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AGENDA ITEM NO. 11

DUDLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

STOURBRIDGE AREA COMMITTEE – 31 JANUARY 2005

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE URBAN ENVIRONMENT

HALL STREET, OLDSWINFORD, STOURBRIDGE - OBJECTIONS TO PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS

1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 To inform Area Committee of objections which have been received to proposals to introduce:-

- A section of one-way traffic flow
- Waiting prohibitions

in Hall Street, Oldswinford

1.2 To seek Area Committee's support for the introduction of the two Traffic Regulation Orders.

2.0 BACKGROUND

2.1 Residents of Hall Street, supported by Ward Councillors, have complained at the numbers of vehicles intrusively travelling through their street from Hagley Road.

2.2 Residents have also expressed concern that the current "no waiting 7 am to 7 pm" waiting restrictions may control too much highway and prevent members of the local community from parking near their terraced homes.

2.3 Residents consider that this waiting restriction is unreasonably long, bearing in mind that most householders do not have the benefit of off-street parking facilities.

2.4 Currently, "no waiting 7 am to 7 pm" exists on both sides of Hall Street from its junction with Hagley Road, for approximately half its length.

2.5 Early Objections from Ambulance Service to Original Proposal

2.5.1 Originally, it had been proposed to simply revoke the "7 am to 7 pm" waiting restrictions on one side of Hall Street.

2.5.2 However, the West Midlands Ambulance Service objected to this proposal, on the grounds that ambulances might not be able to reach all properties in Hall Street if obstructive parking took place.

2.6 **Proposals to Introduce “No Waiting At Any Time” and One-Way Traffic Flow in Hall Street**

2.6.1 Following the Ambulance Service’s objection and after further consultation with residents Ward Members and Police Officers, it was decided to propose:-

2.6.1.1 Replacing the “7 am to 7 pm” waiting restriction with a shorter length of “no waiting at any time” on both sides of Hall Street in the vicinity of the junction with Hagley Road.

2.6.1.2 Making the section of Hall Street between Craufurd Street and Hagley Road one-way towards Hagley Road.

2.6.1.3 These proposals are acceptable to all the emergency services, who consider that their vehicles could reach all parts of Hall Street in the event of an emergency occurring.

2.6.1.4 Furthermore, if a one-way Traffic Regulation Order was introduced in Hall Street, exemptions would be included for emergency service vehicles acting in response to emergency situations.

2.7 **Consultation**

2.7.1 The Police, Fire and Ambulance Services were consulted on 19 May 2003.

2.7.2 On 11 June 2003, the Ambulance Service wrote that they opposed the concept of there being no waiting restrictions in Hall Lane, because of concerns regarding access. The current proposals include waiting prohibitions and meet with Ambulance Service requirements.

2.7.3 Ward Members were consulted regarding the current proposals on 2 March 2004. All Ward Members supported the current proposals.

2.7.4 The proposals were published in the “Express and Star” newspaper on 16 June 2004, and advertised on-street between 16 June and 12 July 2004.

2.8 **Written Observations from Residents**

2.8.1 A resident of Hall Street strongly supports the proposals. However, she requests that the waiting prohibition proposal be reduced, to only cover an area between the junction with Hagley Road and house No.2.

2.8.2 Another resident of Hall Street also supports both proposals, and requests residents-only parking. Dudley Council has no current policy regarding residents-only parking and can take little action to assist residents to park near their homes.

2.8.3 A third resident is in favour of both proposals. However, he suggests that the waiting prohibition proposal be reduced, to terminate outside house No.5. this resident also requests that white "H" lines be laid in front of dropped kerb driveways not protected by double yellow lines.

2.9 **Objections**

2.9.1. **First Objection**

2.9.1.1 A resident of Field Lane regards the Hall Street proposal as being unsuitable and unnecessary, affecting adjacent roads.

2.9.1.2 Members will note that the Council introduced waiting prohibitions in Field Lane six years ago.

2.9.1.3 At that time, there were more extensive proposals, for double yellow lines and a section of one-way street for Field Lane.

2.9.1.4 Residents of Field Lane did not wish the complete scheme to be introduced, so a reduced prohibited waiting scheme was installed. This is what is currently on-street in Field Lane.

2.9.1.5 The majority of residents of Field Lane support the traffic management which is now in place in that street. No other householders in Field Lane have expressed views on the proposals for Hall Street.

2.9.2 **Second Objection**

2.9.2.1 The proprietor of a bed shop in Hagley Road has a vehicular access in Hall Street leading to the rear of his property.

