

# **Report of the Strategic Director Place to the meeting of Bradford East Area Committee to be held on 15 March 2018.**

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**Subject:**

**NORMAN LANE, BRADFORD, TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER – OBJECTIONS**

**Summary statement:**

This report considers objections received to a recently advertised Traffic Regulation Order for Norman Lane, Bradford proposed in association with the provision of a pedestrian refuge island.

**Wards:**

**4 Bolton and Undercliffe  
10 Eccleshill**

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**Portfolio:**

**Regeneration, Planning and Transport**

**Overview & Scrutiny Area:**

**Environment and Waste Management**

## **1.0 SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report considers objections received to a recently advertised Traffic Regulation Order for Norman Lane, Bradford proposed in association with the provision of a pedestrian refuge island.

## **2.0 BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 At its meeting of 11 July 2017 this Area Committee approved as part of its Safer Roads Schemes Programme the provision of a pedestrian refuge island on Norman Lane near to St Francis Church and improvements to the existing zebra crossing near Wayside Crescent. In association with the proposed refuge island a Traffic Regulation Order for No Waiting at Any Time restrictions on a part length of the north side of Norman Lane is proposed to ensure the safe through passage of traffic and to protect sight lines for drivers and pedestrians crossing the road. There are existing waiting restrictions on the south side of Norman Lane at this location.
- 2.2 The location of the proposed refuge island and extent of the proposed waiting restrictions is shown on drawing No. HS/TRSS/103761/CON-1A attached as Appendix 1 to this report.
- 2.3 The Traffic Regulation Order was advertised between 29 September and 20 October 2017. At the same time consultation letters and plans were delivered to residents and businesses affected by the proposals. This resulted in four objections and one representation regarding the proposals.
- 2.4 The representations were considered at the meeting of the Bradford East Area Committee on 9 November 2017 where it was resolved:
- That the item be deferred for further consideration through a working group comprising of officers, ward members and key local interested parties.*
- 2.5 A working group meeting was held on 8 January 2018 at St Francis Church, Norman Lane. The meeting was attended by Highways officers, elected members from Bolton & Undercliffe and Eccleshill wards, local business representatives and the parish priest. At the meeting it was concluded that:
- i. The proposed zebra crossing improvements should be carried out.
  - ii. The proposed pedestrian island and associated yellow lines should be abandoned.
  - iii. The potential to relocate the existing crossing point on Norman Lane at the Five Lane Ends roundabout should be explored.
- 2.6 Point iii in paragraph 2.5 was subsequently investigated by officers and it was further concluded, in consultation with ward members, that the minimal achievable modification would not represent value for money.

### **3.0 OTHER CONSIDERATIONS**

- 3.1 Local ward members and the emergency services have been consulted on the proposals.

### **4.0 FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE APPRAISAL**

- 4.1 The allocated budget (Safer Roads) for the original scheme is £20,000. If a reduced scheme is implemented, any residual funding would be considered for re-allocation when the next Safer Roads programme report is presented to the Area Committee.

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

- 5.1 Implementation of the original proposals would impact on funeral services at St Francis church.

### **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 2010 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 proposed modifications to the zebra crossing on Norman Lane 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**

8.1 None

**9.0 OPTIONS**

9.1 That the objections be upheld and the proposed pedestrian refuge island and associated Traffic Regulation Order be abandoned.

9.2 That the objections be overruled and the proposal be implemented as advertised.

9.3 Councillors may propose an alternative course of action from that recommended on which they will receive appropriate officer advice.

**10.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

10.1 That the objections be upheld and the proposed pedestrian refuge island and associated Traffic Regulation Order be abandoned.

10.2 That the proposed improvements to the zebra crossing on Norman Lane near Wayside Crescent be implemented.

10.3 That the objectors be informed accordingly.

**11.0 APPENDICES**

11.1 Appendix 1 – Drawing No. HS/TRSS/103761/CON-1A.

**12.0 BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

12.1 City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council File Ref: HS/TRSS/103761.

