

# Individual Executive Decision Notice

<b>Report title</b>	New Cross Area Parking Scheme - Traffic Regulation Orders	
<b>Decision designation</b>	GREEN	
<b>Cabinet member with lead responsibility</b>	Councillor Steve Evans City Environment	
<b>Wards affected</b>	Heath Town, Wednesfield South	
<b>Accountable director</b>	Ross Cook, Service Director, City Environment	
<b>Originating service</b>	Transportation	
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<b>Report to be/has been considered by</b>		

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## Summary

This report seeks to agree the implementation of measures at various locations to improve safety, encourage sustainable travel and contribute to the effective management of the highway network in the vicinity of New Cross Hospital by introducing a residents parking scheme.

## Recommendation(s) for action or decision:

That the Cabinet Member for City Environment, in consultation with the Service Director, City Environment,

1. Approves the recommended action to implement the residents/business permit parking, Pay and Display scheme and waiting restrictions to parts of Coronation Road, Graiseley Lane and Okement Drive as shown on plan T3/841G appended to this report.
2. Approves the recommended action to overrule objections to the residents permit parking scheme to parts of Coronation Road in response to comments received during public consultation, and implement as shown on plan T3/841G appended to this report.

3. Approves the recommended action to overrule objections to Pay and Display parking and waiting restrictions in Wolverhampton Road and New Cross Avenue and implement as shown on plan T3/841G appended to this report.
4. Authorises the Director of Governance to implement the relevant traffic regulation orders.

Signature

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## **1.0 Purpose**

- 1.1 To report on the outcome of formal consultation in respect of traffic regulation orders (TROs) for the next phase of the New Cross parking scheme.

## **2.0 Background**

- 2.1 In December 2016 and May 2017, proposals were formally advertised for the next phases of changes to parking arrangements in the vicinity of New Cross Hospital. This was in response to residents raising concerns regarding inappropriate hospital parking which results in difficulty with parking adjacent to their properties. The December 2016 proposals included Wolverhampton Road and New Cross Avenue, while the May 2017 proposals covered parts of Coronation Road, Graiseley Lane and Okement Drive.
- 2.2 The proposed changes, shown on plan T3/841G, included:
- 'no waiting at any time' in parts of Coronation Road, Graiseley Lane, Okement Drive, Wolverhampton Road and New Cross Avenue
  - 'permit holders only' parking 7 am to 8 pm in parts of Coronation Road, Graiseley Lane and Okement Drive
  - pay and display parking 7 am to 8 pm in parts of Graiseley Lane, Wolverhampton Road and New Cross Avenue
- 2.3 The responses to the advertised proposals are set out below.

## **3.0 Report detail**

### **3.1 Waiting restrictions - Coronation Road, Graiseley Lane and Okement Drive**

- 3.1.1 One objection was received from a resident from Coronation Road raising concerns that the restrictions will be too restrictive for residents and will displace parking problems to other areas. However the objection relates to a TRO that was previously advertised some time ago and for which the formal objection period had already closed. Therefore, the objection is deemed to be invalid as it is out of time.
- 3.1.2 Two representations from residents were received, requesting that the 'no waiting at any time' outside of 15 Graiseley Lane & 91 Coronation Road be amended to 'permit holders only parking 7 am to 8 pm'. These requests can be accommodated and it is therefore recommended that these revised restrictions are implemented as shown on plan T3/841G.
- 3.1.3 A representation was received from a resident of Coronation Road requesting that the 'no waiting at any time' outside of 83 Coronation Road be amended to 'permit holders only parking 7 am to 8 pm'. We are unable to accommodate this request because it relates to a TRO that was previously advertised in September 2016 and for which the formal objection period had already closed. However, it is proposed to amend the area of 'no waiting at any time' as per T3/841G and then consult on a 'permit holders only parking 7 am to 8 pm' scheme further along Coronation Road.

### **3.2 Coronation Road, Graiseley Lane and Okement Drive – Permit Holders Only restrictions**

- 3.2.1 One objection was received from a resident from Coronation Road (who also objected to the waiting restrictions) during the formal consultation raising concerns that the restrictions will be too restrictive for residents and will put pressure on to the areas that will not be affected.
- 3.2.2 Based on the feedback received during the formal consultation, the displaced parking from Wolverhampton Road Service Road is already causing parking issues to migrate to streets in the surrounding area including Coronation Road. Requests have been made to extend the proposed permit parking scheme in Coronation Road from residents who previously were against the scheme. Inappropriate parking along Coronation Road is also causing congestion. Cars are being partially parked on the pavement meaning that wheelchair or pushchair users are being forced into the road. It is therefore recommended in the interests of public safety and protecting vulnerable road users that these restrictions are implemented as shown on plan T3/841G. It is proposed to look at formally consulting on additional areas of residents parking permits along Coronation Road.
- 3.2.3 Representations were received from residents in Vicarage Road and Victoria Road requesting that the parking permits scheme be extended to Victoria Road, Vicarage Road, Frederick Road and South Avenue due to displaced parking. It is proposed to look at formally consulting on additional areas of residents parking permits along Victoria Road, Vicarage Road, Frederick Road and South Avenue as a possible future phase of the scheme.

