

Notice of:	Cabinet Member for Enforcement, Public Safety, Highways and Transport.
Decision Number:	PH64/2022
Relevant Officer:	John Blackledge, Director for Community and Environmental Services
Relevant Cabinet Member:	Councillor Neal Brookes, Cabinet Member for Enforcement, Public Safety, Highways and Transport
Date of Decision:	10 October 2022

THE BOROUGH OF BLACKPOOL (VARIOUS ROADS) (VARIOUS RESTRICTIONS) AND (REVOCATIONS) BATCH ORDER NO 1 2021 (SIXTH AVENUE AND ARNOLD AVENUE JUNCTION)

1.0 Purpose of the report:

- 1.1 To consider the representation and alternative options of the advertised proposed restriction on the junction of Sixth Avenue and Arnold Avenue.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

- 2.1 To consider the proposal, objection, subsequent options, and the recommendation of the Director for Community and Environmental Services.

3.0 Reasons for recommendations(s):

- 3.1 It is appropriate that the representation is fully considered and a decision made whether or not to proceed with the proposed restrictions or choose a different option.

- 3.2 Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by The Council? No

- 3.3 Is the recommendation in accordance with the councils approved budget? Yes

4.0 Other alternative options to be considered:

- 4.1 To continue with the current arrangement by not proceeding with the proposal.

5.0 Council priority:

5.1 The relevant Council priority is: “Communities: creating stronger communities and increasing resilience”

6.0 Background Information:

6.1 Prior to the proposed order Traffic Management was contacted by a resident of Sixth Avenue in respect of vehicles parking on the corner of the junction of Sixth Avenue and Arnold Avenue and making it unsafe to exit or enter the junction due to restricted visibility.

6.2 It was also pointed out to Traffic Management that the double yellow lines on the south side of Arnold Avenue from the playing fields to Sixth Avenue were no longer required.

6.3 Traffic Management visited site to inspect the concerns raised and following inspection proposed that a double yellow line should be placed around the junction covering the 10m specified in rule 243 of the Highway Code. Additionally it was proposed the double yellow lines at the park entrance to the east of Sixth Avenue should be reduced.

6.4 Rule 243 of the Highway Code provides that you must not park within 10 metre of a junction. As the Council had received complaints about vehicles parking close to the junction traffic Traffic Management felt that double yellow lines were the right restriction to implement.

6.5 The public notice was advertised in the paper on the 26th April 2022 and on site in the form of notices attached to lighting columns. These notices were out until 17 May 2022. The notice outlines what was happening on site and how people could raise representations. The Council received an objection from a resident of Sixth Avenue.

6.6 The objection was raised as the resident stated that cars do not park on the corner of Sixth Avenue and Arnold Avenue. However Traffic Management have conflicting evidence, hence why the restriction is being proposed.

6.7 Additionally the resident objected to the double yellow lines being extended west down Arnold Avenue to Armfield Academy. The proposed order does not seek to do this, as has been previously advised to the resident. It was explained that the lines were only covering the 10 metres from the junction. The rest of Arnold Avenue heading west is not being modified.

6.8 Traffic Management has pointed out to the resident that the double yellow lines are only reinforcing the provisions set out within rule 243 of the Highway Code that you should not park within 10 metres of the junction.

6.9 The Director of Community and Environmental Services does take on board that there may not be cars parked at the corner of Arnold Avenue and Sixth Avenue all the time but the lines are there to help with the entry and exit from Sixth Avenue and are in place to stop cars parking where it is against the Highway Code to park.

6.10 After discussions between the Cabinet Member for Highways and the Director of Community and Environmental services, it was the view of the Director for Community and Environmental services to implement the double yellow lines as they are proposed.

6.11 Does this information submitted include any exempt information? No

7.0 List of Appendices:

7.1 Appendix A: Existing layout
Appendix B: Proposed layout
Appendix C: On site notices
Appendix D: Objection letter

8.0 Financial considerations:

8.1 Work to be funded by the Traffic Management budget

9.0 Legal Consideration:

9.1 Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 32, 35, 53 and 124

9.2 Traffic Management Act 2004.

9.3 The Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (Borough of Blackpool) Order 2003 (Statutory Instrument No 2677)

10.0 Risk Management Consideration:

10.1 This would be an amenity order and low risk in safety terms.

11.0 Equality Consideration:

11.1 None.

12.0 Suitability, climate change and environmental considerations:

12.1 None.

13.0 Internal/external consultation undertaken:

13.1 Public advertisement was placed in the local paper. It was also advertised on site in the form of notices attached to the lighting columns in the affected areas.

14.0 Background Papers:

14.1 None.

15.0 Key decision information:

15.1 None

16.0 Call-in information:

16.1 Are there any grounds for urgency, which would cause the decision to be exempt from the call in process? No

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17.0 Scrutiny Committee Chairman (where appropriate):

Date informed:

Date approved:

18.0 Declaration of Interest (if applicable):

18.1 None.

19.0 Executive Decision:

19.1 The Cabinet Member resolved as follows:

To proceed with the proposed restrictions on Sixth Avenue and Arnold Avenue as originally advertised in the batch order on 26 April 2022 and outlined at Appendix B.

20.0 Date of decision:

20.1 10 October 2002

21.0 Reason(s) for decision:

21.1 Having considered the proposed restrictions and representation, the Cabinet Member

remains of the view that the restrictions are proportionate and necessary in the interests of road safety.

22.0 Date Decision published:

22.1 10 October 2022

23.0 Executive Members in attendance:

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24.0 Call-in:

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25.0 Notes:

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