

**WARDS:     AMBLECOTE**

**AGENDA ITEM NO.**

**DUDLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**BRIERLEY HILL AREA COMMITTEE – 5 JUNE 2003**

**REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE URBAN ENVIRONMENT**

**TITLE – PROPOSED ONE-WAY ORDER – GROSVENOR WAY, AMBLECOTE**

**1.0       PURPOSE**

- 1.1       To inform Committee of the objections received following the advertisement of the proposed one-way Order (shown on plan number TM1931A4 attached).

**2.0       BACKGROUND**

- 2.1       Grosvenor Way is one of the main feeder roads to a fairly extensive residential estate to the north of Caledonia, and forms a link between Mousehall Farm Road and Caledonia. The road is fairly narrow for an estate road, about 5m wide for most of its length, and has a 90° bend at its mid point.
- 2.2       A resident, who we believed represented a number of residents on the estate, felt that parking on the bend was causing a safety issue. He stated that cars approaching the bend from either direction had to move onto the wrong side of the carriageway to avoid parked vehicles, thus creating a head on conflict situation, and suggested that Grosvenor Way be made one-way from Mousehall Farm Road to Caledonia.
- 2.3       Although no personal injury accidents were recorded at this location, Grosvenor Way is fairly narrow, and as this was claimed to be a representative view, it was felt that the suggested one-way had some merit. There have also been some problems with rat-running through the estate and a one-way Order may help to deter rat running traffic. The Police were consulted in writing on the proposal on the 22nd November 2002, and replied stating they had no objections. Ward Members were also consulted in writing on the 22nd November 2002, and no objections were received.

2.4 The proposed Order was subsequently advertised from the 5th February 2003 to 3rd March 2003. Six individual letters and an 80 signature petition were received, objecting to the proposed Order. The objections were based on possible increases in vehicle speed and the inconvenience for residents.

## 2.5 Sustainable Transport

2.5.1 There are no sustainable transport implications in this report.

## 3.0 PROPOSAL

3.1 Given the obvious strength of local opposition and the fact that there have been no injury accidents recorded, it is proposed that the One-Way Order is not progressed.

## 4.0 FINANCE

4.1 Traffic Regulation Orders are financed from the Council's Minor Capital Highways Improvement Budget.

## 5.0 LAW

5.1 Traffic Regulation Orders are made under powers contained in Section 1 of the Roads Traffic Regulation Act 1984 subject to regulations laid down by the Secretary of State.

## 6.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

6.1 The Capital Programme includes specific provision to assist mobility on the highway for those with disabilities, pedestrians and other vulnerable users.

## 7.0 RECOMMENDATION

7.1 Committee support the proposals contained in Paragraph 3 of this report.

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**Background documents used in the preparation of this report:-**

Letter to Ward Members 22/11/02  
Letter to West Midlands Police 22/11/02  
Letter from West Midlands Police 20/12/02  
6 letters from residents  
80 signature petition from residents

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<b>RESIDENTS COMMENTS</b>	<b>COUNCIL'S COMMENTS</b>
1. Petition signed by 80 residents – oppose the proposal on the grounds that it will increase vehicle speeds, cause congestion at the junction with Caledonia and inconvenience many residents.	Vehicle speeds may increase but one-way would eliminate head-on conflict at 90° bend
1. Have lived on estate 30 years, bend has not caused any serious incidents.  2. One-way would create ½ mile detour.	Head-on conflict creates accident potential.  One-Way would impose some inconvenience for some residents.
1. Better solution would be to stop parking on bend.  2. One-way will increase speed of traffic.  3. One-way will create at least ½ mile detour.	Enforcement of parking restrictions difficult in residential areas.  Vehicle speeds may increase.  One-Way would impose some inconvenience on some residents.
1. One-Way will make access to Amblecote Road more difficult.  2. One-Way will make access to shops in Mousehold Farm Road more difficult.  3. One-Way would increase traffic and cause danger to school children.  4. One-Way would increase vehicle speeds.	One-Way would impose some inconvenience on some residents.    One-Way may deter some through traffic.  Vehicle speeds may increase.

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>One-Way will put children's lives at risk due to increased traffic, speed and congestion.</b></li> <li>2. <b>Better to use mirrors either side of bend.</b></li> </ol>	<p><b>Vehicle speeds may increase</b></p> <p><b>Mirrors not effective – subject to vandalism.</b></p>
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<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Consider proposal to be serious infringement of right of access to house.</li> <li>2. Unacceptable detour.</li> <li>3. Increase speed danger to children walking to school.</li> </ol>	<p>No comment</p> <p>One-Way would impose some inconvenience for some residents.</p> <p>Vehicle speeds may increase.</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Unacceptable detour</li> <li>2. Better to reinstate barrier which separated estate just south of Delph Drive.</li> </ol>	<p>One-Way would impose some inconvenience for some residents.</p> <p>No comment</p>