

Agenda Item IMD35

INDIVIDUAL EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISION REFERENCE IMD: 2016/35

TITLE	A321 Broadwater Lane / Tape Lane, Hurst- Proposed Traffic Regulation Order 2016
DECISION TO BE MADE BY	Cllr. Malcolm Richards, Executive Member for Highways and Transport
DATE AND TIME	Friday 16 th December 2016, 2.30pm
WARD	Hurst
DIRECTOR	Josie Wragg, Interim Director for Environment
REPORT TO BE PUBLISHED ON	Thursday 7th December 2016
VENUE	Room LGF2, lower ground floor, Shute End offices

OUTCOME / BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY

Road safety is compromised at the junction of A321 Broadwater Lane / Tape Lane, Hurst, as parked vehicles obstruct visibility and disrupt the flow of traffic on the A-road. The proposal to introduce double yellow lines will therefore protect the travelling public

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Executive Member for Highways and Transport:

- 1) agrees to make the proposed WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL (A321 BROADWATER LANE/TAPE LANE, HURST) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING) ORDER 2016
- 2) Instruct officers to inform those who have responded accordingly.

SUMMARY OF REPORT

The proposed revised layout is illustrated on Drawing No The new TRO was advertised on the 2016 and letters were sent to statutory consultees, and some local residents and organisations. Responses were received, of which 7 support the proposal, 7 object and 2 make other comments. Some of the objectors do not live directly next to the proposed restrictions, and if their numbers are discounted, there is a general level of support. The report recommends the making of the order.

Background

The A321 Broadwater Lane runs through Hurst village, and local parking activities narrow the road down to one Lane of traffic. Whilst this doesn't present insurmountable delays to through traffic, some of the parking takes place opposite the junction with Tape Lane which compromises safety by making through traffic use the wrong side of the road and one of the approaches has very limited forward visibility. A request was received from local ward member Cllr Wayne Smith to promote parking restrictions to keep the junction clear.

The proposed restrictions are illustrated on Drawing No. 5049-2152

A Notice of Proposals was published in the Reading Chronicle on the 28 July 2016 with a deadline for responses by the 18 August 2016; a copy of the notice was erected on-street. A letter was also sent to statutory consultees and other organisations, including local residents that are near to or front onto the proposals.

Responses to TRO Consultation

The local ward member, Wayne Smith, supports the proposals, as does the Parish Council.

The Council received 16 other replies. Of these, 7 support the proposals, 7 object and 2 made other comments. However, some of the objectors do not front onto the proposed restrictions, and if their numbers are discounted, there is a general level of support. The Police had no objection to the proposals.

All consultation feedback is detailed in appendix A.

Recommendation and Conclusion

Based on the consultation response, the general view was that the proposed restrictions should go ahead.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATION

The Council faces severe financial challenges over the coming years as a result of the austerity measures implemented by the Government and subsequent reductions to public sector funding. It is estimated that Wokingham Borough Council will be required to make budget reductions in excess of £20m over the next three years and all Executive decisions should be made in this context.

	How much will it Cost/ (Save)	Is there sufficient funding – if not quantify the Shortfall	Revenue or Capital?
Current Financial Year (Year 1)	£500	N/A	N/A
Next Financial Year (Year 2)			
Following Financial Year (Year 3)			

Other financial information relevant to the Recommendation/Decision
N/A

Cross-Council Implications
It does not impact on other services

SUMMARY OF CONSULTATION RESPONSES	
Director – Finance and Resources	No response
Monitoring Officer	No response
Leader of the Council	The police, the local councillor and the Parish Council all support this request and therefore it is appropriate to support this proposal
Town and Parish Councils: Hurst Parish Councils	The Parish Council Members voted unanimously in favour of the proposal.
Local Ward Members	
Councillor Wayne Smith	No response

List of Background Papers
Notice of Intent, Statement of Reasons, Drawing Number 5049-2152, consultation letter and responses. Consultation

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