

Brierley Hill Area Committee – 28th June 2012

Report of the Director of the Urban Environment

Objections to Wordsley and Kingswinford Traffic Regulation Orders

Purpose of Report

1. To seek Area Committee's recommendations regarding the objections that have been received to the proposals for Traffic Regulation Orders in Wordsley and Kingswinford.

Background

2. Over some years, requests have been made for new traffic regulations to be introduced in the Wordsley and Kingswinford areas of the Borough.
- 2.2 A series of proposal was designed, taking into account the points made by the local community that had requested schemes.
- 2.3 All of the proposals for the Wordsley and Kingswinford Traffic Regulation Orders were included in letters sent to Ward Members and the Police on either 22 July 2011 or 5 August 2011.
- 2.4 The proposals were advertised in the 'Express & Star' newspaper on 5 September 2011, and on-street between 5 September 2011 and 27 September 2011.
- 2.5 The proposals that had not been objected to, and the proposals that had been objected to and had subsequently been severely reduced in line with the objectors' needs, were approved by the Cabinet Member for Transportation on 15 March 2012.
- 2.6 The proposals that have been objected to and require your consideration are as follows:-

First Plan – Water Street, Kingswinford. Daytime waiting restrictions have been requested to prevent employees from a local office parking their vehicles and causing a nuisance to residents and the local community. 5 objections were received from residents affected by the proposals.

Second Plan & Third Plan – Larch Road, Ash Crescent & Standhills Road, Kingswinford. In similar circumstances to the First Plan, daytime waiting restrictions have been requested to prevent employees from a local office parking their vehicles and causing a nuisance to residents and the local community. 35

individual and a 150 signature petition objecting to the proposals relating to residents and shoppers being adversely affected were received.

Fourth Plan – Cot Lane and Broad Street, Kingswinford. Double yellow lines (no waiting at any time) have been requested to prevent visitors to a public house causing a nuisance to local residents by parking in the street. 3 objections from residents who would be directly affected by the proposals and a 200 signature petition from users of the public house have been received.

Fifth Plan – Highcroft Avenue, Kingswinford. Double yellow lines (no waiting at any time) have been requested by residents to prevent intrusive parking by visitors to nearby woodland. 1 objection has been received which suggested that it was a waste of public funds on a minor issue.

Sixth Plan – B4178 Swindon Road, Kingswinford, between A449 Kidderminster Road & A4101 Lodge Lane. A 7.5 tonnes environmental weight restriction has been proposed in response to community concerns about the continued use of this route to access a nearby tip. 2 objections have been received questioning the impact of this proposal on the classified road network and in particular safety outside 2 local schools.

Finance

3. The cost of introducing all of the proposals that have been objected to would be approximately £20,000.
4. The cost of solely introducing the objected-to scheme that is recommended for introduction, that of double yellow lines in Highcroft Avenue, would be approximately £200.
5. Funding is available from the Traffic Regulation Orders budget to complete all of the work that your Area Committee Supports.

Law

6. Traffic Regulation Orders are made under powers contained in Section 1 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 subject to regulations laid down by the Secretary of State.
7. Orders in Part are made under the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England & Wales) Regulations 1996.
8. The Council has a statutory responsibility for the promotion of road safety measures to reduce the number and severity of road accident casualties under the provisions of the Road Traffic (Consequential Provisions) Act 1988.
9. Section 111 of the Local Government Act 1972 enables the Council to do anything that is calculated to facilitate or is conducive or incidental to the discharge of its functions.

Equality Impact

10. Yellow lines, "lorry bans" and other Traffic Regulation Orders are introduced to improve road safety and reduce the intrusive effects of obstructive parking.
11. Vulnerable road users may be at risk including children and young people, disabled people, and people who have to move more carefully and slowly when obstructive parking and inappropriate vehicle movements take place.
12. Consultation with children and young people did not take place in the preparation of this report.

Recommendation

13. It is recommended that:-

- (First, Second and Third Plans) - having considered the objections to the daytime waiting restrictions proposed for Water Street, Larch Road, Ash Crescent and Standhills Road, Kingswinford, they are accepted and the proposals are not supported;
- (Fourth Plan) - having considered the objections to the double yellow lines proposed for Cot Lane and Broad Street, Kingswinford, they are not accepted and the proposals supported;
- (Fifth Plan) - having considered the objection to the double yellow lines in Highcroft Avenue, Kingswinford, it is not accepted and the proposal supported;
- (Sixth Plan) - having considered the objections to the proposed 7.5 tonnes environmental weight restriction for Swindon Road, Kingswinford, they are accepted and the proposals are not supported.



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List of Background Papers

- (1) Letters and petitions from objectors.
- (2) Letters to Ward Members and Police, 22 July 2011 and 5 August 2011.
- (3) Advertisement of proposals, 5 September 2011.