REPORT TO THE DIRECTOR OF ECONOMY & INFRASTRUCTURE

REPRESENTATIONS TO AN ADVERTISED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER

THE METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF SOLIHULL (RADWAY ROAD) (NO PARKING ZONE FOR VEHICLES OVER 5 TONNE) ORDER 2021

6 FEBRUARY 2021

LEAD OFFICER: DAVINDER SINGH CHOHAN

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.0 TO CONSIDER REPRESENTATIONS TO A TRO FOR A NO PARKING ZONE ON RADWAY RD.

1.1 Background

- 1.2 It is proposed to introduce a "No parking zone for vehicles over 5 tonne" on Radway Road.
- 1.3 Parking is currently unrestricted on the southern side of Radway Road. Presently, lorries' are parking on this section overnight and at weekends. Due to the cul-de-sac nature of this road, the overnight parking activity has resulted in repeated instances of damage occurring to a commercial property located at the southern end of the road adjacent to the existing turning head.
- 1.4 Due to site constraints it is not possible to amend or widen the existing turning head. Therefore, it is intended to introduce a no parking zone (covering the full extent of the road) for vehicles over 5 tonne between: Midnight-7am & 8pm-Midnight (Monday-Saturday); All day Sunday.
- 1.5 In addition to the above named restriction it is proposed to install informatory signs at the start of the road advising "No overnight HGV parking. No turning facility when businesses are closed". This is on the basis that such vehicles should park appropriately in designated lorry parks where suitable welfare facilities are provided and not utilise the public highway.
- 1.6 The proposed traffic regulation order is shown on drawing no.'s 8806/1 (in Appendix A) & 8806/2 (in Appendix B).

1.7 Matters for Consideration

- 1.8 The proposals were advertised on 14 January 2021. The closing date for receipt of representations was 4 February 2021. 7 representations were received.
- 1.9 The West Midlands Fire Service had no objection to the proposal.
- 1.10 7 representations were received in favour of the proposal. However, all seven representations highlighted that large vehicles would still be able to park during the daytime. They requested that the operational times of the parking zone be extended to cover all periods of the day to prevent this (see 1.11-1.14 inclusive).
- 1.11 Parking zones for heavy goods vehicles are usually implemented overnight to prevent these types of vehicles parking inappropriately on the highway and encouraging them to park correctly at designated lorry parks.
- 1.12 Lorries require access to Radway Road during the daytime to make deliveries. Parking on the highway has to be permitted to facilitate this.
- 1.13 The lorry parking may be transferred to other nearby roads, such as Highlands Road, if the parking zone is extended to cover the full 24 hour period, for seven days a week.

1.14 The 7 representations in favour of the proposal have been reviewed and the additional request fully considered.

2 Ward Members' Views

- 2.1 The Ward Members for Shirley South are aware of the proposal for a traffic regulation order for Radway Road.
- 2.2 Officer's recommendation:-
- 2.3 The representations received in respect of the proposed traffic regulation order have been fully considered in sections 1.11 -1.14 (inclusive) of the report.
- 2.4 It is recommended that the proposed traffic regulation order on Radway Road (as detailed in Appendices A & B, drawing no.'s 8806/1 & 8806/2) should be implemented as originally advertised.

3 Democratic Services

3.1 Democratic Services have confirmed that the proposed order was subject to statutory advertisement on the dates reported and representations received as noted above.

4 Risk Implications

- 4.1 The Corporate Risk Management Approach has been complied with to identify and assess the significant risks associated with this decision / project. This includes (but is not limited to) political, legislation and reputation risks.
- 4.2 The Approach is not intended to eliminate all risks and not all the risks identified can be managed all of the time. Also, risks will still exist that have not been identified.

FOR DECISION

The Head of Highway Management is asked to approve that the traffic regulation order for Radway Road, as detailed on drawing no. 8806/1 in Appendix A, is implemented as originally advertised.

The recommendation as set out above is hereby approved:

P.S. Tovey

17th February 2021

Signature:Date:

Paul Tovey - Head of Highway Management