

**Brierley Hill Area Committee - 4<sup>th</sup> October 2007**

**Report of the Director of the Urban Environment**

**Proposed John Street, Brierley Hill – (One Way Traffic) Order**

**Purpose of Report**

1. To seek the Area Committee's support to the making of John Street, Brierley Hill one way to traffic with associated on street measures to address concerns regarding the speed of traffic and conflict with parked vehicles.

**Background**

2. John Street (B4180) plays an important role in the local highway network. For many years during peak times, particularly the evening, John Street along with adjacent streets Bent Street and Victoria Street, has suffered from long delays which the Brierley Hill Major Scheme, currently underway, seeks to address.
3. The Committee may recall that some years ago, prior to the development of the Brierley Hill major scheme, proposals were prepared to make John Street one way in an easterly direction from the junction with Bank Street to its junction with Dudley Road. These proposals were, however, objected to by the Fire Service who felt that they would severely affect the operations of the Station located at the eastern end of John Street off Dudley Road and were eventually abandoned.
4. Recently residents of John Street have called for the Council to address the problems they are encountering on the street resulting from congestion at peak times, conflict with parked vehicles and excessive vehicle speeds during off peak hours. Matters have been brought to head by an accident that took place in August where a number of parked cars were damaged by a vehicle losing control while travelling towards Dudley Road. Although no one was seriously injured the vehicle concerned eventually came to rest on its roof in the carriageway.
5. A number of residents have suggested that one way proposals could greatly improve the situation on John Street and should be re-investigated. Although not currently part of the Brierley Hill Major Scheme the benefits of such proposals are recognised as they address the risks identified by the residents and facilitate traffic movements in the area. To gauge opinion all residents/properties have been contacted, the results of which will be reported verbally to this Committee. Any forthcoming proposed Traffic Regulation Orders would be advertised and objections reported to this Committee for consideration.
6. Works on the Brierley Hill major scheme are well advanced but it is anticipated that an early decision on this matter could be accommodated in the scheme works, without incurring any significant abortive costs.

## **FINANCE**

7. The cost of the Traffic Regulation Order and associated physical works will be funded from the Brierley Hill Major Scheme capital allocation.

## **LAW**

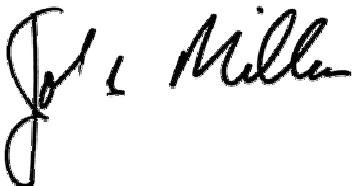
8. Traffic Regulation Orders are made under powers contained in Section 1 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.
9. Section 111 of the Local Government Act 1992 empowers the Council to do anything calculated to facilitate or is conducive or incidental to the discharge of any of its functions.

## **EQUALITY IMPACT**

10. The proposals contained within this report comply with the Council's Equality and Diversity Policy whilst also seeking to introduce measures that will be of direct benefit to vulnerable road users, children and young people in the community.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

11. That in deference to the previous concerns of the Fire Service it is proposed that traffic on John Street should be restricted to travelling in a westerly direction from its junction with Dudley Road to its junction with Bank Street as shown on plan T100/2 at Appendix A to this report.
12. That to introduce a gateway/carriageway restriction calming effect, protected on street parking bays are constructed on John Street as shown on plan T100/2.
13. That the Cabinet Member for Transport in consultation with the Director of the Urban Environment, is requested to amend the Brierley Hill Major Scheme Traffic Regulation Orders, currently in preparation to make the street one way as above and that the proposals are accommodated in the Major Scheme Works.
14. Although it is not anticipated to be a significant problem, it would be prudent, that on the making John Street one way the adjacent streets of Bent Street and Victoria Street are monitored for the impact and be subject to further reports should it be deemed necessary.



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### **List of Background Papers**

1. Capital grant letter from DfT dated 18<sup>th</sup> December 2006
2. Various e-mails from Ward members