

# Report of the Strategic Director Place to the meeting of Bradford East Area Committee to be held on 16 February 2017.

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## Subject:

PETITIONS RELATING TO TRAFFIC MATTERS

## Summary statement:

This report considers the following petitions relating to traffic matters:

- 1) Access road between New Lane and Raglan Terrace, Bradford – Request for road closure
- 2) Rowan Avenue, Bradford – Request for permit parking

Ward: 6 Bradford Moor

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## Overview & Scrutiny Area:

Environment and Waste Management



## **1.0 SUMMARY**

1.1 Two petitions relating to traffic matters. These are:

- a) Access road between New Lane and Raglan Terrace, Bradford – Request for road closure
- b) Rowan Avenue, Bradford – Request for permit parking

## **2.0 BACKGROUND**

2.1 Background information is given in Appendices 1 and 2.

Appendix 1 Access road between New Lane and Raglan Terrace, Bradford (43 signatures)

Appendix 2 Rowan Avenue, Bradford (22 signatures)

## **3.0 OTHER CONSIDERATIONS**

3.1 Local ward members have been consulted. No comments have been received.

## **4.0 FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL**

4.1 There are no financial or resource implications arising from this report.

## **5.0 RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES**

5.1 There are no risks arising from this report.

## **6.0 LEGAL APPRAISAL**

6.1 The options contained in this report are within the Council's 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 2010 when investigating these matters.

### **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 gases arising from this report.

**7.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

There are no community safety implications of this report.

**7.5 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT**

None

**7.6 TRADE UNION**

None

**7.7 WARD IMPLICATIONS**

Bradford Moor ward members have been consulted on the petitions.

**7.8 AREA COMMITTEE WARD PLAN IMPLICATIONS**

None

**8.0 NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS**

None

**9.0 OPTIONS**

9.1 Where appropriate, options will be considered with the involvement of the residents if schemes are programmed.

**10.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

10.1 That no action be taken on the request for a road closure on the access road between New Lane and Raglan Terrace, Bradford.

10.2 That no action be taken on the request for permit parking on Rowan Avenue, Bradford.

10.3 That the petitioners are informed accordingly.

**11.0 APPENDICES**

11.1 Appendix 1 – Access road between New Lane and Raglan Terrace, Bradford – Petition and location plan.

11.2 Appendix 2 – Rowan Avenue, Bradford – Petition and location plan.

**12.0 BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

12.1 None.

**Petition – Access road between New Lane and Raglan Terrace, Bradford (43 signatures)**

**Background information**

1. The petitioners are requesting that the access road between New Lane and Raglan Terrace, Bradford be closed to traffic. The petitioners are concerned that rubbish is often dumped in this access road and that it is used by joy riders at speed which has caused damage to property and road incidents on New Lane. The residents also fear for the safety of their children when playing out because of traffic cutting through this access road to avoid the road humps on Kershaw Street and Derby Road.
2. This is a narrow, unadopted back access road. It is approximately 4 metres wide and 24 metres long. This road gives access to the rear of properties numbered 119 to 123 New Lane and links New Lane with Raglan Terrace. Although unadopted this is still a public highway and to close it would require the processing of a Traffic Regulation Order. To undertake this legal process a scheme would need to be approved as part of the Area Committees Safer Roads Programme. This budget is primarily used to address sites with a proven road casualty problem.
3. A closure would affect the access to properties on Raglan Terrace and the rear of properties numbered 119 to 137 New Lane. Thirteen of the 39 households on Raglan Terrace signed the petition (33%) and 8 out of the 10 affected households on New Lane.
4. During recent site visits, it has been noted that use of this route by vehicles is minimal and most drivers were gaining access to properties on Raglan Terrace; a closure would inconvenience these residents. There have been no recorded road injuries on this access road or on Raglan Terrace or New Lane within the vicinity of this access road in the last 5 years. No high speeds were observed.
5. There were 4 incidents of fly tipping reported to the Councils cleansing team on Raglan Terrace and New Lane and 3 street cleansing cases in 2016. The Area Operations Manager does consider this to be a problematic area which requires attention on a regular basis.

**Recommendations**

6. That no action be taken on the request for a road closure on the access road between New Lane and Raglan Terrace.

We the residents of Kershaw St New Lane and Raglan Terrace would like to request that the side road between these streets be closed off by means of Bollards

There is constant dumping of rubbish trees and household items such as fridges and television sets

The latest being a very large tipper wagon that dumped a massive amount of rubble garden waste benches and plant pots and soil and much more .That load took four days to remove and I should imagine at a great cost to the Council .The lane is also used by joy riders that are constantly driving at fast speeds and numerous accidents have occurred including damage to walls and fences and collisions into oncoming cars in New Lane, Raglan Terrace has no road humps to slow the drivers down

The Residents fear for safety of there children when playing out because of the constant traffic that cuts through to avoid the the road humps in Kershaw St and Derby Road Blocking this lane will not hider any ones access as Raglan Terrace leads both to Derby Road and Kershaw St CCTV would also help stop the dumping and speeding in this area

Included with this letter are the names of all the residents who would welcome this and have included there names and address. We hope this will help with our request

Yours hopefully

The residents



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**Petition – Rowan Avenue, Bradford (22 signatures)****Background information**

