

Report of the Strategic Director, Regeneration and Culture, to the meeting of Bradford East Area Committee to be held on 23 July 2013.

Subject:

Knowsley Street – Waiting Restrictions

Summary Statement:

This report considers objections to proposals to introduce lengths of waiting restrictions on Knowsley Street and Upper Seymour Street, Bradford.

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1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report considers objections to proposals to introduce lengths of waiting restrictions on Knowsley Street and Upper Seymour Street, Bradford.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Hindu Cultural Society of Bradford has acquired ownership of a section of Knowsley Street and has implemented a closure to prevent through traffic after planning permission was granted for the change of use from public highway to private car park. As part of the planning conditions, it was stipulated that a Traffic Regulation Order be introduced on lengths of Knowsley Street and Upper Seymour Street.
- 2.2 These restrictions are shown on Plan No. N/BE/102198/CON-1A, attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

Objections to the proposals

- 2.3 As a result of consultations, one objection was received from The Salvation Army's Regional Estates Surveyor.
- 2.4 A number of points were raised in the objection letter, as follows:
- i. The Salvation Army (Hostel) building is not occupied and therefore they had not been aware of the initial Stopping Up Order and if they had known they would have objected to the closure.
 - ii. The Salvation Army considers the waiting restrictions unnecessary as these will take away parking in the immediate vicinity of the Worship Hall, which would not have an impact on the Hindu Cultural Society as their car park is large enough to include all their visitors. However, it will only serve to restrict visitors to The Salvation Army's premises (i.e. visitors and service users to the Lifehouse Hostel and Worship Hall).
 - iii. If a one way system was introduced whereby vehicles entered from one side of Knowsley Street and exited at the other, this would reduce the vehicular movements and one of the three car park access/exit points could be closed, thus reducing the need for some of the restrictions.
- 2.5 After receiving these objections, officers contacted The Salvation Army's Regional Estates Surveyor to discuss the issues raised and provided the following responses:-

Point (i) – the closure of Knowsley Street was consulted on several years ago, by the Council's Highway Development Control department. Public Notices were placed on lighting columns and in the local newspaper at that time, advising the public of the proposals. As part of the planning conditions it was stated that a

Traffic Regulation Order would need to be implemented.

Point (ii) – it is necessary that waiting restrictions be introduced to stop obstruction and congestion and to protect existing accesses for both the Hindu Temple and The Salvation Army. Officers have examined vehicular swept paths and are proposing to implement a minimum amount of waiting restrictions based on a large vehicle (eg a coach) being able to manoeuvre along Knowsley Street.

Point (iii) is a matter for the Hindu Cultural Society to consider as it is not within the Highways remit to change private access arrangements. However, in light of the comments made, and the fact that coach visits from various schools and other organisations to the Hindu Temple are made frequently, vehicular swept paths have been examined to determine whether coaches would be able to use the area of the existing car park. The results showed that the manoeuvrability of such large vehicles precluded their use of the existing car park.

- 2.6 Officers contacted the Hindu Cultural Society to advise them that objections had been received and it was likely that the objections would have to be considered by the Bradford East Area Committee unless they were withdrawn. Officers contacted The Salvation Army and, with their permission, details of the objection were discussed with the Hindu Cultural Society. Officers suggested that the parties could possibly resolve the issue of parking by allowing visitors to The Salvation Army's Worship Hall to park within the Hindu Temple's car park. The Hindu Cultural Society agreed to put this idea to The Salvation Army, but unfortunately this proposal was not accepted.

Officer Comments

- 2.7 In order to prevent future traffic problems for all properties with access off Knowsley Street, and in view of the already introduced closure of part of that road, it is recommended that approval be given to introduce waiting restrictions on Knowsley Street and Upper Seymour Street as detailed on Plan No. N/BE/102198/CON-1A, attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

3. Other considerations

- 3.1 Ward Members, the Emergency Services and the Bus Operators have been consulted on the proposals. No adverse comments have been received.

4. Options

Members may propose to follow a different course of action to that proposed in the recommendations and, in that case, will receive the appropriate guidance from officers.

5. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

- 5.1 The Hindu Cultural Society of Bradford is funding this scheme at an estimated cost of £5,000.
- 5.2 The proposals can be carried out within existing staff resources.

6. RISK MANAGEMENT & GOVERNANCE ISSUES

There are no significant risk implications.

7. LEGAL APPRAISAL

- 7.1 There are no specific legal issues arising from this report.
- 7.2 The course of action proposed is in general accordance with the Council's powers as Highway Authority and will be carried out in compliance with the Highways Act 1980 and with the Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984.

8. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

8.1 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

- 8.1.1 In writing this report, due regard has been given of the need to eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation, to advance quality of opportunity between different groups and to foster good relations between different groups under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010.
- 8.1.2 It is noted that the subject of this report involves competing aspirations of what could be considered to be two religious and cultural groups in the Hindu Cultural Society and the Salvation Army. However it is considered that the proposed parking restrictions are necessary in the interests of public safety.

8.2 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

There are no significant sustainability implications.

8.3 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS

There are no implications on Greenhouse Gas Emissions Impacts.

8.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

The scheme is proposed in order to comply with planning approval conditions, and to prevent future traffic and safety problems for residents and visitors to premises accessed from the eastern end of Knowsley Street.

8.5 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

There are no implications on the Human Rights Act.

8.6 TRADE UNION

There are no Trade Union implications.

8.7 WARD IMPLICATIONS

The proposals are located in the Bowling & Barkerend Ward.

8.8 AREA COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN IMPLICATIONS

The proposed scheme supports the priorities within the Bradford East Area Committee Action Plan 2011-14.

9. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

None.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10.1 That the objections to the proposed Traffic Regulation Order be over-ruled and the scheme implemented as indicated on plan No. N/BE/102198/CON-1A attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

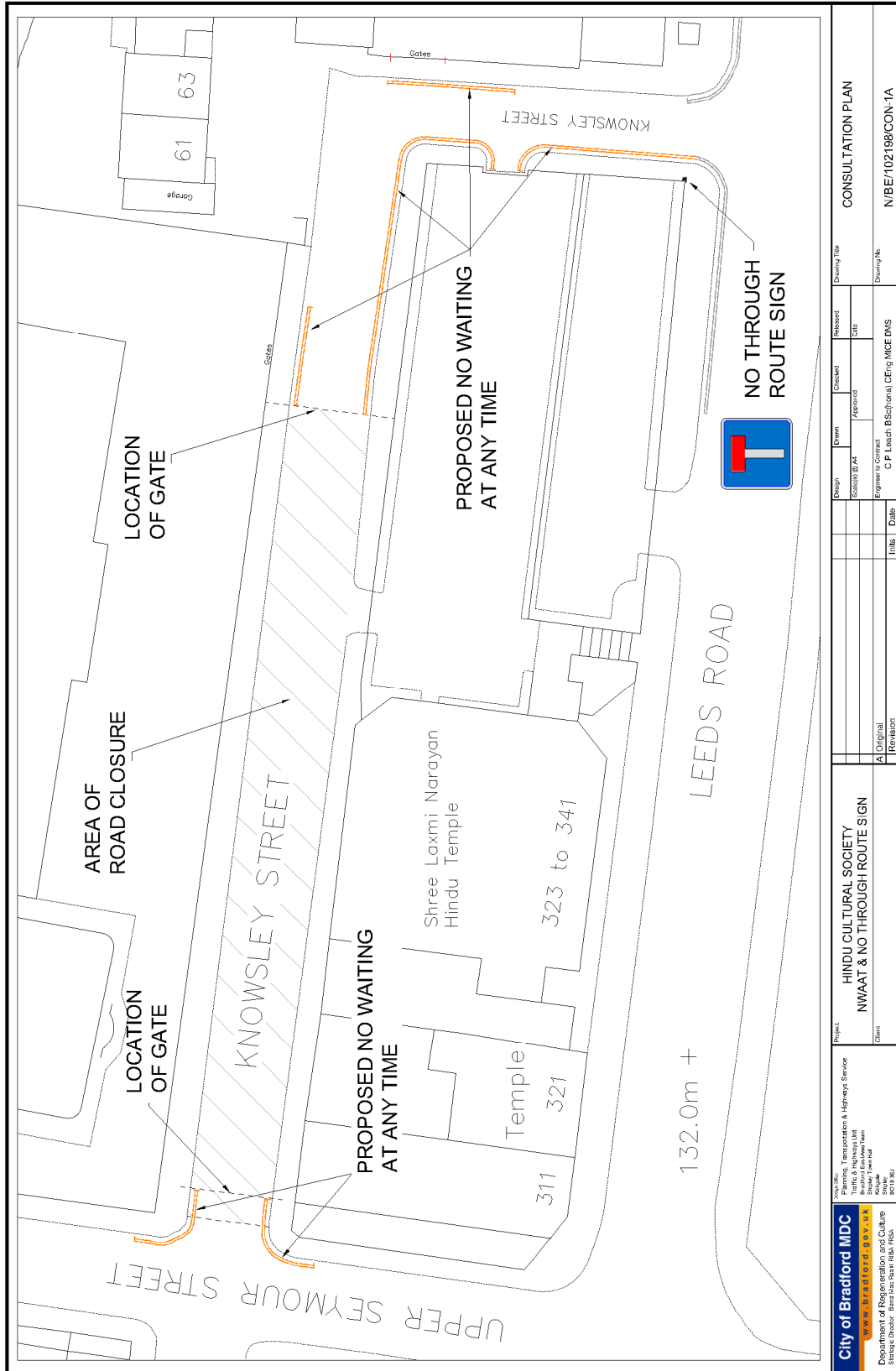
11. APPENDICES


- 11.1 Appendix 1 Plan No. N/BE/102198/CON-1A
11.2 Appendix 2 Plan No. N/BE/102198/SITE PLAN

