

FIRST SCHEDULE

Map Schedules to be revoked	Date
BM91	8 th June 2012
BM92	8 th June 2012
BL91	8 th June 2012
BN91	8 th June 2012
BK89	15 th July 2016
BK90	28 th July 2017
BL90	28 th July 2017
BK89	15 th July 2016
CB112	8 th June 2018
BW111	8 th June 2018
BV110	8 th June 2012
DW79	28 th July 2017

SECOND SCHEDULE

Map Schedules to be included	Date
BM91	12 th October 2018
BM92	12 th October 2018
BL91	12 th October 2018
BN91	12 th October 2018
BK89	12 th October 2018
BK90	12 th October 2018
BL90	12 th October 2018
BK89	12 th October 2018
CB112	12 th October 2018
BW111	12 th October 2018
BV110	12 th October 2018
DW79	12 th October 2018

STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR PROPOSING TO MAKE THE ORDER

To avoid danger to persons or other traffic using the road or any other road or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising, or to preserve or improve amenities of the area through which the roads run.

**PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF STOPPING, WAITING, LOADING AND
UNLOADING AND ON-STREET PARKING. WEST SOMERSET ORDER 2012
(AMENDMENT NO. 6) ORDER 2018**

Determination Report:

Executive Portfolio Holder: John Woodman, Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport.
Division and Local Member: Watchet and Stogursey, Hugh Davies.
Lead Officer: Jo Sharp, Traffic Management
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1. Summary

Proposals to amend parking restrictions at 11 locations across West Somerset were advertised on the 18th May 2018. The Notice is shown in Appendix 1.

A total of two objections were received during the consultation period for the no waiting at any time (NWAAT) proposals in **Long Street, Townsend, Williton.**

However, these objections do not relate to the original NWAAT proposals as advertised but ask for consideration to further extend the NWAAT to what has been advertised. There is no option to add additional restrictions or extents to an advertised proposal without re-advertising the proposed amendments.

The introduction of a greater extent of NWAAT restrictions could not be 'added' to this Order and would need to be considered under the next West Somerset amendment Order.

A copy of the plan of the proposed parking restrictions for Long Street and Townsend is shown in Appendix 2.

This proposal has been put forward to address safety concerns outside Sir Gilbert Scott Court in Long Street and at the junction of Townsend and Long Street. (opposite Sir Gilbert Scott Court). Parked cars outside Sir Gilbert Scott Court and at the junction of Townsend are obscuring visibility for residents turning out of Townsend onto Long Street and also for residents exiting Sir Scott Gilbert Court onto Long Street. These proposals are supported by the Local County Councillor, District Council and the police.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the **PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF STOPPING, WAITING, LOADING AND UNLOADING AND ON-STREET PARKING. WEST SOMERSET ORDER 2012 (AMENDMENT NO. 6) ORDER 2018** be approved.

SCC will monitor this original proposal and will review the parking along Long Street to consider the effects of any parking displacement and consider any additional parking restrictions at this time.

3.0 Proposed Traffic Regulation Orders

- 3.1 The Notice (shown in Appendix 1) was advertised in the West Somerset Free Press on the 18th May 2018. As part of this process, all of the statutory consultees, local County and District Councillors and the Town Council were consulted.
- 3.2 Following the statutory advertising of the Traffic Regulation Order Amendment, a total of 2 letters objecting to the proposal were received during the 21 day statutory advertising period. After acknowledging and responding to the two objectors a total of two statutory objections remains as below:-
- Long Street, Townsend Williton.
- 3.3 Individual letters and e-mails of support and objections are available for inspection at the Authors Department. The specific objections and points contained within the letter have been considered and salient points are detailed below, highlighting the background on the proposal, objection and the responses.

Parking on Long Street opposite the junction to Townsend has given cause for written complaints over recent years with respect to safe turning movements in and out of Sir Gilbert Scott Court and Townsend. Our records from the Police show that there have been 2 slight personal injury collisions along this length over the last 5 year period. One of these was as a result of a vehicle turning right out of Sir Gilbert Scott Court and colliding with a vehicle travelling East on Long Street. The second collision occurred as one vehicle was travelling east on Long Street and the second vehicle travelling west. The eastbound vehicle was passing a line of stationary vehicles and the 2 vehicles collided at this point, with one of the vehicles colliding with a stationary vehicle.

This data does not include damage only collisions that may have occurred; the nationally recognised road collision data refers to personal injury collisions.

Objection reasons include:

Unaware of a problem with vehicles parking in the area proposed for the restriction until the development of the former work house now named Sir Gilbert Scott Court.

Parking spaces are available within Sir Gilbert Scott Court, which begs the question why vehicles are being parked immediately outside its curtilage.

Displacement of parking will occur to the nearest unrestricted section of highway. That will be immediately to the north east and south west of the area proposed for the parking restriction."

