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Tuesday 13 June 2023

Notice of Meeting

Dear Member

Cabinet Committee - Local Issues

The Cabinet Committee - Local Issues will meet in the Meeting Room 3 - Town Hall, Huddersfield at 10.00 am on Wednesday 21 June 2023.

The items which will be discussed are described in the agenda and there are reports attached which give more details.

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Cabinet Committee - Local Issues

Members

Councillor Graham Turner Councillor Paul Davies Councillor Masood Ahmed

Agenda Reports or Explanatory Notes Attached

Pages 1: **Appointment of Chair** To note the appointment of Councillor Graham Turner as the Chair of the Committee for the 2023/2024 municipal year. 2: **Membership of the Committee** To note the appointment of the Membership of the Committee for the 2023/2024 municipal year, under the delegated authority of the Leader of the Council. Councillor Masood Ahmed - Councillor Paul Davies - Councillor Graham Turner 1 - 4 3: **Minutes of Previous Meeting** To approve the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 27 February 2023. 5 - 6 4: Interests The Councillors will be asked to say if there are any items on the Agenda in which they have disclosable pecuniary interests, which would prevent them from participating in any discussion of the items or participating in any vote upon the items, or any other interests.

5: Admission of the Public

Most debates take place in public. This only changes when there is a need to consider certain issues, for instance, commercially sensitive information or details concerning an individual. You will be told at this point whether there are any items on the Agenda which are to be discussed in private.

6: Deputations/Petitions

The Committee will receive any petitions and/or deputations from members of the public. A deputation is where up to five people can attend the meeting and make a presentation on some particular issue of concern. A member of the public can also submit a petition at the meeting relating to a matter on which the body has powers and responsibilities.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10, Members of the Public must submit a deputation at least three clear working days in advance of the meeting and shall subsequently be notified if the deputation shall be heard. A maximum of four deputations shall be heard at any one meeting.

7: Public Question Time

To receive any public questions.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11, the period for the asking and answering of public questions shall not exceed 15 minutes.

Any questions must be submitted at least three clear working days in advance of the meeting.

8: Member Question Time

The Committee will receive oral questions from Councillors.

In accordance with Executive Procedure Rule 2.3 (2.3.1.6) a period of up to 30 minutes will be allocated.

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9: Traffic Regulation Order No 19 2022, Proposed No Waiting At Any Time at Field Lane, Wood Street, George Street, Talbot Street, Whitaker Street and Bar Street, Batley

To consider objections received to Traffic Regulation Order No 19 2022, Proposed No Waiting At Any Time, Field Lane, Wood Street, George Street, Talbot Street, Whitaker Street and Bar Street, Batley.

Contact: Karen North, Highway Safety

Ward affected: Batley East



Contact Officer: Jodie Harris

KIRKLEES COUNCIL CABINET COMMITTEE - LOCAL ISSUES MONDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2023

Present:

Councillor Graham Turner Councillor Paul Davies Councillor Eric Firth

In Attendance:

Elizabeth Cusick, Operational Manager - Highways and Streetscene Karen North, Principal Technical Officer - Highways and Streetscene Gary Sutcliffe, Senior Engineer

Mr Matthew Beardsworth

Apologies:

Councillor Naheed Mather

1. Membership of the Committee

Apologies were received from Councillor Naheed Mather. Councillor E Firth attended as substitute.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

To approve the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 19th December 2022.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 19th December 2022 be approved as a correct record.

3. Interests

There were no interests declared.

4. Admission of the Public

All agenda items were considered in public session

5. Deputations/Petitions

The Committee noted a deputation in relation to item 8 presented by Mr Matthew Beardsworth who raised concerns around how the proposed changes may affect access to his businesses, for staff and large vehicles including tractors. Road safety issues were also highlighted particularly in relation to the need to do a U- turn into one of the premises. Mr Beardsworth had been supportive of the previous proposals to add roundabouts to the staggered crossroads but felt that the new plans to add more traffic lights in the area would exacerbate the current problems further.

RESOLVED: The Committee noted the deputation in relation to Item 8 from Mr Beardsworth.

6. Public Question Time

No public questions were received.

7. Member Question Time

No member questions were asked.

8. Objections to Proposed Casualty Reduction Scheme, A649 Halifax Road / A643 Walton Lane / B6120 Scholes Lane, Hartshead Moor staggered crossroads junction.

