

North Dudley Area Committee - 9th April 2008

Report of the Director of the Urban Environment

Prices Road and Prospect Road, Gornalwood

Proposals for One Way Traffic Flow.

Purpose of Report

1. To seek Area Committee support for the introduction of a one-way traffic system in Prices Road and Prospect Road, Gornalwood.

Background

2. Prices Road and Prospect Road are narrow roads. In parts they are no more than 3 metres in width.
3. Both roads are old residential streets which form routes between the locally important and busy roads of Bull Street and Louise Street located on the edge of Gornal shopping centre.
5. There is general support from Ward Members and the community to introduce measures to appropriately restrict the use of Prices Road and Prospect Road.
6. In order to avoid danger to persons and other traffic using these roads and for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising, in addition to preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the roads run, proposals to introduce one-way streets in both Prices Road and Prospect Road were advertised in the Express & Star on the 30th August 2006.
7. The closing date for the receipt of objections was the 26th September 2006. Four letters of objection were received from residents of Prices Road. No objections were made to the Prospect Road proposal.
8. Following discussions with objectors, the proposals for Prices Road were reviewed over a lengthy period of time.

9. Officers have conducted negotiations over some time with both objectors and supporters of the original one-way proposals. Following these conversations, it is now proposed that two short sections of highway be made one-way, namely:-
 - Prices Road between Louise Street and a point 35 metres south (north bound direction towards Louise Street);
 - Prospect Road between Bull Street and Prices Road (north east direction towards Bull Street);
10. Ward Members have expressed concern regarding Louise Street's junction with other streets in the area. If issues relating to Price's Roads junction with Louise Street can be successfully resolved it might be possible for investigations centred on Louise Street's other junctions to reach practical conclusions.
11. Background papers can be made available for Member' consideration.

Finance

9. The costs associated with the making and introduction of Traffic Regulation Orders are estimated at £8,000 and can be met from the 2006-07 financial years' Minor Works Capital Allocation.

Law

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

Equality Impact

11. The proposal contained within this report complies with the Councils equal opportunities policy.
12. The proposals could assist children walking to and from school, visually-impaired pedestrians, and journeys by taxi users, and could improve access for mobility-impaired motorists.

Recommendation

13. That members support the smaller scale scheme for two one-way streets as shown on Drawing No. TMD/CP/433C.
14. That the Cabinet Member for Transportation be recommended to introduce the reduced scheme

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List of Background Papers

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| 1. | Letter to Ward Members | 08.05.2006 |
| 2. | Letter to Police and other Emergency Services | 08.05.2006 |
| 3. | Public Notice of Proposals | 30.08.2006 |