

# Report of the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Culture to the meeting of the Bradford South Area Committee to be held on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2013

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## Subject:

ST MARGARET'S AVENUE, BRADFORD  
PROPOSED EXPERIMENTAL ROAD CLOSURE REVIEW

## Summary statement:

This report summarises objections and a petition received back from the public after the 6 month consultation period for the experimental road closure on St Margaret's Avenue, Bradford and makes recommendations for further action.

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## Overview & Scrutiny Area:

Environment and Waste Management



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**1. SUMMARY**

1.1 This report summarises objections and a petition received back from the public after the 6 month consultation period for the experimental road closure on St Margaret's Avenue, Bradford and makes recommendations for further action.

**2. BACKGROUND**

2.1 The initial proposal approved by this committee in September 2012 was to implement and monitor an experimental (up to eighteen months) traffic regulation order closing St.Margarets Avenue to prevent rat-running/speeding through the area.

2.2 Funding was allocated for this scheme to be completed in the 2012/13 financial year. Works were completed on site at the end of November 2012

2.3 Experimental orders are subject to review following the first 6 months to allow residents to be able to object to the closure, and to allow a review of the closure order.

2.4 During the six month objection period one direct objection and one objection with a petition to the experimental closure were received in writing during the advertising period and are considered as follows:

Location	Summary of Objection	Officer's Comments
Broadstone Way	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Traffic on Broadstone Way, Knowles Lane has increased since implementation of the closure.</li> <li>• Speeding is an issue</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An increase of traffic on Broadstone Way, Knowles Lane was always anticipated. These are main roads through Holme Wood and are more suitable to take this volume of traffic.</li> <li>• Knowles Lane and Broadstone Way are both traffic calmed roads.</li> </ul>
Various-Petition 282 in total	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To have a Zebra crossing put on Knowles Lane due to the extra traffic put on Knowles Lane due to the closure implemented on St Margarets Avenue.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provision of a Zebra crossing point will added to the 2014/15 proposed list of schemes for the committee to consider to approve.</li> </ul>

### **3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS**

- 3.1 Experimental orders allow the Area Committee to be flexible with regards to monitoring and full implementation. The Committee may choose to continue to monitor the closure for up to 18 months - during which time a resolution can be made at any point to either make the closure permanent or to let the order expire and have the carriageway restored to its original condition.
- 3.2 A pedestrian crossing and the introduction of a 20mph school zone may be necessary on Knowles Lane in the vicinity of the primary school in order to allow for the safe passage of children due to increased traffic flows on Knowles Lane brought about by the closure of St.Margarets Avenue

### **4. OPTIONS**

- 4.1 That the Bradford South Area Committee overrules the objections to the scheme and makes the Traffic Regulation Order for the closure of St.Margarets Avenue permanent.
- 4.2 Given the increase in traffic flows on Knowles Lane as a consequence of the permanent closure consideration should be given to the following
- A pedestrian crossing of the most suitable type (determined by the appropriate technical analysis) sited on Knowles Lane being added to the list of schemes for Area Traffic Measures to be considered by the Bradford South Area Committee in March 2014 or sooner if finding allows.
  - A 20mph School Zone be implemented on Knowles Lane between the St.Margarets Avenue junction and the junction with Telscombe Drive
- 4.3 That the Bradford South Area Committee chooses to review the closure for a further period (up to 18 months).
- 4.4 That the objections are upheld and the closure order for St.Margarets Avenue be revoked and the road restored to its original condition

### **5. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL**

- 5.1 The scheme can be completed within the budgets set out for 2013/14.

### **6. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES**

- 6.1 There are no significant risks arising out of the implementation of the proposed recommendations.

### **7. LEGAL APPRAISAL**

- 7.1 There are no specific legal issues arising from this report.

## **8. OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

### **8.1 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY**

8.1.1 There are no Equality & Diversity issues arising from this report.

### **8.2 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS**

8.2.1 There are no significant sustainability implications to this report.

### **8.3 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS**

8.3.1 There are no greenhouse gas implications arising from this report

### **8.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

8.4.1 Implementation of this scheme will benefit the community by creating safer roads for the community.

### **8.5 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT**

8.5.1 There are no human rights implications arising from this matter

### **8.6 TRADE UNION**

8.6.1 There are no trade union implications arising from this report

### **8.7 WARD IMPLICATIONS**

8.7.1 Decreased rat-running and lower speeds on St.Margarets Avenue have led to an improved quality of life for local residents

8.7.2 The closure has increased flows on the main routes of Knowles Lane and Broadstone Way.

### **8.8 AREA COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN IMPLICATIONS**

8.8.1 The development and implementation of schemes included in this report support priorities within the Bradford South Area Committee Action Plan 2011-14.

## **9. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS**

9.1 None

**10. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 10.1 That the Bradford South Area Committee overrules the objections to the scheme and makes the Traffic Regulation Order for the closure of St.Margarets Avenue permanent.
- 10.2 That a survey is carried out to determine the most appropriate type of pedestrian crossing to be installed on Knowles Lane, with a view to a crossing being added to the list of schemes for Area Traffic Measures to be considered by the Bradford South Area Committee in March 2014 - or sooner if funding allows.
- 10.3 That a 20mph School Zone be implemented on Knowles Lane between the St.Margarets Avenue junction and the Junction with Telscombe Drive.
- 10.2 That the objectors are informed accordingly.

**11. APPENDICES**

- 11.1 Appendix 1 – Plan showing the scheme extents.

