

Report of the Strategic Director, Place to the meeting of Bradford West Area Committee to be held on 29 March 2017

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Subject:

**WOODHEAD ROAD, BRADFORD
OBJECTION TO A PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER**

Summary statement:

This report considers an objection to a recently advertised Traffic Regulation Order for proposed waiting restrictions on Woodhead Road and Summerville Road, Bradford.

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1.0 SUMMARY

- 1.1. This report considers an objection to a recently advertised Traffic Regulation Order for proposed waiting restrictions on Woodhead Road and Summerville Road, Bradford.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1. At the Bradford West Area Committee meeting on 20 April 2016 funding was allocated from the Safer Roads Budget to construct a pedestrian refuge island on Woodhead Road and to prepare and advertise an associated Traffic Regulation Order. The proposed Order would prohibit waiting at any time in the immediate vicinity of the island and at the junction of Woodhead Road and Summerville Road. The waiting restrictions are proposed to protect access to the refuge for pedestrians and improving sight lines for drivers at the junction.
- 2.2. The proposals, shown on drawing No. THCW/103367/CON-1A attached as Appendix 1 to this report, were formally advertised between 30 September and the 21 October 2016. This resulted in one objection to the proposals.
- 2.3. A summary of the points of objection and corresponding officer comments is tabulated below: -

Objectors concerns	Officer comments
<p>The objector works at Bradford College. The College and University do not provide enough car parking spaces for their employees. The objector is concerned that the proposed no waiting at any time restrictions will remove convenient on street parking for employees who work in the area, convenient parking for local businesses and visitors.</p>	<p>At present vehicles park on both sides of Woodhead Road up to its junction with Summerville Road where it forms a crossroads. In the previous 5 year period there have been 6 collisions at the junction. One collision involved a pedestrian and in at least 2 of the crashes parked vehicles were a contributory factor. To help improve road safety it is proposed to prohibit parking around the junction and to construct a new pedestrian refuge in Woodhead Road. These proposals will improve sight lines for vehicles emerging from Summerville Road and provide a safe place for pedestrians to cross. The proposals will only cover a short section of Woodhead Road and Summerville Road, the remaining lengths of these roads will remain unrestricted for vehicles to park. It should be noted that the construction of the pedestrian refuge will not be possible without prohibiting parking in the immediate vicinity.</p>

3.0 OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1. Local ward members and the emergency services were consulted and there have been no comments received about the proposals.

4.0 FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

- 4.1. The estimated cost of the proposals is £12000 and will be met from the Safer Roads Budget approved by this committee.

5.0 RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

- 5.1. A failure to implement the proposed scheme would result in ongoing safety concerns at the junction of Woodhead Road and Summerville Road.

6.0 LEGAL APPRAISAL

- 6.1. There are no specific issues arising from this report. The course of action proposed is in general accordance with the Councils power 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 significant 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

The introduction of the proposed measures would be beneficial in terms of road safety.

7.5. HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

None

7.6. TRADE UNION

None

7.7. WARD IMPLICATIONS

Ward members have been consulted on the proposals.

7.8. AREA COMMITTEE WARD PLAN IMPLICATIONS

None

8.0 NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

None

9.0 OPTIONS

9.1. That the objection be upheld and the scheme be abandoned.

9.2. Councillors may propose an alternative course of action on which they will receive appropriate officer advice.

10.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1. That the objection be overruled and the pedestrian refuge on Woodhead Road be constructed and the proposed Traffic Regulation Order at the junction of Woodhead Road and Summerville Road be sealed and implemented as advertised.

10.2. That the objector be informed accordingly.

11.0 APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – drawing THCW/103367/CON-1A.

12.0 BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

12.1. CBMDC File Ref. 103367