### **3.3 Pay and Display parking and waiting restrictions – Graiseley Lane**

- 3.3.1 No formal objections were received during the formal consultation. It is therefore recommended that these restrictions are implemented as per plan T3/841G.

### **3.4 Pay and Display parking and waiting restrictions – Wolverhampton Road and New Cross Avenue**

- 3.4.1 Two objections were received to the proposed pay and display parking and waiting restrictions in Wolverhampton Road and New Cross Avenue including one from the Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust who were concerned about the impact on staff parking and the possible displacement of parked vehicles onto the already congested hospital site.
- 3.4.2 This aspect of the scheme has been the subject of further discussions with the Trust in an effort to agree a way forward. The Council has proposed offering hospital staff the option of parking permits for use of the pay and display parking at a rate equivalent to the 'on site' parking rate for staff. While this is likely to result in a reduced income for the Council it is regarded as an appropriate compromise having regard to the Trust's concerns.

3.4.3 The Hospital Trust has not agreed to the suggested compromise and has not withdrawn its objection. However, deleting the Wolverhampton Road and New Cross Avenue pay and display parking from the proposals would affect the viability of the overall scheme, which is badly needed and very much welcomed by residents in the area. It is therefore proposed to overrule the Trust's objection and proceed with the introduction of pay and display parking and waiting restrictions in these roads.

#### 4.0 Financial implications

- 4.1 A remaining budget of £60,000 exists in the current 2017/18 transportation capital programme to facilitate the implementation of all phases of the New Cross Residents parking scheme as approved by Cabinet on 20 July 2016. The total implementation cost for the completion of Phase 1; Coronation Road, Graiseley Lane and Okement Drive is estimated at £60,000 which includes the equipment, advertisement and implementation of the traffic regulation orders detailed in this report. These costs will be met from the remaining capital allocation.
- 4.2 The table below summarises the annual revenue costs and potential income generation associated with the implementation of all phases of the New Cross parking scheme.

New Cross Parking scheme	Total £000
<b>Expenditure</b>	
Revenue costs	210
	210
<b>Income</b>	
Pay and Display	(380)
Residents Parking permit	(80)
	(460)
<b>Net income</b>	<b>(250)</b>

- 4.3 Upon full implementation of all phases annual revenue costs are estimated in the region of £210,000 including enforcement, machine management, administration and borrowing costs.
- 4.4 Income generated from residents parking permits and pay and display machine utilisation could exceed £460,000 once all phases are fully implemented. This level of income generation is subject to several variants and assumes that two permits are issued per household annually and a 60% annual utilisation rate for pay and display bays. The implementation of phase one and associated usage data will further inform these income levels and the roll out of future phases and will be subject of future reports to Councillors.
- 4.5 The Medium Term Financial Strategy assumes an annual income target of £250,000 in relation to the New Cross Residents parking scheme.

4.6 As demonstrated in the table above and subject to assumptions stated in paragraph 4.4, income generation is sufficient to cover the cost of revenue expenditure and achieve the annual income target. Though full implementation of the scheme is not anticipated to complete until the 2018/19 financial year at which point the full effects of the scheme should be realised. Any resulting pressures prior to this will need to be met from revenue underspends elsewhere within Transportation.  
[TT/18072017/J]

## **5.0 Legal implications**

5.1 Under Section 122(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 ("the 1984 Act") the Council, as the traffic authority, has a duty to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians) and the provision of suitable and adequate parking facilities on and off the highway. Section 1(1) of the 1984 Act enables the Council to make a Traffic Regulation Order "where it appears to be expedient to make the order".

5.2 The procedure for making a traffic regulation order under the 1984 Act is contained in the Local Authorities 'Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England & Wales) Regulations 1996 (SI 1996/2489). There are consultation requirements before an order can be made. The procedure for dealing with any objections received during the consultation period is laid down in the 1996 Regulations and having determined any objections received, the TRO may be brought into force.

5.3 The Traffic Regulation Orders will be enforced by the Council's Parking Services team as part of their City wide enforcement responsibilities.  
[EB/270617/J]

## **6.0 Equalities implications**

6.1 An Equalities Assessment was undertaken when the policy for Residents Parking schemes was approved and no implications were identified.

6.2 There will be an ongoing equality assessment of this proposal and the equality analysis will be reviewed, following the consultation feedback and other findings.

## **7.0 Environmental implications**

7.1 The proposals should improve residential amenity and potentially reduce air pollution by reducing congestion and traffic volumes in residential streets.

