

Report of the Strategic Director, Regeneration to the meeting of Bradford West Area Committee to be held on 23 March 2016

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Subject:

PETITION RELATING TO TRAFFIC MATTERS

Summary statement:

This report considers a petition requesting that the Council introduce a contra-flow cycle lane on the one way section of Longside Lane, Bradford.

Ward 7 City

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Overview & Scrutiny Area:

Environment & Waste Management



1.0 SUMMARY

- 1.1. This report considers a petition requesting that the Council introduce a contra-flow cycle lane on the one way section of Longside Lane, Bradford.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1. Petition – Longside Lane, Bradford (94 signatures)

- 2.1.1. A petition was presented to the Council meeting on the 19 January 2016. The Council having considered the petition decided to refer it to the Bradford West Area Committee for resolution.

- 2.1.2. The petitioners are concerned that the one-way system recently introduced on Longside Lane is causing confusion to cyclists and is deterring cyclists from taking what should be, a very simple route into the University from Thornton Road. A one way system going from the University to Thornton Road has been incorporated into a section of Longside Lane between the junctions of Richmond Road and Hey Street. Cyclists travelling to the University now have to take a poorly marked detour along Hey Street where visibility is very poor and the one way system doesn't favour cyclists travelling to the University. Because of this, most cyclists now ride the full way up Longside Lane directly to the University. The petitioners request installing a contra-flow cycle lane on the section of Longside Lane between the junctions of Richmond Road and Hey Street and the addition of double yellow lines on the opposite side of the road, where cars currently park restricting available road width. The petitioners feel that the current one-way system discourages cycling to the University.

- 2.1.3. It is agreed that the introduction of two way cycling on the section of Longside Lane between the junctions of Richmond Road and Hey Street will make this route significantly more convenient and attractive to cyclists.

- 2.1.4. From on site observations Longside Lane was seen to be lightly trafficked therefore un-segregated two-way cycling would appear to be an appropriate solution. However to facilitate this movement a Traffic Regulation Order would be required. It is therefore recommended that the request for two-way cycling on Longside lane is added to the list of potential schemes for inclusion in a future Safer Roads Schemes Programme subject to funding being available.

3.0 OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1. The local Ward Members have been sent a copy of the petition and any comments they wish to make will be available at this meeting.

4.0 FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

- 4.1. There are no direct financial or resource implications arising from this report. If members resolve to add this request to the list of potential future schemes, consideration of funding implications will be given when the next scheme programme selection report is presented.

5.0 RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

5.1. There are no significant risks arising from this report.

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 Council's power as Highway Authority.

7.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS

7.1. EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

There are no issues arising from the Council's Equality & Diversity Strategy.

There are no issues arising from the Initial Equality Impact Assessment.

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 gasses 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

City Ward Members have been sent a copy of the petition.

7.8. AREA COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN IMPLICATIONS

None

8.0 NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

8.1. None

9.0 OPTIONS

- 9.1. That the proposal to introduce un-segregated two-way cycling on Longside Lane between the junctions of Richmond Road and Hey Street be added to the list of potential schemes for inclusion in a future Safer Roads Schemes Programme, subject to funding being available.
- 9.2. That Longside Lane be made two way to all traffic. This will however require the removal of the on-street parking from the north side of the carriageway, which could adversely affect local businesses and visitors to the University.
- 9.3. That no action be taken on the request for a contra-flow cycle lane on Longside Lane.
- 9.4. Members may propose a different course of action to those listed and in that case will receive appropriate guidance from officers.

10.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10.1. That the proposal to introduce un-segregated two-way cycling on Longside Lane between the junctions of Richmond Road and Hey Street be added to the list of potential schemes for inclusion in a future Safer Roads Schemes Programme, subject to funding being available.
- 10.2. That the lead petitioner be informed accordingly.

11.0 APPENDICES

- 11.1. Appendix 1 Longside Lane – Petition
- 11.2. Appendix 2 Longside Lane – Location Plan

12.0 BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

- 12.1. Department for Transport Traffic Advisory Leaflet 6/98 – Contra-Flow Cycling
- 12.2. Cycle Touring Club – Contra-Flow Cycling (two-way cycling in one-way streets)