The Committee considered a report in respect of the objections received in response to the Proposed Casualty Reduction Scheme, A649 Halifax Road / A643 Walton Lane / B6120 Scholes Lane, Hartshead Moor staggered crossroads junction, which was presented by Gary Sutcliffe, Senior Engineer.

It was explained that the original reason for the proposals were to allow better turning movements from side roads onto Halifax Road which achieved several benefits for vehicles. However, the original proposals included the introduction of roundabouts which didn't introduce the same benefits for pedestrians and cyclists. In implementing the current proposal including traffic lights, the outcome would achieve benefits for all road users. The current proposals considered the nature of the staggered crossroads, and the traffic lights would operate in an integrated manner and pedestrians would be catered for with green man facilities. There was more resilience in the traffic light scheme than the roundabout scheme through a more flexible system of traffic management, but this required restrictions on U-Turns.

The traffic regulation order to introduce the moving traffic restrictions required to support the traffic signal proposals, and all the associated junction improvement measures were publicly advertised between 17 November 2022 and 15 December 2022, alongside the proposed 30mph speed limit proposal, advertised 24 Nov and 22 December 2022. During those advertising periods 2 objections were received to the proposed U-turn bans.

The Officer recommendations was that the objections be overruled to enable the schemes to be implemented and operated, as designed and as advertised. This was because the proposed scheme had been designed to ensure that road traffic injury collisions involving turning vehicles were kept to a minimum. The restrictions on U turns would allow the full potential benefits of the scheme to be realised, whilst keeping traffic flowing at its maximum capacity through the junction.

The Committee noted the report and asked a question in relation to the proposed changes to the U-Turn. In response Gary Sutcliffe, shared the plan of the proposals to show the Committee where U-Turns would be permitted. These were on Halifax Road at Sunny Bank Close, West to East and on Halifax Road at the new central reserve gap, east to West.

The Committee asked about the sharp right into Mr Beardsworth's business, Elizabeth Cusick, Operational Manager - Highways and Streetscene responded to highlight that the approach as per the new proposals would be across a single lane of traffic instead of two, and the introduction of traffic lights would ensure that the flow of traffic would be slowed. Elizabeth Cusick further added that officers understood current difficulties faced by businesses and that the introduction of the traffic lights would increase travel time, but the aim of the scheme was to reduce the risk of collisions and increase safety for all road users.

The Committee agreed that the safety of road users was central to the scheme and wanted to understand more about the sequencing of the traffic lights to control traffic flow. Gary Sutcliffe responded to advise that the Urban Traffic Control Department was producing an arrangement to reduce conflicts between road users and increase flexibility to changes in traffic flows. Traffic lights also shared out delays across all flows of traffic whereas the dominant flow would cause delays to other entry points when using a roundabout system.

The Committee noted that there had been a significant number of accidents in the area, and it was important to act to prevent further collisions from occurring. Having considered the information presented verbally and in writing the Committee agreed;

RESOLVED: That the objections be overruled, and that the Proposed Casualty Reduction Scheme, A649 Halifax Road / A643 Walton Lane / B6120 Scholes Lane, Hartshead Moor staggered crossroads junction be implemented as advertised.



Agenda Item 4

KIRKLEES COUNCIL	COUNCIL/CABINET/COMMITTEE MEETINGS ETC DECLARATION OF INTERESTS		Brief description of your interest			
			Does the nature of the interest require you to withdraw from the meeting while the item in which you have an interest is under consideration? [Y/N]			
			Type of interest (eg a disclosable pecuniary interest or an "Other Interest")			
		Name of Councillor	Item in which you have an interest			

NOTES

Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

If you have any of the following pecuniary interests, they are your disclosable pecuniary interests under the new national rules. Any reference to spouse or civil partner includes any person with whom you are living as husband or wife, or as if they were your civil partner.

Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain, which you, or your spouse or civil partner, undertakes.

Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from your council or authority) made or provided within the relevant period in respect of any expenses incurred by you in carrying out duties as a member, or towards your election expenses.

Any contract which is made between you, or your spouse or your civil partner (or a body in which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, has a beneficial interest) and your council or authority -

- under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and
 - which has not been fully discharged.

Any beneficial interest in land which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, have and which is within the area of your council or authority.

Any licence (alone or jointly with others) which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, holds to occupy land in the area of your council or authority for a month or longer Any tenancy where (to your knowledge) - the landlord is your council or authority; and the tenant is a body in which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, has a beneficial interest.

