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Statement of Reasons

CHARFIELD STATION-Waiting Restrictions

Background

In order to promote public transport options for local residents and to mitigate some of the transport impacts of development in the area, South Gloucestershire Council (SGC) are promoting the opening of Charfield Rail Station. Access to the rail network is currently poor with the nearest rail stations at Yate and Cam & Dursley approximately 13km away. The station will reduce car dependency in Charfield, the neighbouring market town of Wotton-under-Edge and surrounding settlements. In these areas, car dependency and use is very high due to limited public transport alternatives and long public transport journey times. The proposed station is in the immediate vicinity of the old station site, which was operational between 1844 and 1965.

The provision of a new station and the associated mode-shift from car to rail will assist in meeting carbon reduction targets that the Combined Authority and the Council have committed to in response to the Climate Emergency.

The West of England Combined Authority has provided funding to date for the Council to progress feasibility work, preliminary design and a business case for the station. A Strategic Outline Business Case was approved by the Combined Authority in December 2020, with an Outline Business Case submitted in September 2021. Network Rail have been appointed by the Council to progress a design for the station. Associated highway works, cycle parking and car parking provision, which will improve safety and the access to the proposed Charfield Rail Station are also part of the scheme

As part of the improvements, it is proposed to modify the existing waiting restrictions and introduce new ones.

Purpose of Scheme

Changes to the existing waiting restrictions on the roads listed below are proposed to restrict dangerous areas of parking, alleviate possible obstructive and inconsiderate parking within the area and improve visibility for all road users, as well as access to the proposed Charfield Rail Station:

Little Bristol Lane, Station Road, Wotton Road, The Sidings, Horsford Rd, Cotswold View, New Street, Farm Lees, Longs View, Manor Lane-Wotton Road junction, Falcon Road, Underhill Road, Manor Lane, Charfield Green and Woodland Road.

Proposed Scheme

The proposed scheme includes changes to the existing waiting restrictions and the introduction of new restrictions, as outlined below:

1. No waiting at any time restriction (double yellow lines) which will prevent inconsiderate and dangerous parking.
2. No waiting at specified days/times. (single yellow line).
3. Limited waiting (included bank holidays).
4. Disabled person's parking bay.
5. Permit parking place.

Drawing Reference

Existing Drawing – T406–230-015
Proposed Drawing - T406–230-016. Rev E

Timescale

Depending upon the responses to the legal advertisement it is envisaged that the construction works will commence during financial year 2026-2027.