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**North Dudley Area Committee – 7 February 2007**

**Report of the Director of the Urban Environment**

**Avington Close, Catholic Lane, Gospel End Street and Priory Lane, Sedgley –  
Proposed Prohibition of Waiting Order**

**Purpose of Report**

1. To seek Area Committee's support for the introduction of a Prohibition of Waiting Order in Avington Close, Catholic Lane, Gospel End Street and Priory Lane.

**Background**

2. The proposals are a result of two separate problems. The first problem concerns access and visibility difficulties in Avington Close and Gospel End Street, raised by residents and by a 50 signature petition. Secondly obstructive parking takes place at the rear of the Ladies Walk Health Centre in Priory Lane and at its junction with Catholic Lane. This issue was raised by the Health Centre.
3. As a result of these complaints, the two situations were investigated. Then, proposals for prohibition of waiting scheme were drafted and publicly advertised. These are shown on drawing TM2478 and TM 2479 Revision A.

**Consultation**

4. Letters and plans showing the original proposals were sent to Ward Members on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2006.
5. A letter formally consulting the Police was sent on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2006.
6. The proposals were advertised in the Express and Star newspaper on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2006 and on street from 5<sup>th</sup> June 2006 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2006.
7. Nine letters were received supporting the advertised proposals.
8. Five letters, a petition of five signatures and a petition of 57 signatures were received. These supported the restrictions on Gospel End Street and at the junction in Avington Close, but requested that the lines on the east side on Avington Close be shortened.
9. One letter was received objecting to the length of the yellow lines in Gospel End Street.

### Review and Conclusions

10. The advertised length of the double yellow lines on the east side of Avington Close was determined by concerns about displaced vehicles. However as the majority of residents consider the proposed lines to be inconvenient a revised scheme was prepared just to protect Avington Close's junction with Gospel End Street. The revised scheme is shown on drawing TM 24 79 Revision B, and it is recommended that this scheme be supported.
11. The length of the proposals for Gospel End Street is based on the requirements for visibility, given the vehicle speeds on the steep hill. Therefore, this section is the most important part of the proposals from a safety point of view and should not be reduced.

### Sustainable Transport

12. Measures to improve road safety and prevent obstructive parking in environments support policies of sustainability.

### Finance

13. The cost associated with the making and introduction of Traffic Regulation Orders will be met from the 2006-7 financial years' Minor Works Capital Allocation.

### Law

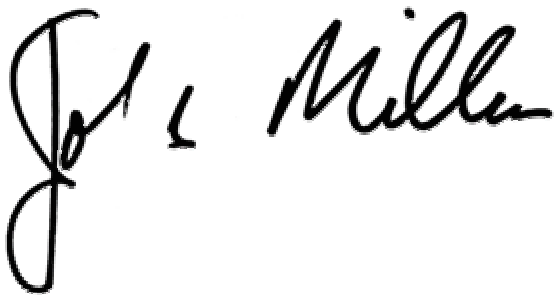
14. Traffic Regulation Orders are made under Section 1 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

### Equality Impact

15. The proposal contained within this report complies with the Council's equal opportunities policy.
16. The proposal could improve visibility for mobility-impaired motorists and vulnerable pedestrians, including children and young people.

### Recommendation

17. That, having considered the view of the objectors, Members support the making of the reduced Traffic Regulation Order as shown on drawings No's. TM2478 and TM2479 Revision B.
18. That, the Cabinet Member for Transportation be recommended to introduce the scheme.



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**List of Background Papers**

1. 50 Signature petition presented to the North Dudley Area Committee on 23 November 2005.
2. Letters to Ward Members dated 14<sup>th</sup> March 2006.
3. Letter to Police date 17<sup>th</sup> March 2006
4. 9 letters supporting, advertised proposals.
5. 6 letters, a petition of five signatures and a petition of 57 signatures objecting to parts of the advertised proposal.