2.9.2.2 This shopkeeper points out that the proposed waiting restrictions are for a length of 37 metres from the junction with Hagley Road, and his driveway is some 44 metres from the same junction.

2.9.2.3 The bed shop owner requests that the proposals for prohibited waiting be extended to cover his vehicular entrance.

2.9.2.4 This correspondent also requests that the proposed one-way section of Hall Street be shortened, to permit his vehicles to enter his vehicle park from Hagley Road.

2.9.2.5 This request could not be acceded to. For reasons of clarity and public safety, either none of the section of Hall Street between Craufurd Street and Hagley Road should become one-way, or all of it should.

- 2.9.2.6 However, a white “H” line can be sited in front of this objector’s vehicular access.
- 2.9.2.7 Furthermore, a short section of two-way traffic flow at the Hagley Road end of Hall Street could not be introduced because there is no possibility of introducing a turning area.

2.10 **Conclusions From Objections and Other Correspondence**

- 2.10.1 The vast majority of residents of Hall Street together with Ward Members and other members of the local community support the one-way traffic flow proposals.
- 2.10.2 It is recommended that the introduction of this section of one-way street be supported.
- 2.10.3 Some residents and users of Hall Street consider that the proposals for waiting prohibitions are too short, whilst others think that they are too long.
- 2.10.4 There is no common consensus for the introduction of waiting prohibitions. As the current proposals appear to be a balance between both viewpoints, it is recommended that the advertised scheme for prohibited waiting be introduced.
- 2.11 The Area Committee Chairman has suggested that consideration be given to proposing a 'No Right Turn' from Hall Street into Hagley Road. This Suggestion by Cllr. Adams can be publicly advertised as a proposed Traffic Regulation Order in due Course.

3.0 **PROPOSALS**

3.1 That, having considered the differing viewpoints regarding the proposals for:-

- (a) One-way traffic flow;
- (b) Waiting prohibitions;
in Hall Street, Area Committee supports the introduction of:-
 - The Borough of Dudley (Hall Street, Oldswinford, Stourbridge) (One-Way Traffic) Order 2005;
 - The Borough of Dudley (Hall Street, Oldswinford, Stourbridge) (Prohibition of Waiting) Order 2005,

that the Area Committee supports the proposals as described in Appendices A and B and shown on the attached drawings and advises the Cabinet Member for Transportation accordingly.

3.2 That all objections be formally overruled.

4.0 **FINANCE**

4.1 Funds to introduce these Traffic Regulation Orders, estimated at £10,100, are available in the current Highways Capital Budget.

5.0 **LAW**

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

6.0 **EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES**

6.1 If introduced, the proposals should reduce obstructive parking and aid pedestrian movements by removing traffic conflicts.

6.2 The proposals are intended to facilitate vehicular access for motorists with disabilities and also assist ring-and-ride transport.

6.3 The proposals contained within this report comply with the Council's Policy regarding Equal Opportunities.

7.0 **RECOMMENDATION**

7.1 That Members support the proposals in Paragraph 3.0 of this report.



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Background documents used in the preparation of this report:-

19/05/03	Letter to Police
19/05/03	Letter to Fire Service
19/5/03	Letter to Ambulance Service
11/06/03	Letter from Ambulance Service
02/03/04	Letters to Ward Members
15/06/04	Letter from resident of Hall Street
16/06/04	Notice of proposals published in "Express and Star"
16/06/04	Notice of proposals displayed on-street
22/06/04	Letter from resident of Field Lane
07/07/04	Letter to resident of Hall Street
07/07/04	Letter from business in Hagley Road
10/07/04	Letter from resident of Hall Street
12/07/04	Letter from resident of Hall Street

APPENDIX A

THE BOROUGH OF DUDLEY (HALL STREET, OLDWINFORD, STOURBRIDGE)
(ONE-WAY TRAFFIC) ORDER 2005

No person shall cause or permit any vehicle to proceed in the road or in any of the lengths of road specified in column 1 of the Schedule to this Order in a direction other than that specified in relation to that road or length of road in column 2 of that Schedule.

SCHEDULE

1	2
Road and lengths of road in the Metropolitan Borough of Dudley	Direction
That length of Hall Street, Oldswinford, Stourbridge, which extends from its junction with Craufurd Street to its junction with Hagley Road.	From west to east. From Craufurd Street towards Hagley Road

APPENDIX B

THE BOROUGH OF DUDLEY (HALL STREET, OLDSWINFORD, STOURBRIDGE) **(PROHIBITION OF WAITING) ORDER 2005**

(1) No waiting at any time

Hall Street - both sides - From the junction with Hagley Road for a
Distance of 37 metres in a westerly direction.