1. The petitioners are requesting the introduction of permit parking on Rowan Avenue, Bradford. Due to the close proximity of Thornbury Academy, children are dropped off and picked up from Rowan Avenue which causes inconvenience for residents and their visitors and safety concerns. Other streets in the area have recently had resident only parking schemes introduced which the petitioners believe has led to some displaced parking from nearby businesses.
2. Rowan Avenue is a small residential cul de sac of 32 houses. There is a pedestrian link from this cul de sac to Gurbax Court where there is an entrance to Thornbury Academy. Recent site visits revealed that (outside school drop-off/pick-up times) a maximum of 13 parked vehicles at the top of the cul de sac and 4 parked on the approach road. There is capacity for 36 parked vehicles therefore, a significant amount of parking space was available. At school pick up time the top of the cul de sac was fully occupied but there was empty parking space available on the approach road. This parking dispersed within 20 minutes. There has been one road injury in Rowan Avenue in the last 5 years.
3. The Council has an approved policy on Community On-Street Permit Parking which provides selection criteria to assess the relative severity of the parking problems and to help determine priorities for their implementation. In general terms 80% of parking space needs to be occupied for over 6 hours a day, for over 4 days a week and a significant amount of that needs to be parking by non-residents. The criteria must be met before a scheme can be considered. This duration of parking is rarely the case at school sites where parking only occurs for a short time each day in term times.
4. Whilst it is appreciated that inconvenience can be created for local residents by parking in streets near schools this only occurs for relatively short periods of the day as observed in this case. This street does not therefore meet the criteria in the council policy.
5. Recent permit parking schemes have been introduced in the Thornbury area in association with the City Connect cycle route. However the problems of displaced vehicles which led to these schemes would not affect Rowan Avenue. The waiting restrictions introduced for the cycle track on Dick Lane may have impacted on parking in Rowan Avenue; however the low numbers of parked cars observed outside of school pick up times do not indicate that this is the case.

**Recommendations**

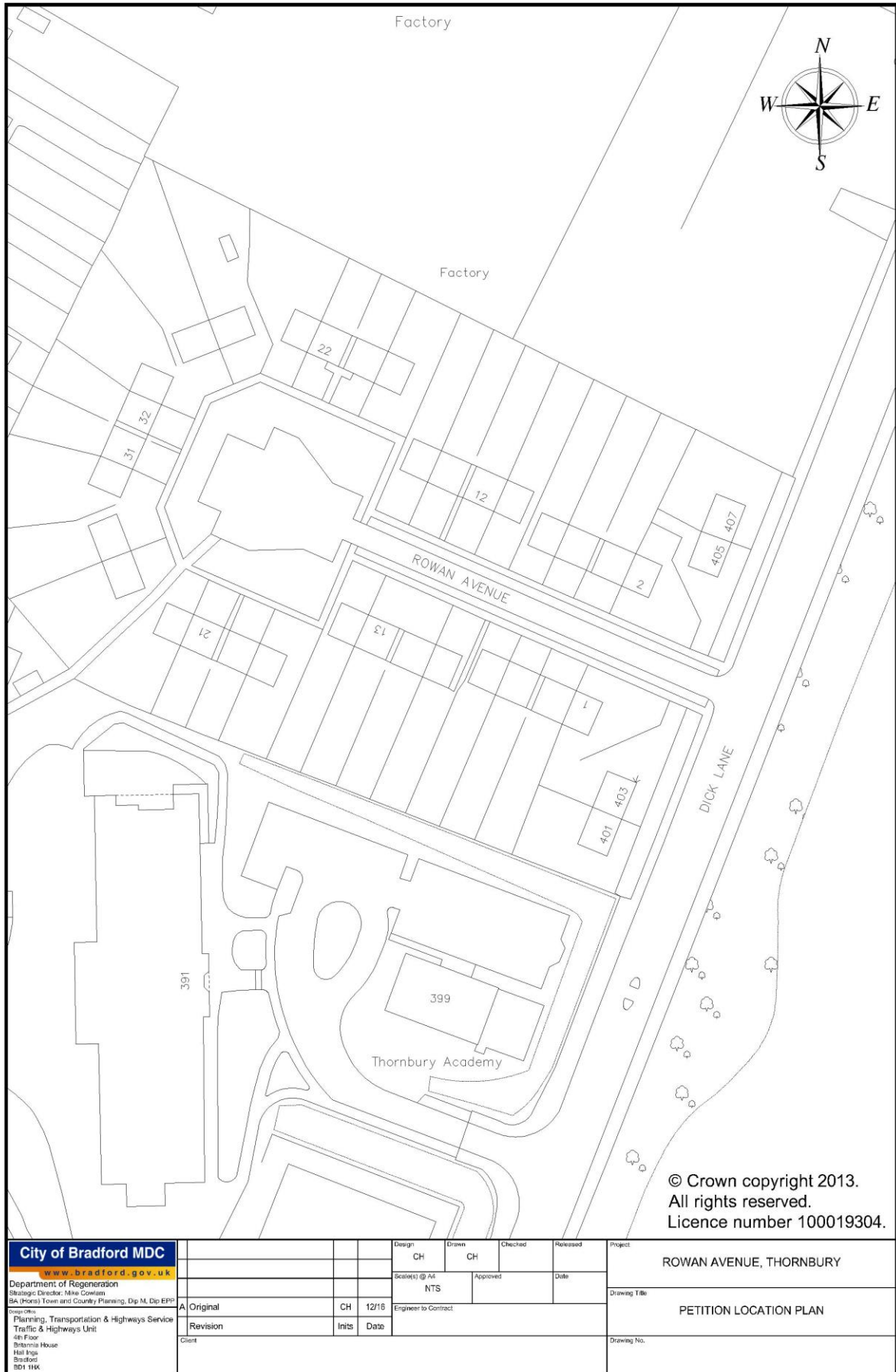
5. That no action be taken.

PARKING PERMITS

We the Residents of Rowan Avenue have concerns about cars parking issues from the school, businesses, and concern about parents walking their children to school and elder people who live on this avenue as well.

We the residents are fed up with these issue, there is accident waiting to happen when it does what is going to be done about these issues we have mentioned.





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