A driver emerging from The Court may be liable to collide with vehicles travelling along Long Street. That does not constitute an improvement in road safety."

At the end of the straight section of road, there is a junction into Roughmoor Industrial Estate. This is already a substandard junction by current standards. Displaced vehicles parking closer to this junction than occurs now will increase the difficulty for vehicles emerging from the industrial estate.

It is appreciated that there is a road safety issue with the current parking immediately outside the entrance to Sir Gilbert Scott Court. However, the proposed Road Traffic Order does not improve road safety as the problem of parking anywhere in this length of Long Street creates hazards. Unless the restrictions apply to considerably greater length of the Long Street than that proposed, a difficult situation is made into something worse".

When vehicles park at the junction to Townsend and Long Street (A39) the following occurs;

- a) Traffic queues back to the East, past the junction at Station Road and up onto the Railway Bridge on the edge of the Village. This prevents large vehicles existing Station Road towards Bridgwater as they need part of the southern carriage way to negotiate the junction when existing to the East.*
- b) When we have queuing traffic to the East of the stationary vehicle, none of the residents can access or exit their properties.*
- c) It is also dangerous as all traffic is exiting the Village on the southern carriage way, while we have approaching traffic via a blind bend at 30 MPH from the East traffic queues back from the stationary vehicle West towards the Village, across the junction at Townsend and the entrance to Sir Gilbert Scott Court and prevents traffic existing*

The objector has raised this issue with both highways and the Parish Council, who have also written suggesting that the plan should extend the double yellow lines on Long Street (A39), to include the junction at Station Road and Long Street.

Following the advertising of this order both objectors requested that the NWAAT should be extended on the north side of Long Street, from east of Union Lane to Station Road because the extents advertised in this Order were not long enough and would cause displacement of parking. Therefore the reasons for the objections are that the extents of NWAAT as advertised in May 2018 are of a lesser extent to what they believe should be advertised.

Responses: Acknowledgments were sent to the objectors informing them that their feedback will be given consideration.

It is **recommended to approve** the proposals as advertised to protect the safety of the public using this junction.

4.0 Resolution of Objections

4.1 For the reasons above it is recommended to:-

Long Street, Williton; - **approve as advertised.**

Approval for Construction:

The objections received during the consultation period have been given due consideration and I hereby confirm that the scheme **PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF STOPPING, WAITING, LOADING AND UNLOADING AND ON-STREET PARKING. WEST SOMERSET ORDER 2012 (AMENDMENT NO. 6) ORDER 2018** be approved.

I authorise sealing of the Traffic Regulation Order

Signed 

**Bev Norman,
Traffic Manager,
Somerset County Council**

Decision Record: This objection is a request for additional restrictions not to the original proposals. The site will be reviewed and further restrictions considered if necessary.

Date: 13/9 2018

Appendices:

- Appendix 1 -Traffic Regulation Notice
- Appendix 2 - Plan showing initial proposals

Background Papers:

Objection letters and responses (available for inspection at County Hall – contact author)

Appendix 1 -Traffic Regulation Order, Notice

THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ACT 2004

PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF STOPPING, WAITING, LOADING AND UNLOADING, AND ON-STREET PARKING

WEST SOMERSET ORDER 2012
(AMENDMENT NO. 6) ORDER 2018

Notice is hereby given that the Somerset County Council proposes to make the above Order under Sections 1, 2, 4, 32, 35, 45, 46, 49, 53, and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, (hereinafter referred to as 'the Act of 1984') as amended; and the Traffic Management Act 2004, (hereinafter referred to as 'the Act of 2004') as amended, and all other enabling powers.

The effect will result in changes to the parking and waiting restrictions in the following locations:

Minehead: Brereton Road, Brunel Way, Lower Meadow Road, Western Lane, The Parks, The Avenue, Warden Road, Alexandra Road, Watery Lane, The Cedars, Hayman Road

Williton: Long Street, Townsend

Watchet: Maglands Road, Swain Street

Dulverton: The Paddock

A copy of the draft Traffic Regulation Order and the associated plans may be examined at 'A' Block Reception, County Hall, Taunton, TA1 4DY during normal office hours; or online at www.somerset.gov.uk/TRO. If you are unable to access either please contact 0300 123 2224.

Persons wishing to object to these proposals may do so by sending their representations in writing to Area Traffic Engineer, West Somerset Area Highways Office, Mart Industrial Estate, Minehead, TA24 5BJ or email trafficmanagement@somerset.gov.uk stating the reasons for their objections, and received no later than 21 days from the publication date of this notice. Any objectors will be notified of the council's decision in due course.

Under the provisions of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, any letters of representation that are received, may be open to inspection by members of the public.

Patrick Flaherty
Chief Executive
Somerset County Council, County Hall, Taunton, TA1 4DY
Dated: 18th May 2018

Appendix 2 - Plans showing initial proposals