Any beneficial interest which you, or your spouse or your civil partner has in securities of a body where -

- (a) that body (to your knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of your council or authority; and

the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that

if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, has a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.

Agenda Item 9



Name of meeting: Cabinet Committee - Local Issues

Date: 21 June 2023

Title of report: Traffic Regulation Order No 19 2022, Proposed No Waiting At Any

Time, Field Lane, Wood Street, George Street, Talbot Street,

Whitaker Street and Bar Street, Batley

Purpose of report: To consider objections received to the above proposals.

Key Decision - Is it likely to result in spending or saving £250k or more, or to have a significant effect on two or more electoral wards?	No
Key Decision - Is it in the <u>Council's Forward</u> <u>Plan (key decisions and private reports?)</u>	No
The Decision - Is it eligible for call in by Scrutiny?	Yes
Date signed off by <u>Strategic Director</u> & name	Colin Parr – 10 May 2023
Is it also signed off by the Service Director Finance?	Eamonn Croston – 10 May 2023
Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Legal Governance and Commissioning?	Julie Muscroft – 28 April 2023
Cabinet member portfolio - Environment	Cllr Masood Ahmed

Electoral wards affected: Batley East

Ward councillors consulted: Yes

Public or private: Public

Has GDPR been considered: Yes

1. Summary

- 1.1 Complaints were received from the Batley East Local Ward Councillors on behalf of local residents about inconsiderate and obstructive parking taking place on Wood Street, both sides of Field Lane including on the pavement blocking vehicular and pedestrian access, and on and up to the junctions of George Street, Talbot Street, Whitaker Street and around the bend of Bar Street blocking visibility and access for drivers using this route.
- 1.2 Several site visits have shown parking regularly take place at the above locations and a scheme was developed and designed to improve access and road safety along the route here. These proposals were consulted on and legally advertised between 16 February 2023 to 16 March 2023, during which time three objections and a petition opposing the proposals were received.

2. Information Required to Take a Decision

- 2.1 Several businesses and local residents take access to and from Field Lane to reach their premises as well as drivers going to and from the Kirklees Council 72 hour long stay public car park off it. There is also a local community centre with pedestrian and vehicular access to its designated off-street car park taken from near the bottom of Talbot Street.
- 2.2 Drivers also use Field Lane to access to and from Bradford Road to avoid queuing at the Hick Lane/Bradford Road traffic signals adding to the volume of traffic using the route.
- 2.3 Bar Street is a one-way street leading from Bradford Road to Field Lane. Site visits have shown a number of large vans and vehicles from local businesses are constantly parked around the top of Bar Street at the junction of Field Lane. The parking at the right-hand side of this junction in particular totally blocks visibility for drivers exiting from this junction.
- 2.4 Congestion and access are also made difficult when drivers regularly park along the full length of one side of Field Lane leaving only the junctions as passing points when drivers park directly opposite the parking taking place and on and up to the adjacent junctions. Pedestrian access is also prevented as drivers then pull onto the footpath to allow other drivers to pass.
- 2.5 Wood Street in particular is a narrow road measuring less than 5 metres and any parking taking place on it would prevent vehicular access for other drivers.
- 2.5 To resolve these issues it was proposed to introduce 'No Waiting At Any Time' parking restrictions at strategic locations along Field Lane intermittently swopping sides, on both sides of Wood Lane and at the relevant junctions to prevent the displaced parking moving to these locations and to help maintain access and visibility along the route and improve road safety for all road users in this vicinity.

Objection 1

"This area already has restricted parking. There is little parking around this area as it is, and I would be disappointed if the proposal was approved. I do understand that double yellow lines are needed on the corners where Bar Street and Field Lane meet. This will help on the junction. But putting double yellow lines all the way down is going to cause implications for residents and the local organisations based here."

In response:

The proposals are designed to be as limited and as confined as possible but still be effective to reinforce the Highway Code, e.g. drivers should not park within 10 metres of a junction; and/or park anywhere their vehicle would cause an unnecessary obstruction e.g., double parking on a road totally blocking access; or on the footpath blocking pedestrian access.

There will still be legally unrestricted parking available along Field Lane, in the Kirklees Council long stay car park, and on Victoria Avenue to accommodate minimal displaced parking.