94 Signatures

Petitioning Bradford Council

Longside Lane One Way System - Cyclists Contraflow Needed

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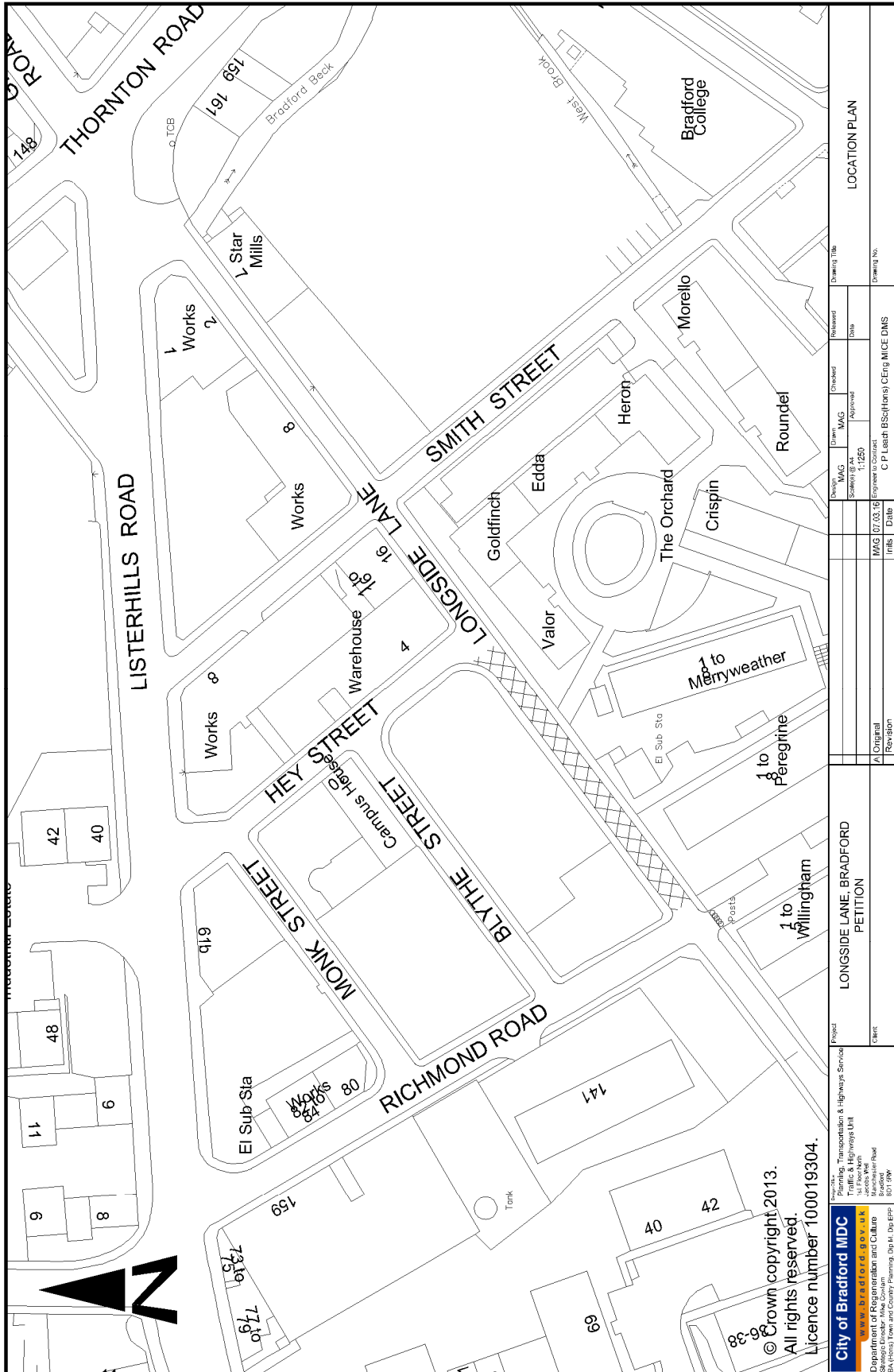
A recent alteration to the one way system on Longside Lane is causing confusion to cyclists and is deterring cyclists from taking what should be, a very simple route into University from Thornton Road.

A one way system going from the University to Thornton Road has been added on a section of Longside Lane between the junctions of Richmond Road and Hey Street. Cyclists traveling to the university now have to take a poorly marked detour along Hey Street where visibility is very poor and the one way system doesn't favour cyclists traveling to the university.

Because of this, most cyclists ride the full way up Longside Lane (which is considerably uphill) directly to the university, it's the common sense route to take.

We request installing a contraflow cycle lane on the section of Longside Lane between Hey Street and Richmond Road and the addition of double yellow lines on the opposite side of the road, where cars currently park, restricting road width.

We feel that the current system discourages cycling to the university



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