

Report of the Strategic Director, Regeneration and Culture to the meeting of Bradford West Area Committee to be held on 22 July 2015.

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Subject:

OBJECTION RECEIVED TO THE PROPOSAL FOR A POINT CLOSURE ON CROW TREE LANE AT ITS JUNCTION WITH PEARSON LANE, DAISY HILL LANE AND DUCKWORTH LANE, BRADFORD.

Summary statement:

This report considers an objection received to the recently advertised Traffic Regulation Order for closure of Crow Tree Lane at its junction with Pearson Lane, Daisy Hill Lane, and Duckworth Lane Bradford.

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1.0 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report considers an objection received to the recently advertised Traffic Regulation Order for closure of Crow Tree Lane at its junction with Pearson Lane, Daisy Hill Lane and Duckworth Lane Bradford.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At its meeting on 23 April 2014 the Bradford West Area Committee approved a programme of Safer Roads Schemes for Bradford West for the year 2014/15. This included a scheme for the Daisy Hill Lane, Crow Tree Lane, Pearson Lane and Duckworth Lane junction, which included closing Crow Tree Lane, providing a turning area, and constructing a mini roundabout.
- 2.2 Details of the proposal are shown on drawing no. THG/THCW/102699/GA-4A which is attached as Appendix 1 to this report.
- 2.3 Alternative routes for traffic diverted from Crow Tree Lane as a result of the proposed closure are available, either via Pearson Lane to Allerton Road, or via Duckworth Lane and Squire Lane.
- 2.4 The Traffic Regulation Order for the closure of Crow Tree Lane was formally advertised between 6 May and 29 May 2015. In addition to the statutory advertisement process, consultation letters and plans were delivered to all residents and businesses affected by the proposals.
- 2.5 One objection was received in respect of the proposed closure of Crow Tree Lane.
- 2.6 The objector is concerned that during winter weather conditions with ice and snow, emergency services would be unable to access the care home at no. 21 Crow Tree Lane because of the very steep up-hill gradient of the road. This could have serious consequences for a resident requiring an ambulance. The objector states that in the past access from the top of the hill has been possible.
- 2.7 One letter supporting the closure of Crow Tree Lane has been received from local residents.

Officer Comments

- 2.8 The conditions of severe winter weather described by the objector generally occur only on a very small number of days each year. When such conditions do exist, access to many locations becomes restricted. If in the particular case of Crow Tree Lane, road surface conditions were such that it was not possible for a vehicle to travel up the hill, then it is unlikely that it would be safe for a vehicle to travel down the hill.
- 2.9 Crow Tree Lane is currently on a winter maintenance gritting route. It would continue to be gritted whether or not the proposed closure took place.
- 2.10 The narrow width and excessively steep gradient of Crow Tree Lane make it unsuitable for the large volume of through traffic which currently uses it. A

considerable number of the vehicles using Crow Tree Lane travel at an excessive speed, particularly in the downhill direction, despite traffic calming measures having been applied to the road.

- 2.11 There have been eleven injury accidents at the Crow Tree Lane, Pearson Lane Daisy Hill Lane and Duckworth Lane Junction during the five year period to 6th June 2015.
- 2.12 The large volume of traffic using Crow Tree Lane exacerbates the traffic hazards at the Crow Tree Lane /Pearson Lane /Daisy Hill Lane junction, where there is very limited visibility between vehicles on Crow Tree Lane and those on the other approaches to the junction.
- 2.13 The closure of Crow Tree Lane would facilitate both the provision of a safer pedestrian route between Pearson Lane and Duckworth Lane and the provision of a mini roundabout to increase traffic safety by improved regulation of traffic movements at the junction.
- 2.14 Adequate alternative routes are available for traffic which currently uses Crow Tree Lane as a through route.
- 2.15 It is therefore recommended that the advertised Order for the closure of Crow Tree Lane be sealed and implemented.

3.0 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 If any decisions arising from this report are called-in they will be considered by a future meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

4.0 OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- 4.1 Emergency services and local ward members have been consulted. They have made no objection to the proposals.

5.0 OPTIONS

- 5.1 Members may wish to follow a different course of action from that proposed.

6.0 FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

- 6.1.1 Funding has been allocated as part of the programme of Safer Roads Schemes for Bradford West for 2014/2015.
- 6.1.2 The proposals can be carried out within existing staff resources.

7.0 RISK MANAGEMENT

7.1 If the proposal were not to be implemented, then current risks arising from concerns about road safety at the Crow Tree Lane, Pearson Lane, Daisy Hill Lane and Duckworth Lane junction and along Crow Tree Lane would be perpetuated.

8.0 LEGAL APPRAISAL

8.1 There are no specific issues arising from this report. The course of action proposed is in general accordance with the Council's power as Highway Authority.

9.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS

9.1 EQUAL RIGHTS

There are no significant equal rights implications arising from this report.

9.2 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

There are no significant sustainability implications arising from this report.

9.3 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS

There is no impact on the Council's own and the wider District's carbon footprint and emissions from other greenhouse gasses arising from this report.

9.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

The proposed closure of Crow Tree Lane will improve community safety for local residents by preventing through traffic and facilitating safer pedestrian movements and improved traffic regulation at the Daisy Hill Lane, Pearson Lane and Duckworth Lane Junction.

9.5 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

None

9.6 TRADE UNION

None

9.7 WARD IMPLICATIONS

None

10.0 NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

None

11.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 11.1 That the objections to the Traffic Regulation Order to close Crow Tree Lane as shown on drawing TDG/THCW/102699/GA-4A be overruled.
- 11.2 That the City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council (Moving Traffic) (Consolidation)(Amendment) Order, Crow Tree Lane, Bradford be sealed and implemented.
- 11.3 That the objector be notified accordingly.

12.0 APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Drawing No. TDG/THCW/102699/GA-4A

13.0 BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council File Ref: TDG/THCW/102699/GEN

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