

BUSINESS OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
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MANAGEMENT OF CAMPERVANS AT COASTAL LOCATIONS UPDATE

At Business Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 4 July, Members requested officers to investigate the feasibility of introducing a ban on 'Overnight Sleeping' on the two cul-de-sacs of Kings Parade and Coastal Drive, Wallasey.

Following discussions with Department for Transport (DfT) and other Local Highway Authorities, officers have considered measures that can be legally introduced and have taken into consideration authorised traffic signs permitted by DfT.

Officers propose to introduce an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO) prohibiting waiting of motor caravans between 8pm – 8am and 24hr waiting restrictions on the approach roads leading to the two cul-de-sacs of Kings Parade and Coastal Drive as shown on the attached plan overleaf.

The scheme will assist in preventing overnight stays by motor caravans and assist in improving the amenities of the area on the lengths of road where the restriction will apply.

"motor caravan" means a motor vehicle which is constructed or adapted for the carriage of passengers and their effects and which contains, as permanently installed equipment, the facilities which are reasonably necessary for enabling the vehicle to provide mobile living accommodation for its users

It is important to note that the restriction will prohibit motor caravans only and not caravans. Site observations have revealed that the majority of parking in this area is associated with motor caravans and it is considered that the introduction of the signs will act as a deterrent to remove such vehicles. Caravans positioned on the highway and causing an obstruction can be addressed using powers available to Merseyside Police. Caravans found to be constituting a nuisance can be dealt with under the Highways Act 1980.

The proposed traffic sign shown on the attached plan will be used without road markings and enforcement depends on the upright signing only. At the start and end of the restriction, the sign will include an arrow indicating the length of road to which the restriction applies and additional repeater signs (with the arrow omitted) will be provided along the length of the restriction.

Making an ETRO as a precursor to a permanent order can shorten the requirements as to consultation, notice of proposals and objections.

Officers are proposing to introduce an ETRO by the end of 2018 and this will be in operation for a maximum period of 18 months. During the first 6 month period the measures can be monitored and assessed including the consideration of any objections or amendments. This provides a flexible approach and allows for immediate feedback and minor changes.