## **8.0 Human resources implications**

8.1 Enforcement of the scheme will require the deployment of one Civil Enforcement Officer.

**9.0 Corporate landlord implications**

9.1 None identified

**10.0 Schedule of background papers**

10.1 Residents Parking Permit Schemes – Cabinet (Resources) Panel, 4 November 2008

10.2 Transportation Capital Programme – 2016/17 and future years – Cabinet, 20 April 2016

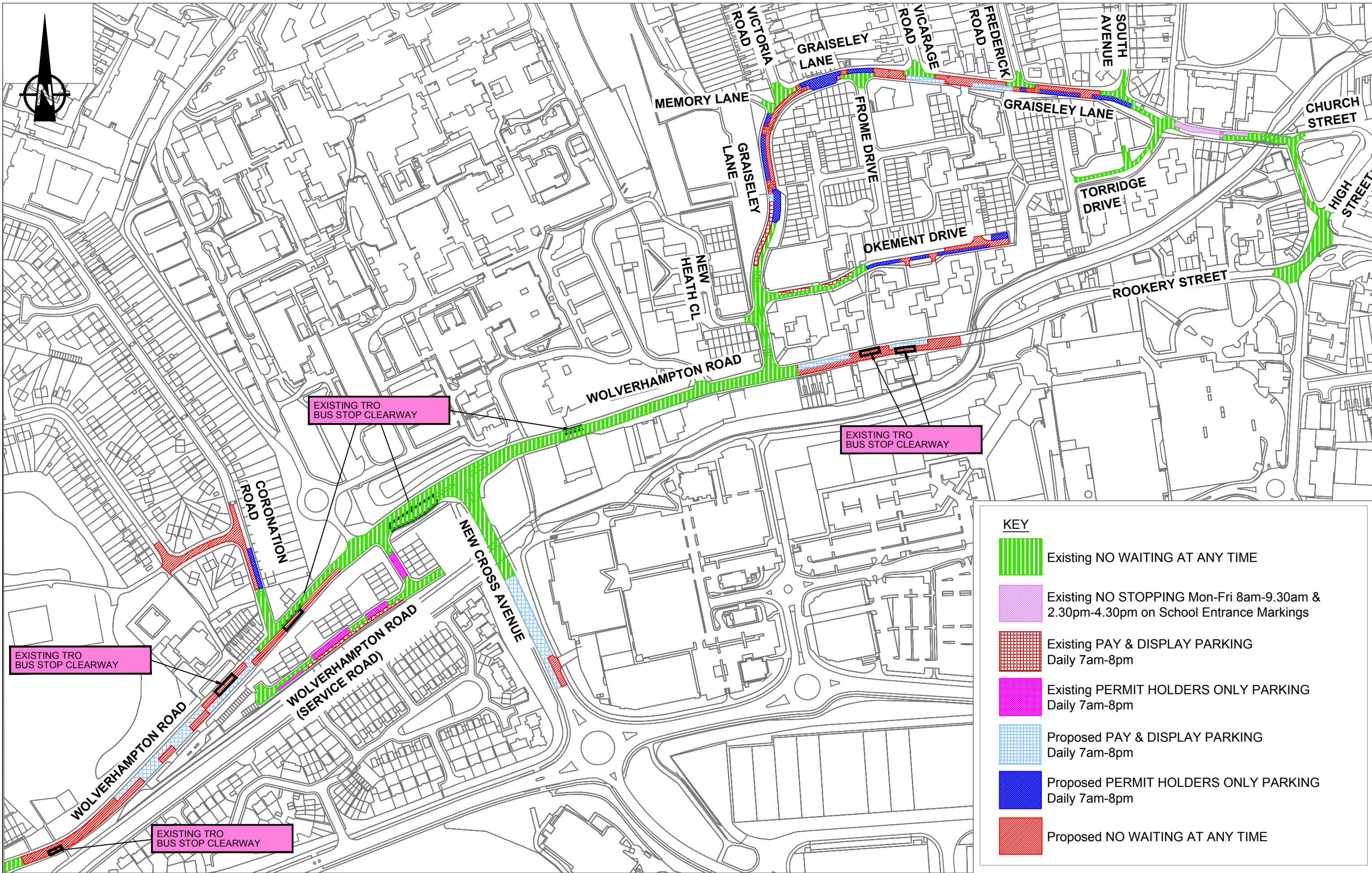
10.3 Vibrant and Sustainable City Scrutiny Panel – 30 June 2016

10.4 New Cross Residents Parking Scheme - Cabinet, 20 July 2016

10.5 New Cross Area Permit Holders Only Parking Scheme - Traffic Regulation Orders - 13 October 2016

10.6 New Cross Area Permit Holders Only Parking Scheme - Traffic Regulation Orders – 31 March 2017





KEY	
	Existing NO WAITING AT ANY TIME
	Existing NO STOPPING Mon-Fri 8am-9.30am & 2.30pm-4.30pm on School Entrance Markings
	Existing PAY & DISPLAY PARKING Daily 7am-8pm
	Existing PERMIT HOLDERS ONLY PARKING Daily 7am-8pm
	Proposed PAY & DISPLAY PARKING Daily 7am-8pm
	Proposed PERMIT HOLDERS ONLY PARKING Daily 7am-8pm
	Proposed NO WAITING AT ANY TIME

Drawing. No.  
**T3/841G**

Date 08/07/16

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## NEW CROSS PARKING SCHEME WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD AREA, WEDNESFIELD PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS PLAN

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