
North Dudley Area Committee and Central Dudley Area Committee June 2006

Report of the Director of the Urban Environment

Jews Lane and Eve Lane, Upper Gornal

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 Jews Lane, Eve Lane, Kent Street and Burton Road.

Background

2. Kent Street and Burton Road (A459) and Jews Lane (B4175) form part of the Primary Road network in Dudley.
3. Eve Lane though not classified forms, along with Parkes Hall Road, the local distributor routes as well as providing a link between Gornal and Sedgley Road/Tipton Road (A457)
4. Kent Street and Burton Road (A459) form one of the main bus routes between Wolverhampton and Dudley, and other bus routes use Jews Lane and Eve Lane.
5. Last year a major improvement was completed at this junction of four major roads, complex Traffic Signal Control was introduced to remove congestion and danger at the staggered original un-controlled road junction.
6. The workings of these traffic signals are dependent upon detection loops which are located in the carriageway on each approach to the signals. Signal timings and efficiency rely on these not being obstructed by parked vehicles.
7. Signal detection equipment and the safe movement of vehicles and pedestrians requires that obstructive parking should not take place in an area
8. A scheme for the provision of double yellow lines was therefore prepared extending from:-
 - a) (A459) Kent Street Pelican crossing to 12/13 Burton Road
 - b) (B1175) Jews Lane as far as the Fish and Chip Shop, and
 - c) Eve Lane to just beyond the Church

Consultation

9. Letters and plans describing the proposals were sent to Ward Members on 18th May 2005.
10. A letter formally consulting the Police was sent on the 23rd May 2005 and reply is attached dated 2nd June 2005.
11. The proposals were advertised in the Express and Star on the 12th September 2005, and on street during the period from 12th September 2005 to 7th October 2005.

Objections

12. Some opposition to this proposal was registered which subsequently resulted in the proposals being reduced to those shown on the attached drawing TM 2176.
13. Thirteen letters of objection were received along with a petition with 128 signatures from people who lived around the area. An analysis of the letters and petition revealed that residents from eleven properties had objected.
14. Therefore, the proposals were re-examined and revised to assist with the problems raised, and a new plan prepared – which was circulated to the residents affected along with a pro-forma, on the 10th January 2006.
15. All except one of the objectors withdrew their objections. That objector was approached and, after careful thought, agreed that a white “H” line could assist their vehicular access.

Conclusions

16. The majority of the objectors, who were affected by the original proposals, have now agreed to the proposals shown on drawing TM 2176.
17. The proposals currently before Committee are the minimum recommended to protect the loops and the layout this important road junction. The proposals also cover the bus stop locations at Kent Street outside the shop, and outside the public house.

Sustainable Transportation

18. Measures to improve safety and local environment support policies of sustainability.

Finance

19. The cost associated with the making and introduction of Traffic Regulation Orders can be met from the year's Minor Works Capital allocation.

Law


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

Equality Impact

21. The proposal contained within this report complies with the Council's Equal Opportunities Policy.

Recommendation

22. That having fully considered the views of objectors, members support the making of the amended Traffic Regulation Order as shown on drawing number TM 2176.
23. That the Cabinet Member for Transportation be recommended to introduce the scheme.

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List of Background Papers

1. Petition
2. Letters
3. Objections