

Report of the Strategic Director, Place to the meeting of Bradford East Area Committee to be held on 12 January 2017.

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Subject:

NEW STREET, IDLE - OBJECTIONS TO JUNCTION IMPROVEMENT AND TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER

Summary statement:

This report considers the objections received to a recently advertised proposal for improvement works at the New Street/Butt Lane/Howgate/Apperley Road/Cross Road junction and associated Traffic Regulation Order

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1.0 SUMMARY

1.1 This report considers the objections received to a recently advertised proposal for improvement works at the New Street/Butt Lane/Howgate/Apperley Road/Cross Road junction and associated Traffic Regulation Order.

2.0 BACKGROUND

2.1 At its meeting of 17 March 2016 this Area Committee approved as part of its Safer Roads Schemes programme the promotion of an improvement scheme at the New Street/Butt Lane/Howgate/Apperley Road/Cross Road junction in Idle.

2.2 The scheme is being proposed to address concerns about pedestrian safety; in particular this location forms part of the route between Idle village and Immanuel College and the recreation ground.

2.3 The proposals include the provision of a

- i. a pedestrian island on New Street,
- ii. footway build-outs at the New Street/Cross Road and New Street/Butt Lane/Howgate junctions,
- iii. a Traffic Regulation Order for 'No Waiting At Any Time' restrictions and additional carriageway markings in the vicinity of the above proposed works.

2.4 The proposals are detailed on plan no. TDG/THS/103326/GA-1 attached as Appendix 1

2.5 The Traffic Regulation Order was advertised between 14 October and 4 November 2016. At the same time consultation letters and plans were delivered to nearby residents.

2.6 Two objections to the Traffic Regulation Order have been received. A summary of the valid points of objection and corresponding officer comments is tabulated below:

Objectors concerns	Officer comments
The proposal will make turning manoeuvres at the junction difficult	The scheme has been developed using appropriate vehicle tracking software.
The introduction of a pedestrian island on New Street will leave insufficient remaining carriageway width for passing vehicles	New Street is 9.4m wide at this point (with the addition of the New Street/Butt Lane/Howgate build-out); as such the implementation of an island would leave 3.65m remaining running lanes, which is considered sufficient for this location.
Parking will be restricted for New Street residents	The proposed restrictions are the minimum required to ensure appropriate pedestrian/vehicle inter-visibility and prevent congestion.

2.5 One of the objectors has expressed support for the build-out at New Street/Cross Lane.

3.0 OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

3.1 Local ward members and the emergency services have been consulted. No objections have been received.

4.0 FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE APPRAISAL

4.1 The estimated scheme cost is £12,000. Funding has been allocated from the 2016/17 Safer Roads budget.

5.0 RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

5.1 A failure to implement the proposals would lead to the ongoing potential for pedestrian vehicle conflict at this junction. Provision of the improvement works without the associated Traffic Regulation Order is not recommended as this would be detrimental to safety and traffic movement.

6.0 LEGAL APPRAISAL

6.1 The options contained in this report are within the Councils powers as Highway Authority and Traffic Regulation Authority.

7.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS

7.1 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

Due regard has been given to Section 149 of the Equality Act when determining the proposals in this report.

7.2 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

There are no sustainability implications arising from this report.

7.3 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.

7.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

The introduction of these proposals would offer a significant safety improvement for pedestrians

7.5 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

None

7.6 TRADE UNION

None

7.7 WARD IMPLICATIONS

Ward Members have been consulted on the proposed Traffic Regulation Order.

7.8 AREA COMMITTEE WARD PLAN IMPLICATIONS

None

8.0 NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

8.1 None

9.0 OPTIONS

9.1 Members may propose an alternative course of action; in which case they will receive appropriate guidance from officers.

10.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1 That the objections to the proposed junction improvement and associated waiting restrictions at the New Street/Butt Lane/Howgate/Apperley Road/Cross Road junction be overruled and the proposals be implemented and Traffic Regulation Order be sealed and implemented as advertised.

