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REPORT FOR DECISION

Item No:- 2024/076

Committee:-	Council
Date:-	15 th January 2025
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Report Title:-	Traffic in Water St Kettering
Wards Affected:-	William Knibb

1. Purpose of Report

To seek Council's views on whether it would support a request for a new traffic order to address reported parking and access problems in Water St Kettering.

2. Recommendations

Council is recommended to consider the request below from A. Baillie Hygiene and Co.

3. Information

- 3.1 An approach to the Town Council has been made by A. Baillie Hygiene and Co. in respect of access and parking issues being experienced by them and others in Water St Kettering. In order for a new traffic order to be considered by the highway authority, the support of the relevant parish council is required as the first test to be met.
- 3.2 A Baillie Hygiene and Co report that, despite the help of the NNC highways enforcement team when it has been sought, there remains an underlying problem of congestion in Water St, just off Stamford Rd – see map and a google maps street



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view of the road near to AB Cars, plus photos supplied by A Baillie. It is reported that both A Baillie and Timsons Engineering have had several lorries unable to make deliveries as the access down Water Street is too tight. Cars are parked down both sides of Water Street and the larger lorries cannot drive through. Customers have also complained about access to both businesses as well. Given the nature of Stamford Rd as a key artery in town, it is not safe or appropriate to unload from there, and the only other possible access along Mill Rd is unfeasible as that road is not wide enough either. Their preferred solution would be to introduce a single yellow line parking restriction down one side of Water Street from Stamford Road to just past Alfred Street.

- 3.3 a petition signed by 23 people including staff at Timsons has also been provided to the town council.
- 3.4 Apart from giving vehicles clear access, this would also avoid the need for school children - and all other pedestrians - being taken to St Mary's CEVA school, to walk in the road, since cars are currently blocking the pavement. It is also likely to be the case that the current pattern of parking will impede fire and refuse freighter access.
- 3.5 A proportion of the parked vehicles are associated with AB Cars which is a service garage sited between Stamford Rd and A Baillie and Timsons. They may own or have access to the car park opposite them.
- 3.6 The highways authority carries out an annual review of traffic restrictions in August. Each review can take up to 18 months to complete. They anticipate the AB Cars would object to any proposal to restrict parking on Water St but there may be safety grounds for a restriction to be agreed.



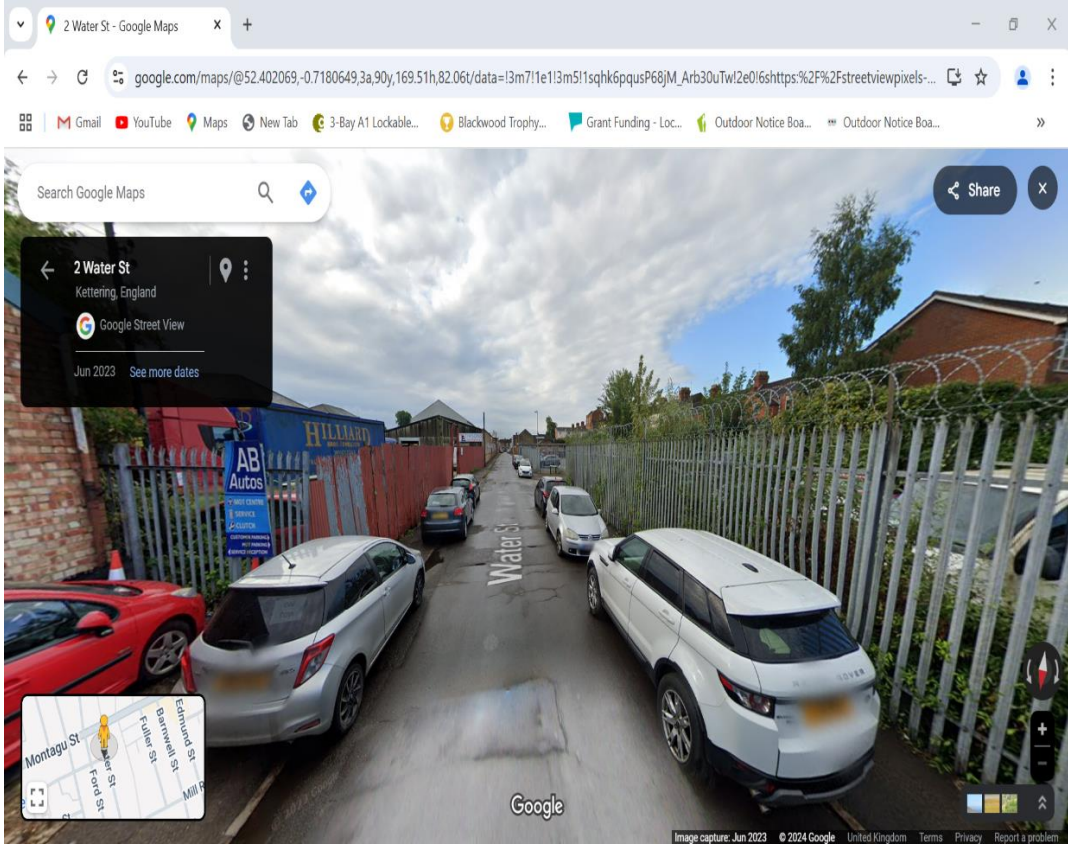
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4. Consultation and Engagement

The issue has not been discussed with any other businesses on Water St. The initial views of the highway authority have been sought and a further discussion will be held with them two days before this meeting of Council which will be reported verbally.

5. Finance, Legal and Resource Implications

None for the Town Council.

6. Policy and Climate change implications

The Council's policy is to support measures which improve highway safety and which support local businesses.

Background Papers

Email correspondence with A Baillie and Co and NNC

Petition