

Stourbridge Area Committee – 15th. November 2010

Report of the Director of the Urban Environment

Measures to assist Cycle access to High Street, Stourbridge

Purpose

1. To seek Committee's views on proposals to introduce measures to assist cycle access to High Street, Stourbridge

Background

2. The Local Authority holds quarterly Cycle Forums with relevant interest groups, primarily to consider proposals and/or opportunities that would either support or promote cycling within the borough.
3. An issue raised at the Cycle Forum meeting on the 7th September 2010 suggested that dropped kerbs in the vicinity of 'The Chequers Inn' in High Street, Stourbridge would be helpful in enabling cyclists who have crossed the ring road using the nearby Toucan Crossing to then rejoin the public highway and directly access the town centre.
4. In order to undertake this manoeuvre as safely as possible, there is a need to ensure that cyclists do not suddenly emerge onto the highway from between parked vehicles and so, with reference to Drawing No. HT 3139 -2, attached as Appendix A, the introduction of a physical build-out to prevent vehicles parking in this area is considered appropriate.
5. This approach would result in the loss of one car parking space in the town centre and should not, therefore, detract from either the existing parking provisions in this area or any subsequent modifications that may emerge following consideration of the Traffic Regulation Orders currently being advertised for the Stourbridge area generally.
6. Sustainable Transport

The contents of this report support the Council's Transport Policy by considering measures that would contribute directly towards improved highway links for cyclists.

Finance

7. The implementation of proposals outlined within this report can be funded under the allocation for Cycling Measures approved as part of the 2010/2011 Highways Minor Works Capital Programme.

Law

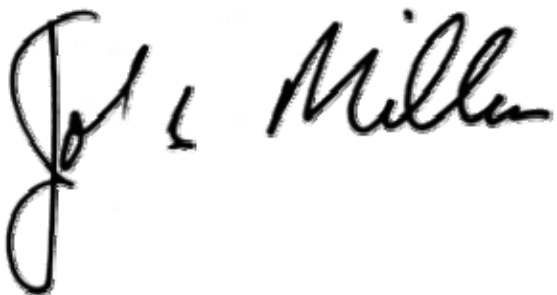
8. The Council is empowered to improve highways under Section 62 of the Highways Act 1980.
9. Section 111 of the Local Government Act 1972 empowers the Council to do anything calculated to facilitate or is conducive or incidental to the discharge of any of its functions.

Equality Impact

10. The proposals contained within this report comply with the Council's Equality and Diversity Policy

Recommendation

11. That the Area Committee considers the proposals outlined in this report and that any observations be forwarded to the Cabinet Member for Transportation.

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List of Background Papers

1. Cycle Forum meeting 7th September 2010