

Halesowen Area Committee – 10th November 2010

Report of the Director of the Urban Environment

Proposed Traffic Regulation Orders in Shell Corner, Halesowen and Surrounding Streets

Purpose of Report

1. To seek the Committee's support for the introduction of Traffic Regulation Orders to control waiting and vehicular movements in Long Lane and surrounding streets, Halesowen. There are 15 proposals. They are listed in the table below and shown in the attached plans numbered 1 to 15.
2. Plans marked with a letter 'A' show original proposals. Plans marked 'B' are amended following consultation. Plans with only a number and no subsequent letter have not been amended since being advertised.

Background

3. In May 2008 a 'Shell Corner Regeneration Strategy' was published. The report made various recommendations following an extensive public consultation process.
4. In response to recommendations made in the strategy along with requests from residents and businesses within a wider area, Traffic Regulation Orders were advertised as set out below.
5. Letters were sent to Ward Members and the Police on 13th January 2010.
6. The proposals were advertised in the 'Express and Star' newspaper on 2nd July 2010 and also on street from 2nd July 2010 to 27th July 2010. The consultation period was extended by a further month in order to accommodate public interest.
7. Approximately 100 individual objections were received together with 9 petitions relating to proposals. These are shown in Appendix A together with the Council's response.
8. Officers have attended two meetings of the Shell Corner Partnership. Proposals have been amended in accordance with feedback from these and provided through the public consultation process.

9. Table showing the 15 proposals

Original Proposal	Description of original Proposal	Amended Proposal?	Description of amended Proposal	Petition?	Letter?
1A	Double yellow lines in Long Lane, Greenhill Road, & area near to 'Stag & 3 Horseshoes'.	Yes. 1B	Proposal for Greenhill Road slightly shorter.		
2A	Double yellow lines in Springfield Road / Woodland Road area	Yes. 2B	Proposal for Woodland Road shorter.		Yes. Support (2)
3	Double yellow lines in Stewarts Road / Olive Lane.	No.			
4A	Double yellow lines & limited waiting in Long Lane / Malt Mill Lane / Nimmings Rd.	Yes. 4B	Reduced daytime no waiting in Long Lane between Belgrave Road & Southwick Rd.	Yes.	Yes. Support (1) Objection (9)
5A	Double yellow lines in Long Lane / Church Street / Green Lane / Clement Road / Vicarage Road.	5B	Reduced proposals.	Yes.	Yes. Objection (6) Support (4)
6A	Double yellow lines in New John Street & Beech Avenue / Beechfield Close.	6B	Reduced proposals in Beechfield Close.		Yes. Objection (1)
7A	Double yellow lines in Nimmings Road / Green Lane / Masters Lane.	7B	Reduced proposals.	Yes.	Yes. Objection (11)
8A	Double yellow lines in Nimmings Road / Fairfield Road / Douglas Road / Birch Drive.	8B	Reduced proposals.	Yes.	Yes. Support (1) Objection (17)
9A	Double yellow lines in Fairfield Road / Narrow Lane / Fairfield Drive.	9B	Reduced proposals.	Yes.	Yes. Objection (7)
10A	Double yellow lines & Limited Waiting in Feldon Lane near Halesbury School.	10B	Reduced Proposals	Yes.	Yes. Objection (1)
11	One Way traffic flow in Belgrave Road & Southwick Road.	No.			Yes. Objection (4)
12A	One Way traffic flow in Malt Mill Lane.	12B	No Right Turn from Long Lane into Malt Mill Lane.	Yes.	Yes. Objection (2)
13	One Way traffic flow in Green Lane and Clement Road.	No.		Yes. Petition of support.	Yes. Support (4)
14	One Way traffic flow in Church Street.	No.			Yes. Support (4) Objection (2)
15	One Way traffic flow between Fairfield Road & Douglas Road.	No.			

Sustainable Transport

10. Measures to improve pedestrians' and cyclists' visibility around bends and junctions together with reducing obstructive parking would assist sustainable methods of travel.

Finance

11. The estimated cost of implementing the Traffic Regulation Orders referred to in this report is £30,000, which could be met from the 2010-11 Minor Capital Allocation.

Law

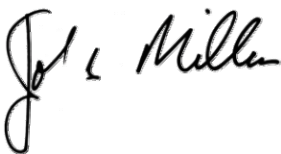
12. Traffic Regulation Orders are made under powers contained in Section 1 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.
13. Traffic signs are provided under powers contained in Section 64 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, subject to regulations made by the Secretary of State for Transport.
14. The Council is empowered to improve highways under Section 62 of the Highways Act 1980.
15. 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.
16. The Traffic Calming Act 1992 amends the Highways Act 1980 to allow works to be carried out to promote safety and to preserve or improve the environment.

Equality Impact

17. The proposals contained within this report comply with the Council's Equality and Diversity Policy, whilst also seeking to introduce measures to improve transport for vulnerable road users including the needs of children and young people.

Recommendation

18. That Members support the proposals and make recommendations to the Cabinet Member for Transportation for approval.



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List of Background Papers

1. Letters to Ward Councillors dated 6/01/10
2. Letters to Police dated 6/1/10
3. Individual letters of objection to the Order.
4. A petition of 70 signatures relating Birch Drive, Douglas & Fairfield Road.
5. A petition of 16 signatures relating to Fairfield Drive.
6. A petition of 680 signatures relating to Fairfield Drive & Narrow Lane (Home & Garden shop).
7. A petition of 5 signatures relating to Feldon Lane.
8. A petition of 30 signatures relating to Green Lane & Clement Road.
9. A petition of 20 signatures relating to 88 Long Lane (Haircare).
10. A petition of 124 signatures relating to Maltmill Lane.
11. A petition of 104 signatures relating to Nimmings Road ,Clement Road, Masters Lane, Green Lane, Church St, Fairfield Road & Douglas Road.
12. A petition of 1340 signatures relating to Long Lane between Belgrave Road and Southwick Road.
13. Original scheme plans.

Appendices

1. Appendix A, Summary of objections and petitions with the Council's responses.
2. Plans showing original proposals & amended proposals.