Objection 2

By way of introduction, we are a voluntary community organisation. Taylor Street Outreach Team (TSOT).

On behalf of residents, we are extremely concerned with the proposals outlined in your proposal and would like to formally object to the proposals.

This will affect local businesses at Field Lane, as well as the residents in the surrounding streets. People will park in Talbot Street for example. It is difficult enough for parking, putting double yellow lines will increase the issue. By doing what you are proposing, it would simply move the problem from one street to another. Plus, the risks of causing potential hazard for children crossing the road to the schools.

You will be aware the Community Centre on Field Lane WAS being used by the NHS as a Covid Vaccination Centre and the footfall and traffic increased as a result, members of the wider public (who were not from this area) used the Centre and parking their vehicles inappropriately, not using the Community Centre Car Park at the rear. This is what we believe has instigated this proposal. Please note, the centre is now NO LONGER being used as a covid vaccination centre, so the problem with the obstructive parking has ended. It is, therefore, unreasonable to install double yellow lines all the way down Field Lane. We appreciate they are needed on the corners where Bar Street meets Field Lane. This would certainly help with driving away from the junction, and for emergency vehicles. But they certainly are not needed all the way up and down the whole road Field Lane. We can foresee no significant benefit from the proposed plan as it is.

In response:

As above, the proposals are designed to be as limited and as confined as possible but still be effective to reinforce the Highway Code, maintain access and improve road safety in this vicinity for all road users, e.g., drivers should not park within 10 metres of a junction; and/or park their vehicle anywhere that would cause an unnecessary

obstruction; or double parking on a road totally blocking access; or on the footpath blocking pedestrian access. These proposals will prevent parking at junctions and on the footpath to improve the visibility for drivers of all pedestrians, including children wishing to cross the road here.

There still remains legally unrestricted parking available along Field Lane, in the Kirklees Council long stay car park, and on Victoria Avenue sufficient to accommodate parking needs.

Objection 3

I am writing in connection with the above. I am extremely concerned with the proposals outlined in your correspondence and would like to object to the proposals.

I have been in business for many years and suggesting making these proposals in such a difficult time is extremely concerning.

As you are fully aware the Community Centre on Field Lane is currently being used by the NHS as a Covid Vaccination Centre and the footfall and traffic has increased as a result, members of the public are using the Centre and parking their vehicles inappropriately, not using the Community Centre Car Park at the rear.

My business has been trading in the same location for several years and contributes significantly to the local community, proposing these changed would detrimentally affect my business operation. We are a very responsible business and respect our neighbours and the local community and always park our vehicles without obstructing any access, give-ways or causing any obstruction for oncoming vehicles. Like any business, these proposals will no doubt affect some business more than others and I do not personally feel any business on Field Lane, will suffer more severely than mine.

I am not familiar with what are the steps involved in these proposals, but I disagree with the proposals and would like to have a discussion with you, if possible, in what are the steps I can take to voice my concerns before any implementation is completed.

In response:

As above, the restrictions are designed to maintain safe vehicular and pedestrian access and reinforce the Highway Code. The proposed restrictions will ensure that drivers going to the Community Centre who do park inconsiderately or obstructively will instead use the Centre's designated car park and/or the Kirklees Council Car Park at all times, thus helping to improve road safety here.

The scheme however does not propose parking restrictions directly outside the objector's premises so their customers will continue to be able to park here as space allows.

Objection 4

A petition has been received from 214 residents in the Batley, Dewsbury, and Heckmondwike area, with six signatures from the Bradford area and one from Leeds. And only five properties in the immediate area of the proposals. The community petition objects to the proposed parking restrictions as it is felt they are unfair and

certainly not needed in a residential/commercial area. They realise the Council has received several complaints regarding obstructive parking and believes this has been mainly due to the members of the public accessing the local community centre for Covid 19 vaccinations and not parking in a respectable manner or using the community centre car parking bays located at the rear of the centre.

In response:

The complaints of obstructive and inconsiderate parking were received prior to the Community Centre being used for vaccinations. Due to covid restrictions shortly after, site visits were put on hold and no further investigations or site visits took place until lock down ended, and when parking patterns returned to normal. A site meeting with local ward councillors took place 7 June 2021 and at that time, obstructive and illegal parking was seen to take place, and further visits have shown that these problems are still taking place, even when the community centre is closed.

The proposed parking restrictions are needed to ensure that drivers park sensibly and do not park where they cause obstructions.