(2) Delete all references to Hall Street from:-

(a) The Borough of Stourbridge (Oldswinford) (Prohibition of Waiting and
Prohibition of Loading and Unloading) Order 1973.

(b) The Borough of Stourbridge Traffic Regulation Order (No.1) 1968.



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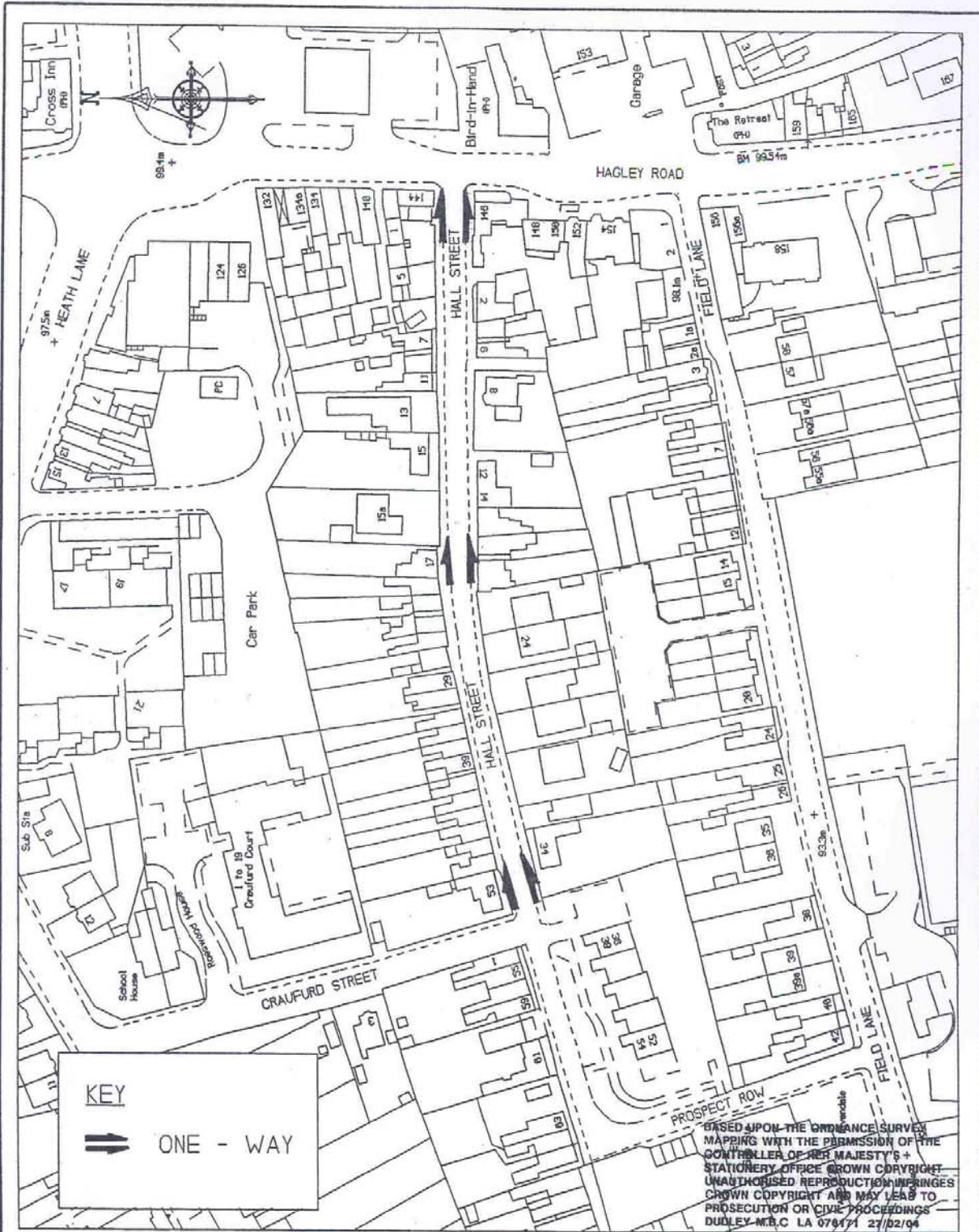
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