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KIRKLEES COUNCIL

CABINET COMMITTEE - LOCAL ISSUES

Wednesday 31st January 2024

Present: Councillor Graham Turner (Chair)
Councillor Moses Crook
Councillor Paul Davies

In attendance: Councillor Jo Lawson

Ken Major, Principal Engineer
Phillip Waddington, Group Engineer

Mr Ajmal
Mr Ahmed

Apologies:

1. Membership of the Committee

No apologies were received.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Committee considered the Minutes of the meetings held on 29th March 2023
20th October 2023 and the 22 November 2023.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the previous meetings be approved
as a correct record.

4 Interests

No interests were declared.

5 Admission of the Public

All agenda items were considered in public session

6 Deputations/Petitions

The Cabinet Committee received the following deputations:

- Deputation from Mr Ajmal in relation to Item 8 (Traffic Regulation [No. 16] Order 2023, Proposed prohibition of waiting Blackmoorfoot Road, Bulay Road, Nelson Street and Springdale Avenue, Huddersfield)

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- Deputation from Mr Ahmed in relation to Item 8 (Traffic Regulation [No. 16] Order 2023, Proposed prohibition of waiting Blackmoorfoot Road, Bulay Road, Nelson Street and Springdale Avenue, Huddersfield)

The Cabinet Member for Housing and Highways responded to the content of the deputations at the consideration of the relevant agenda item.

7 Public Question Time

No public questions were submitted.

8 Member Question Time

No Member questions were asked.

Objections to Traffic Regulation [No. 16] Order 2023, Proposed prohibition of waiting Blackmoorfoot Road, Bulay Road, Nelson Street and Springdale Avenue, Huddersfield.

The Committee considered objections received for Traffic Regulation [No. 16] Order 2023, Proposed prohibition of waiting Blackmoorfoot Road, Bulay Road, Nelson Street and Springdale Avenue, Huddersfield.

The report was presented by Ken Major Principal Engineer who explained that the traffic regulation order was for two separate locations within the Crosland and Netherton ward and were advertised together. Both locations received objections during the advertising period of 4 October 2023 to 1 November 2023.

Significant issues regarding access/egress had been raised by a number of businesses on Blackmoorfoot Road. The main issue was that staff/visitors to businesses on the section of Blackmoorfoot Road were parking in a way which impeded access to and egress from the businesses. A scheme was developed to remove parking from these areas of concern and to make sure that other sections of Blackmoorfoot Road were not going to be impacted by displaced parking. The residents of Bulay Road had also had issues with their bins not being emptied due to bin wagons not being able to gain access to Bulay Road and Nelson Street. To improve the possibility large vehicles gaining full access regularly it was proposed to install “no waiting at any time” restrictions on key corners and junctions on Bulay Road, Nelson Street and Springdale Avenue. This would mean that the double yellow lines would free up tight turning areas so that larger vehicles could operate without obstruction.

Councillor Jo Lawson added that the problem of poor parking persisted despite other numerous interventions made to try and change parking behaviour. In addition to the issues of waste collection on Bulay Road, there were concerns with regards to emergency vehicle access. In respect of Blackmoorfoot Road the issue of pavement parking was highlighted on a regular basis by residents. This reduced access for businesses and caused a large stretch of the road to be in-accessible to pedestrians (especially push chair and wheelchair users) raising concerns for their safety. Councillor Lawson further asked the Committee to consider residents needs highlighting support for the TRO as a step forward in relieving the persistent issues residents reported regularly.

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Councillor Moses Crook highlighted the importance of the scheme in resolving the long-standing and persistent issues reported by residents where numerous attempts had prior been made to change behaviour. In response to concerns raised within the deputations given, it was noted that most of the parking restrictions may mirror existing restrictions due to their proximity to junctions (as listed in the Highway Code) and part of the aim of making the markings more visible was to increase adherence to the restrictions and the TRO did not remove significant legal parking. Councillor Crook also noted that some of the objections stated that parking restrictions were no longer required due to pavement parking, but in response it was highlighted that this was not a solution as this had a impact to pedestrian safety.

The Committee further noted that it was important for residents to benefit from regular waste collections as well as ensuring increased highways safety and emergency vehicle access and after considering all the information presented to it verbally, and in writing, it was agreed that:

RESOLVED: The objections to Traffic Regulation [No. 16] Order 2023, Proposed prohibition of waiting Blackmoorfoot Road, Bulay Road, Nelson Street and Springdale Avenue, Huddersfield be overruled, and that the proposals be implemented as advertised.