3 Implications for the Council

- 3.1 **Working with people** The scheme has been developed in consultation with the Local Ward Councillors in response to regular complaints of inconsiderate and obstructive parking received from local residents.
- 3.2 Working with Partners -
- 3.3 **Place based Working** The changes will improve road safety here.
- 3.4 Climate Change and Air Quality These proposals will ease congestion and not have a detrimental impact on Air Quality or Climate Change.
- 3.5 **Improving outcomes for children** These proposals are aimed at preventing pavement and obstructive parking at junctions improving road safety for children in this location.
- 3.6 Other implications None

4 Consultees and their opinions

The statutory consultees have been consulted and support to the scheme was received for the Huddersfield Motorcycle Action group.

The three Batley East Ward Councillors fully support the proposals.

5 Next steps and timelines

Cabinet Committee Local Issues to consider the objections raised during the formal advertising period and reach a decision on this proposal.

If the Cabinet Committee Local Issues chooses to overrule the objections, the scheme will be implemented on site as per the plans provided.

If the Cabinet Committee Local Issues chooses to uphold the objections, the scheme will not be implemented, and the expected benefits would not be realised.

6 Officer recommendations and reasons

The proposed scheme has been developed to prevent obstructive and inconsiderate parking in this area and improve road safety for all road users,

For these reasons, the Officer recommendation is that the objections and the petition is overruled, and the proposals are implemented as advertised, to allow the benefits to be realised.

7 Cabinet portfolio holder's recommendations

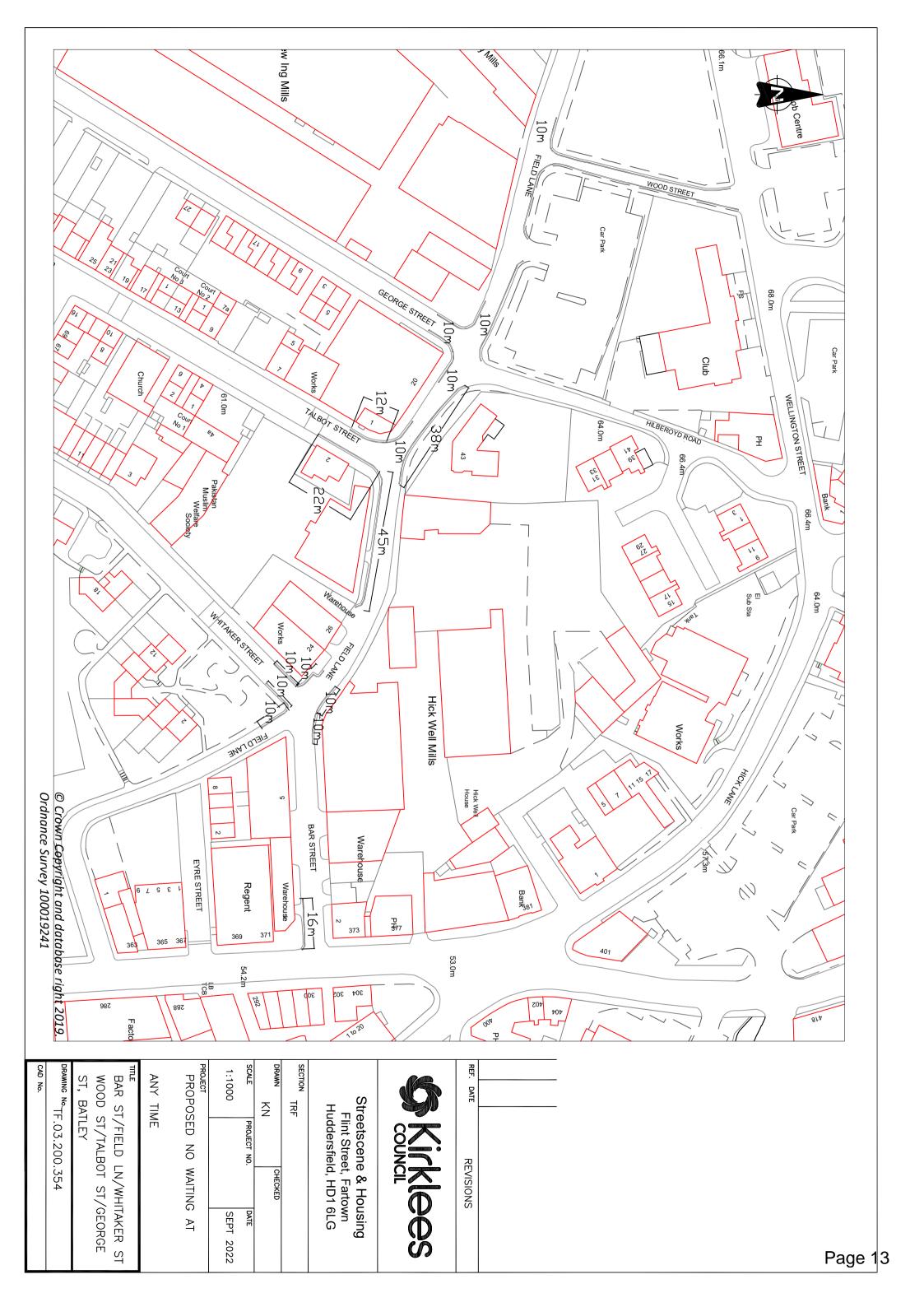
The Cabinet Portfolio Holder supports the Officer recommendations.

