed with the DCC officer recommendation providing that it went out to public consultation”*

Members were updated on the progress with regards to requests received at the last meeting, following consultation the following requests will be submitted to the DCC Regulatory Committee as they had received objections to the proposals, these requests were;

- Caxton Close
- Scotts Hill Lane
- Pinehurst Avenue (Limited Waiting)
- Stuart Road

In addition the following two requests were reconsidered by the Task and Finish Group:

- Gleadowe Avenue
- Stanley Road

Members were informed that the Gleadowe Avenue request had prompted considerable objections, including a petition and other correspondence. Several objection letters and no support letters were received for Stanley Road.

Members agreed therefore that the requests relating to Gleadowe Avenue



and Stanley Road be abandoned and not progressed at this stage. The DCC Regulatory Committee will be informed of this decision. Members felt that in particular the residents in Gleadowe Avenue should be written to and informed of the decision.

## 2. Declarations of interest

Councillor Flagg declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute No 11 (Canberra Road) and refrained from taking part in the discussion thereon.

## 3. Traffic Regulation Requests

Members were requested to consider requests for waiting restrictions and to make recommendations to Dorset County Council thereon.

## 4. Broadlands Close/ Wyndham Road/ Glenville Road (No Waiting At Any Time)

Members agreed with the DCC Officer proposal of an AAT.

## 5. Whitehall (No Waiting At Any Time)

Members agreed with the officer proposal of the removal of one parking space and the introduction of AAT restriction.

## 6. Stuart Road (No Waiting At Any Time)

Members were advised that Councillor Lofts had submitted verbal objections with regards to this AAT restriction on behalf of an objector in Stuart Court who had raised concerns with regards to the fact that at times it is necessary to park on the road. Members agreed with the DCC Officer that an AAT restriction should not be granted.

## 7. Fairmile Road (No Waiting At Any Time)

Members agreed with the DCC Officer that an AAT Waiting restriction should not be granted.

## 8. Stanpit from 69-81 (No Waiting At Any Time)

Members felt that this request should be deferred until such time as the work to the Stanpit Road car park is completed.

## 9. Canberra Road (No Waiting At Any Time)

Members agreed with the DCC Officer that the introduction of No Waiting AAT was appropriate, but that this restriction should only be applied around the junction. (Councillor Flagg declared a non-pecuniary interest in this item and refrained from taking part in the discussion thereon).

10. Warren Avenue (No Waiting At Any Time)

Members agreed with the DCC Officer that an AAT restriction should not be granted.

11. Cranemoor Avenue (No Waiting At Any Time/ Limited Wait)

Members agreed with the DCC Officer proposal of the No Waiting AAT restriction and the Limited Wait restrictions.

12. Honeysuckle Way / Saffron Drive (AAT/ Limited Waiting/ No Waiting Mon-Fri 9am-5pm)

Members agreed with the DCC Officer with regards to certain aspects, in relation to this Members felt that yellow lines should be installed at the junction ends, further to this it was agreed that some level of parking should be retained by leaving a gap in the No Waiting AAT restriction on the left hand side of Honeysuckle Way. Members were content with the proposed time limited restrictions (shown in yellow and blue lines on the map).

13. Stanpit 138-142 (No Waiting At Any Time)

Members agreed with the DCC Officer that an AAT restriction should not be granted.

14. Haworth Close (No Waiting At Any Time)

Members agreed with the DCC Officer proposal of an AAT.

15. Hurn Court Lane (No Loading/ Unloading At Any Time)

Members agreed with the DCC Officer proposal of the introduction of a No Loading/ Unloading At Any Time restriction.

16. Farm Lane (No Waiting At Any Time)

Members agreed with the DCC Officer proposal of an AAT.

17. Stour Road Bus Stop (No Waiting At Any Time/ Bus Stop Location)

Members did not support the relocation of the Bus Stop and agreed that it should remain in its current position.

18. Sydney Road (No Waiting At Any Time)

Members agreed with the DCC Officer proposal of an AAT.

19. Bucehayes Close (No Waiting At Any Time)

Members supported the principal of the No Waiting AAT restriction but agreed that this restriction should apply to only one side of the road.

20. Mudeford (No Waiting At Any Time)

Members agreed with the DCC Officer proposal that an AAT should not be granted.

21. Roads Around St Marks Primary School, Highcliffe (No Loading/Unloading)

Members supported the DCC Officer proposal of the introduction of a No Loading/ Unloading restriction, and in addition to this felt that the Civil Enforcement Officers should be made aware of the current situation and urged to enforce the restriction.

22. Petition to Council - Reduction in Speed Limit through Highcliffe Shopping Centre

Members were requested to consider a petition which had been presented to Council on the 24 February 2015 requesting that the Council supports a reduction of the speed limit from 30mph to 20mph on the A337 through the Highcliffe Shopping Centre.

Members received the petition and further to this requested that it be forwarded onto the Dorset County Council, as the responsible highways authority.

The meeting ended at 5.42 pm

CHAIRMAN