

Stourbridge Area Committee - 9th March 2009

Report of the Director of the Urban Environment

Old Ham Lane & adjacent streets, Pedmore, Stourbridge: Proposed waiting restrictions

Purpose of Report

1. To seek support for the introduction of a No Waiting 8am to 5pm Monday to Friday Traffic Regulation Order for Old Ham Lane, Leys Close, Shaftesbury Avenue, Tall Trees Drive, and White Close, Stourbridge.

Background

2. The area committee requested that investigations be undertaken to resolve parking problems in Old Ham Lane.
3. Old Ham Lane varies in width from 5 to 8 metres and links Ham Lane (A4036) and Wollescote Road, It feeds a number of residential roads and acts as an unofficial bypass at peak times to through traffic.
4. At school opening and closing times inconsiderate parking at junctions and in front of residential properties in the environs of Ham Dingle Primary School, causes obstruction. Particular concerns include emergency access to the school and housing together with turning manoeuvres into Old Ham Lane.
5. Plan TMD/TM/525 attached to this report indicates proposed weekday daytime waiting restrictions in Old Ham Lane, Leys Close, Shaftesbury Avenue, Tall Trees Drive and White Close, Stourbridge.

Consultation

6. Ward Members and the Police were consulted on 23rd July 2008 and no adverse comments were received.
7. The proposals were advertised between 13th October and 7th November 2008. The following responses and objections have been received:

- 18 letters or emails objecting to the proposals. However, a number of objectors acknowledged the need for something to be done.
 - 7 letters or emails of support generally from frontagers who suffer from obstructive parking.
8. Following consultation with Ward Members, it has been suggested that a future proposal be made for all of Old Ham Lane to be protected by a 'No Waiting 8am to 5pm Monday to Friday' waiting restriction. This proposal will be advertised in the future should the current proposals prove successful, together with any other necessary improvements.

Finance

9. The costs associated with the introduction of a Restricted Waiting Traffic Regulation Order are likely to be around £3,000. It is intended that this expenditure could be met from the 2009-10 Minor Works Capital Allocation.

Law

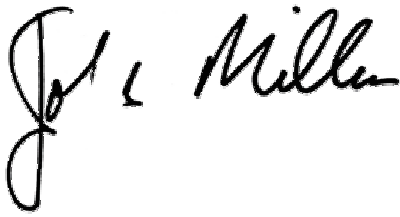
10. Traffic Regulation Orders are made under section 1 of the Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984.

Equality Impact

11. The proposals contained within this report comply with the Council's equal opportunities policy.
12. If introduced, the proposals shown in both plans could assist pedestrian and cyclist movements and travel by mobility impaired persons.
13. The Ring & Ride service can reach the homes of disabled persons with greater ease when roads are not obstructed by parking.

Recommendation

14. The Committee supports the making of a Traffic Regulation Order as set out in the report.
15. Recommendations from this Area Committee are forwarded to the Cabinet Member for Transportation for consideration.



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