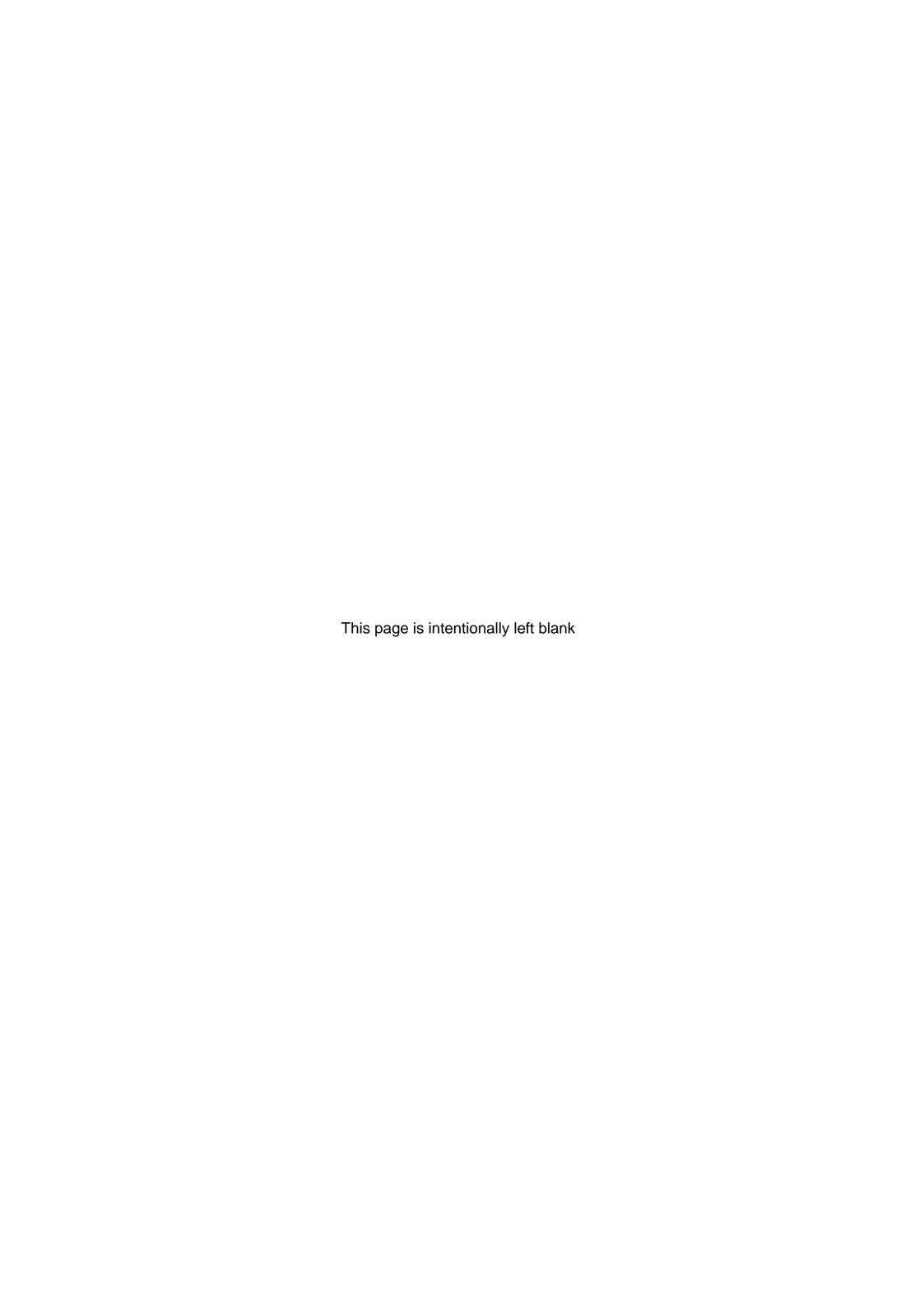
8 Contact Officer

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9 Service Director responsible

Graham West Service Director – Highways and Streetscene (01484) 221000 graham.west@kirklees.gov.uk





Proposed parking restrictions, Field Lane, George Street, Talbot Street, Whitaker Street, Wood Street and Bar Street, Batley Ref: DEV/HG/D116-2219

I am writing to object to the proposed plans to implement double yellow lines all the way down Field Lane, Batley.

This area already has restricted parking. There is little parking around this area as it is, and I would be disappointed if the proposal was approved. I do understand that double yellow lines are needed on the corners where Bar Street and Field Lane meet. This will help on the junction. But putting double yellow lines all the way down is going to cause implications for residents and the local organisations based here.

I would urge those that make decisions to adopt a more joined up and considered approach to the problem rather than the proposed plan.

Thank you,



Your ref: DEV/HG/D116-2219

Re: Proposed parking restrictions, Field Lane, George Street, Talbot Street, Whitaker Street, Wood Street and Bar Street, Batley

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In summary; essentially it is a group of local people who care deeply about this area, who wish to make a difference and help to provide support and a voice to people. We cover c250 households, in a largely ageing population, along with residents who have various challenges, which poses nuances to interaction with authorities and agencies. We have relationships with people who have been working in this area for a substantial number of years; who therefore understand that it's an area that has always been a close-knit community and includes a demographic which has certain language barriers. We have various projects ongoing, some of which I have summarised below. We have also created good working relationships and effective collaboration with our councillors and local organisations. We have hosted multi-agency meetings with local residents, the local MP, representatives from West Yorkshire Police, the Masjid's, the Madresah's, community centres, the local school and Safer Kirklees.

Projects have included road repairs, street maintenance, creating communication with the council, ASB support, road safety measures and proposals to the council in relation to recreational and exercise areas.

