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KIRKLEES COUNCIL

CABINET COMMITTEE - LOCAL ISSUES

Wednesday 29th March 2023

Present: Councillor Graham Turner (Chair)
Councillor Naheed Mather
Councillor Paul Davies

1 Membership of the Committee

All Committee Members were present.

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 27 February 2023 be approved as a correct record.

3 Interests

No interests were declared.

4 Admission of the Public

It was noted that all agenda items would be considered in public session.

5 Deputations/Petitions

The Cabinet Committee received the following deputations;

- (i) Deputation from Mrs Jane Carter in relation to Agenda Item 7 -Traffic Regulation (No 18) Order 2022 – Objection to the proposed one-way working on part of Burn Road, Lindley.
- (ii) Deputation from Mr Stephen Dorril in relation to Agenda Item 8 – Holmfirth Town Centre Access Plan.

The Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Mather) responded to the content of deputations at the consideration of the relevant agenda items.

6 Member Question Time

No questions were asked.

7 Traffic Regulation (No 18) Order 2022 - Objection to the proposed one-way working on part of Burn Road, Lindley

(Under the provision of Council Procedure Rule 36 (1) the Cabinet Committee received a representation from Councillor Gregg).

Cabinet gave consideration to a report which set out details of an objection that had been received following the advertisement of Traffic Regulation (No.18) Order 2022. The Traffic Regulation Order referred to a section of one-way working on part of Burn Road, Lindley.

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The report advised that, pursuant to the granting of planning permission 2017/62/90180/W, the one way restriction had been chosen as a practical method to prevent the intensification of use of the junction of Burn Road and Halifax Road, which has poor visibility.

The Committee were advised that the Traffic Regulation Order had been advertised between 20 July 2018 and 17 August 2018 and that one objection had been received but that, due to an oversight, the objection had not been dealt with and the process had not been concluded. To amend this anomaly, a new Traffic Regulation Order for this section of one-way working had been advertised from 16 November 2022 to 14 December 2022, to which one objection was received. The report indicated that, as the physical measures for the scheme had already been implemented, the carriageway narrowing, signing and road marking works associated with the restriction were currently in place.

The Committee gave consideration to the Officer recommendation to overrule the objection, and noted the observations and suggestions for the management of traffic which had been proposed by the objector, including the potential inclusion of yellow hatching on the south bound carriageway of Halifax Road to prevent the blocking of the junction.

RESOLVED – That the objection be overruled and that Traffic Regulation Order (No 18) 2022 be sealed as advertised.

8 Holmfirth Town Centre Access Plan

The Committee gave consideration to a report which provided an overview of the Holmfirth Town Centre Action Plan and set out an overview of the scheme which aimed to provide infrastructure to support the growth of the area.

The report set out the objectives of the scheme and explained that, in order to support the delivery of the objectives, it was proposed that a 20mph speed limit within the town centre be introduced and that two existing zebra crossings on Towngate, Victoria Square and Victoria Street be converted to puffin crossings. The report advised that the proposals were designed to provide improvements to current congestion in the town centre, improve journey times and access and safety for pedestrians and cyclists using the area. It was noted that the proposals also included the demolition of the former market hall building and the extension of the adjacent Huddersfield Road car park, which had been granted planning permission in February 2022.

The Cabinet Committee were advised that the introduction of a 20 mph speed limit and conversion of the existing zebra crossings had been advertised from 20 January 2023 to 10 February 2023 and that one objection had been received to each proposal. The objections were set out at Appendix 3 of the report.

The Committee gave consideration to the Officer recommendation to overrule the objections, and noted the content of the submitted objections.

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RESOLVED – That the objections to the proposed speed limit and conversion of zebra crossings be overruled, and the proposals for the scheme, as advertised, be approved.