

STOURBRIDGE AREA COMMITTEE – 5 SEPTEMBER 2007

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE URBAN ENVIRONMENT

BROMWICH LANE, PEDMORE, STOURBRIDGE – PROPOSED 20 MPH SPEED LIMIT

Purpose of Report

1. To seek Area Committee's support to the introduction of a 20 mph speed limit in Bromwich Lane, Pedmore.

Background

2. Bromwich Lane is a former narrow country lane, that now forms the extremity to a large residential estate on the south-east boundary to Stourbridge and links the B4187 local distributor road to the A491 dual carriageway.
3. Due to its location and connecting two important roads in Stourbridge, Bromwich Lane is beginning to carry increased levels of traffic, resulting in increasing dangers as at least half the route is unimproved and narrow and has a distinctive rural character.
4. Residents of Bromwich Lane have complained about through traffic and high vehicle speeds particularly as there is no footpath for the majority of the lane, pedestrians may be put in danger because of speed.
5. To address the problems it was proposed to introduce a one-way section in Bromwich Lane and four options were consulted upon, drawing numbers TMD/CP/458A, TMD/CP/458B, TMD/CP/458C, TMD/CP/458D refer.
6. Letters and plans were also sent out to Ward Members and the Police on 16 August 2006.
7. The proposals were advertised in the Express & Star on 12 April 2007 and notices maintained on-street until 8 May 2007.

8. Thirteen letters of objection and a 52 name petition were received.

6 people suggested the introduction of a 20 mph speed limit
5 people supported none of the options but wanted something to be done
1 person supported every option
6 people supported Option A
3 people supported Option B
4 people supported Option C
5 people supported Option D
7 people wanted the road layout to stay as it is.
9. All the proposed options will inconvenience residents of Bromwich Lane and especially Redlake Drive.
10. A 20 mph speed limit in Bromwich Lane between Worcester Lane and Hagley Road as shown on drawing number TM2598 is also proposed. The narrowness of much of Bromwich Lane would assist a reduced speed limit. This would benefit all residents of Bromwich Lane and the surrounding roads, including vulnerable highway users.
11. Committee is recommended to support the introduction of a 20 mph speed limit as shown on drawing No. TM2598.
12. The Committee's recommendation will be reported to the Cabinet Member for Transportation.

Finance

13. The cost associated with the making and introduction of this Traffic Regulation Order is likely to be around £4000, which cost can be met from the Minor Works Capital allocation.

Law

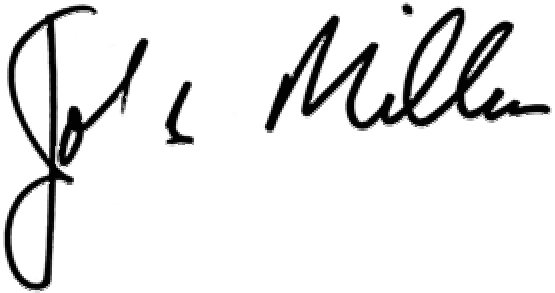
14. Traffic Regulation Orders are made under Section 1 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Equality Impact

15. The proposals contained within this report comply with the Council's equal opportunities policy.
16. A Traffic Regulation Order would assist vulnerable pedestrians, cyclists and persons with disabilities.

Recommendation

17. That having fully considered the report, Members support the making of the Traffic Regulation Order as modified and shown on drawing numbers TM2598.
19. That the Cabinet Member for Transportation be recommended to introduce the 20 mph scheme.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Millar'. The signature is stylized with a large, looped initial 'J' and a cursive 'Millar'.

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List of Background Papers

1. Letters to Members and Police
2. Letters from 13 objectors