was set up pre the first national COVID-19 lockdown to support everyone in the community. As explained, is headed by residents in the community, along with a number of professionals and businesses who reside in the community, all of whom care deeply about the community. People were notified via leaflet drops to every household and social media platforms. Support has been provided in various ways, inc but not limited to:-

- Collecting essential shopping
- Collecting medicines
- Financial and emotional support
- Food parcels (package sent to every house)
- Kids competitions

We are also a recognised . Feedback has been really positive and cements how , can make real positive differences to people.

Additionally, we assist local residents with support and signposting in relation to issues such as:-

- Area Infrastructure:- including roads (potholes), speeding, drains, street lighting, litter bins, grit bins, pavements, road markings and, safe play and recreational areas for the community and general maintenance.
- Anti-Social Behaviour & Crime:- hotspots for people from outside the area, involved in drugs, littering, nuisance, crime etc, especially at night, speeding, careless driving, drug dealing, drug usage.

Your ref: DEV/HG/D116-2219

Re: Proposed parking restrictions, Field Lane, George Street, Talbot Street, Whitaker Street, Wood Street and Bar Street, Batley

Traffic Regulation Order (TRO No.19) 2022 - Statement of reasons (kirklees.gov.uk)

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I would advise you to review your past complaints, if any, in relation to the obstructive parking you have stated in your letter and disclose the same to us for me to review. Please also advise the number of objections you have received. Residents we have spoken to have advised they have sent various objections to the council, but have not received any acknowledgement. Should you require a Subject Access Request, please provide with the relevant form and procedure.

We have local businesses who we work closely with, who have been trading in the same location for several years. They contribute to the local community, assisting with our We believe they should not be penalised, nor should our local residents. We implore you to find a better, more acceptable resolution for all parties.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you,



From:

Sent: 14 March 2023 19:23

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Cc:

Subject: Ref: DEV/HG/D116-2219

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Regards