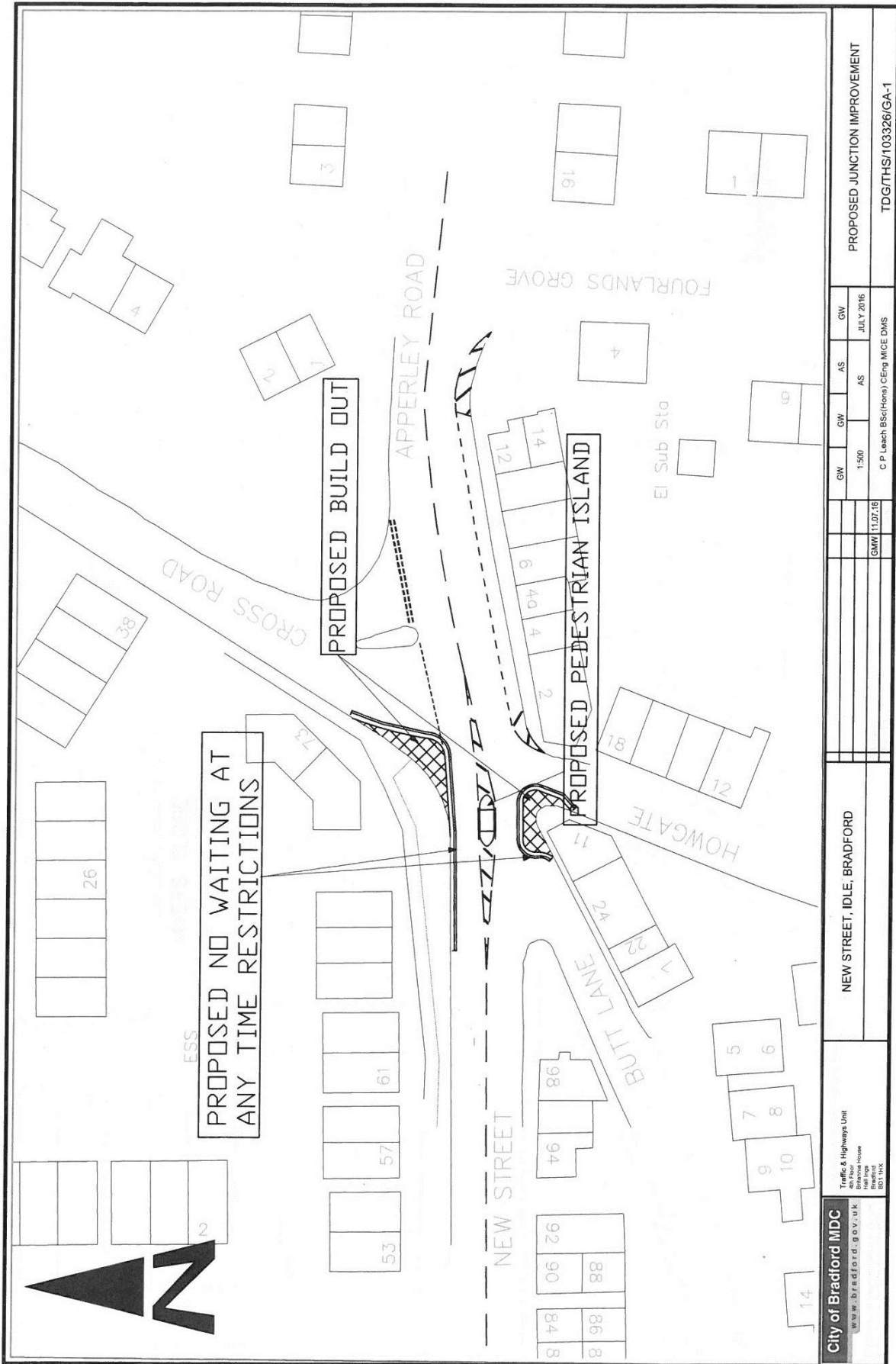
10.2 That the objectors be informed accordingly.

11.0 APPENDICES

11.1 Appendix 1 – Drawing No. TDG/THS/103326/GA-1

12.0 BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

12.1 City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council File Ref: TDG/THS/103326.



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