12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

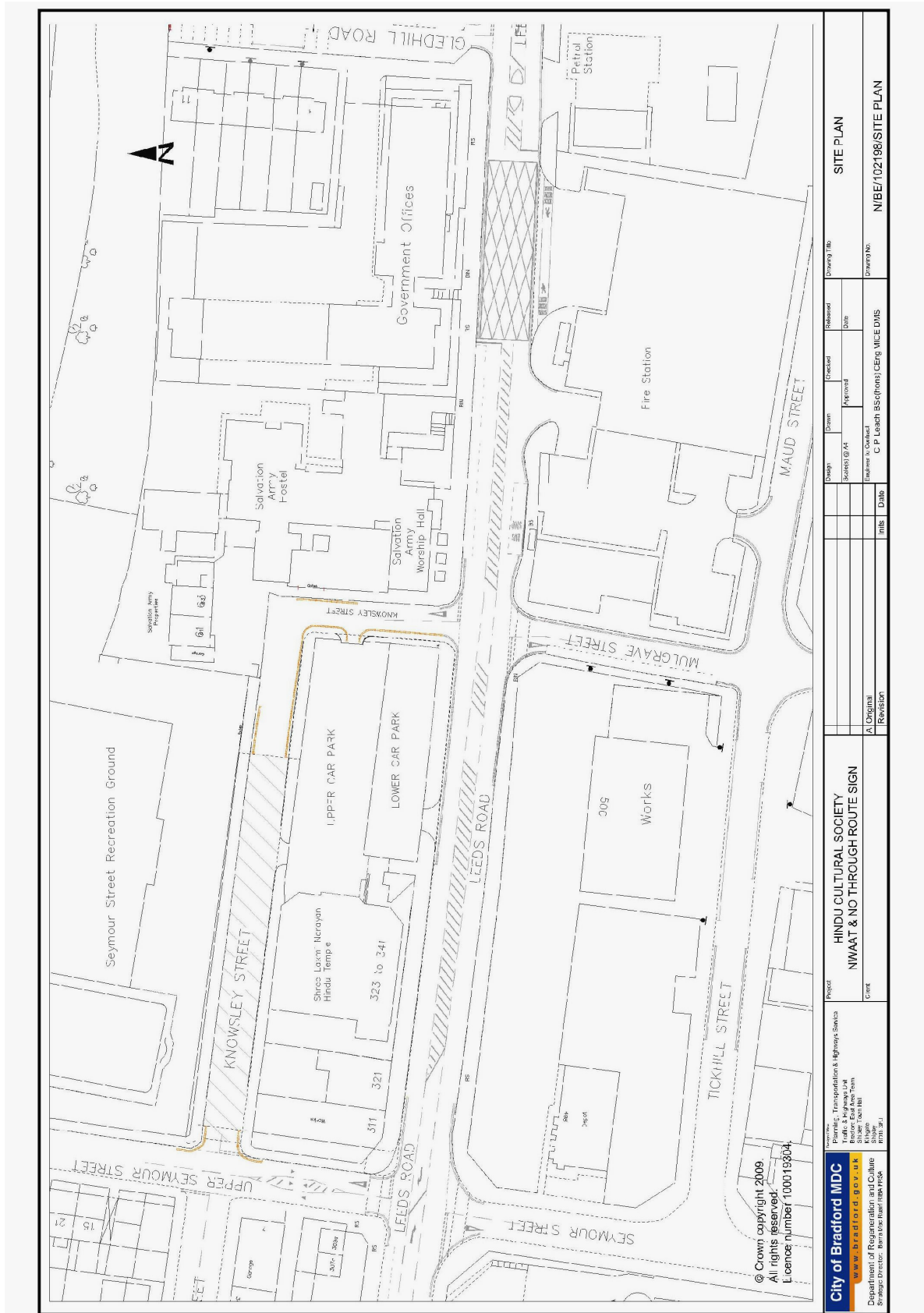
- 12.1 City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council File Reference: N/BE/102198

APPENDIX 1



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APPENDIX 2



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