
Brierley Hill Area Committee – 28th June 2012

Report of the Director of the Urban Environment

Brierley Hill High Street Working Group – High Street Enhancements

Purpose

1. To seek Committee's views on the proposed enhancements to High Street, Brierley Hill as part of the Brierley Hill Sustainable Access Network major scheme (BHSAN).

Background

2. Although the major elements of the BHSAN major scheme have been completed for some time, there is still an outstanding requirement to enhance High Street between its junctions with Mill Street/Moor Street and Level Street/Bank Street.
3. The Committee may recall that considerable consultation was carried out in the development of the major scheme prior to its acceptance by the Department for Transport. Traders on the High Street welcomed the proposals to introduce on-street parking and loading bays, however, this work was delayed in order to accommodate additional funding being sought to provide public realm improvements as part of wider regeneration scheme.
4. Although additional funding is still being sought it is no longer possible to delay the implementation of the major scheme elements to High Street due to the need to finalise the scheme for the Department for Transport, which would otherwise jeopardise the major scheme funding that remains.
5. Since the original consultation and in the light of completion of Venture Way, the proposals have been revisited by officers working with the Brierley Hill town centre working group resulting in some revisions on which the Committee's views are sought;

It had originally been intended to provide parking bays to the western side of the High Street only, banning parking and unloading on the eastern side as shown as Appendix 1. However, it is now proposed to provide some parking bays to the western side to ease potential servicing problems banning parking and unloading at various locations to facilitate the movement of traffic as shown on plans at Appendix 2 to this report.

Finance

6. Funding for the proposals will be wholly found from the BHSAN major scheme grant.

Law

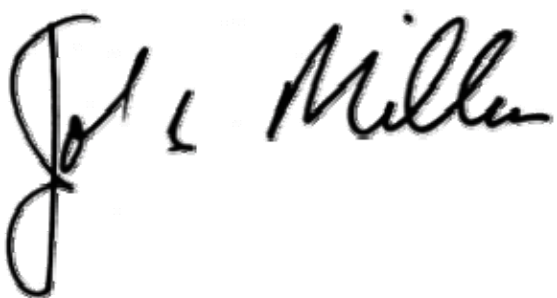
7. Traffic Regulation Orders are made under powers contained in Section 1 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.
8. The Council is empowered to improve highways under Section 62 of the Highways Act 1980.
9. Section 111 of the Local Government Act 1972 empowers the Council to do anything calculated to facilitate or is conducive or incidental to the discharge of any of its functions.

Equality Impact

10. The proposals contained within this report comply with the Council's Equality and Diversity Policy whilst also seeking to introduce measures that will be of direct benefit to the public and vulnerable road users in the community including the elderly and those with impaired mobility.

Recommendation

11. That the views of the Area Committee are sought on:-
 - i) the revised proposals for the High Street;
 - ii) the Cabinet Member for Transportation be recommended to consider the views of the Area Committee



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List of Background Papers