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**KIRKLEES COUNCIL
CABINET COMMITTEE - LOCAL ISSUES
TUESDAY 21 JUNE 2022**

Present:

Councillor Graham Turner
Councillor Eric Firth
Councillor Naheed Mather

In Attendance:

Phillip Waddington, Group Engineer

Apologies: Councillor Paul Davies

1. Appointment of the Chair

The Committee were invited to nominate a Chair for the 2022/23 municipal year.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Graham Turner be appointed as Chair for the 2022/23 municipal year.

2. Membership of the Committee

Councillor Eric Firth attended as a substitute for Councillor Paul Davies.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

To approve the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on the 23rd March 2022.

The Committee noted the Minutes but were advised that these could not be approved as there were insufficient members of the previous meeting present.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the previous meeting be noted and submitted to the next meeting of the Committee for approval.

4. Interests

There were no interests declared.

5. Admission of the Public

All agenda items were considered in public session

6. Deputations/Petitions

No Petitions or deputations were received.

7. Public Question Time

No public questions were received.

8. Member Question Time

No member questions were asked.

9. Objection to Traffic Regulation Order No 34 Order 2021, Proposed “School Keep Clear” markings, Oxford Road, Dewsbury.

The Committee considered a report in respect of an objection received in response to the advertisement of Traffic Regulation Order No 34 Order 2021, Proposed “School Keep Clear” markings, Oxford Road, Dewsbury. The report was presented by Phillip Waddington, Group Engineer who summarised the details of the proposals, the grounds for the objection and the response to the objection.

The Committee were informed that St John Fisher Catholic Voluntary Academy was located on the middle of Oxford Road. Parking, speeding, visibility, and safety was a concern and a problem in this area especially at school peak times where vehicles usually parked on both sides of the road, up to and past the school. As a result of vehicles parking on both sides of Oxford Road a child was involved in an accident last year whilst crossing Oxford Road from school.

To try to improve visibility and access for both pedestrians and drivers, a section of informal “Keep Clear” markings had previously been installed; however, these have had little impact. As a result, more, formal “School Keep Clear” markings had now been proposed, as close to the desired pedestrian crossing line as possible for pedestrians approaching and leaving the school using the school footpath links. These School Keep Clear markings would be operational for the same time periods as the existing restrictions (between the hours of 8 – 9.30 am, and 2.30 – 4pm, Monday – Friday) and would form part of a larger traffic calming scheme along Oxford Road. The proposed markings had been kept to a minimum, to maximise safety, but to reduce the potential for traffic to need to migrate onto the surrounding roads. To support safety adjacent to the school traffic calming features had also been proposed, in the form of road humps, which were advertised separately.

The Traffic Regulation Order for the installation of the School Keep Clears was advertised between 6 January 2022 to 03 February 2022 and during that time one objection was received from a resident of Oxford Road. In addition, the Traffic Regulation Order for the installation of the road humps was advertised between 7th April to the 5th of May 2022 and during that time no objections were received.

The Committee requested to know if the proposed traffic calming measures were 'humps' or 'plateaus' highlighting that they had very different impacts on vehicles. Phillip Waddington responded to reassure the Committee that the proposals referred to plateaus that would be approximately 9 metres in length spanning from kerb to kerb. A smaller ramp would be provided for cars to travel over which would also act as an informal crossing point for pedestrians.

After considering the information presented verbally and in writing, the Committee expressed that they were satisfied that the officers report had responded to the objection and that they agreed with recommendations highlighting that the safety of children was paramount.

RESOLVED: That the objection be overruled, and that the proposals for the Traffic Regulation Order No 34 Order 2021, Proposed "School Keep Clear" markings, Oxford Road, Dewsbury be implemented as advertised.