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KIRKLEES COUNCIL

CABINET COMMITTEE - LOCAL ISSUES

Wednesday 19th February 2025

Present:

Councillor Munir Ahmed
Councillor Graham Turner

Co-optees

In attendance:

Elizabeth Cusick, Operational Manager – Highways and
Street scene
Karen North, Principal Technical Officer

Observers:

Apologies: Councillor Moses Crook

1 Membership of the Committee

Apologies were received from Councillor Moses Crook

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Committee considered the Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd January 2025.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd January be deferred to the next meeting for approval.

3 Declaration of 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

No deputations or petitions were received.

6 Public Question Time

No questions were asked.

7 Member Question Time

No questions were asked.

8 Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) - 'Amendment Order No 15 of 2024' - Leeds Road/Jubilee Gardens, Mirfield

The Committee considered objections received to the proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) – 'Amendment Order No 15 of 2024' – Leeds Road/Jubilee Gardens, Mirfield which was presented by Karen North, Principal Technical Officer.

It was explained that a Planning Application (2020/62/92368/E) was submitted, by developers, and approved, for 14 dwellings with garages and the formation of a new access road off Leeds Road, Mirfield. Planning conditions were added to the planning approval, one of which required details of the access road to be submitted, along with an appropriate road safety audit, for approval, prior to commencement of the development (Appendix 1). This identified that drivers could continue to use the A62 Leeds Road and / or the junction mouth of the new development to park in, thus obstructing access and blocking visibility for drivers legitimately using the residential access, and/or for cyclists and pedestrians crossing the junction mouth. (Appendix 2). The road safety audit recommended the introduction of waiting restrictions into the access to protect it, and along the main road for a sufficient length to ensure adequate visibility for emerging vehicles onto Leeds Road.

The scheme to improve road safety for all road users using this route, at this location, was approved as part of the planning process, to ensure road safety, and the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) required to implement the waiting restrictions was advertised from 31 October 2024 to 28 November 2024. During the formal advertisement period two objections were received.

The three local ward councillors were consulted on the proposals and although Councillor Bolt raised some concerns regarding the reasoning for the proposal, no formal objections were raised at that time.

The Committee were presented with and considered two options which were;

- a) That the objection be overruled, and the proposals implemented as advertised
- b) That the objection should be upheld, and the proposals abandoned.

Having considered the information presented both verbally and in writing the Committee noted that the traffic audit was part of a planning condition and that they were satisfied that the amendments were to improve road safety for all road users. It was agreed:

RESOLVED – That the objections be overruled and that the proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) – 'Amendment Order No 15 of 2024' – Leeds Road/Jubilee Gardens, Mirfield be implemented as advertised.