

AGENDA ITEM

REPORT TO APPEALS & COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE

20 JUNE 2013

REPORT OF CORPORATE DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT & NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

ALLENSWAY EXTENSION – ALLENSWAY/TEDDER AVENUE, THORNABY - ORDER 2013

1.0 SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek Members' views on an unresolved objection received following the statutory advertising of a proposal to implement No Waiting at Any Time restrictions on Tedder Avenue, Thornaby as part of the new Allensway extension.

It is not considered appropriate for the Head of Technical Services to consider the objection as he would be effectively reviewing his own decision.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:-

- (i) Members give consideration to the objection raised by Mrs Mack and also to the comments of the Head of Technical Services.
- (ii) The local Ward Councillors, Thornaby Town Council and the objector be informed of the Committee's recommendation.

3.0 DETAIL

- 3.1 The proposed extension to Allensway to provide a second access to the town centre formed part of the development agreement for Thornaby town centre. Under the terms of this agreement the developer, Thornfield Properties and its successors, had an obligation to provide a second access to the town centre. In accordance with the agreement, there was a requirement for the developer to set aside the sum of £750,000 as a bond to fund the new access road. The agreement stipulated that if the new road was not provided by the 31st March 2012 then the Council had an option to call in the bond and arrange the construction of the new road.
- 3.2 The developer did not proceed with the new road. A decision was therefore taken by the Council to seek planning approval to construct the new road. Planning approval was subsequently given on 27 February 2013.
- 3.3 A report presented to Cabinet on 12 November 2012 gave approval for progression of all necessary Traffic Regulation Orders associated with the Allensway Extension Scheme. It is necessary to introduce No Waiting at Any Time Restrictions on Tedder Avenue to help with the operation and efficiency of the new signal installation at the junction with Allensway.
- 3.4 The new link road onto Tedder Avenue has been designed with no left turn onto Tedder Avenue and no right turn from Tedder Avenue onto Allensway in order to avoid motorists using residential roads as a 'rat run'. The new Allensway / Tedder Avenue junction will be a signalised junction. **(See drawing no. TM2/151 in Appendix 1).**

3.5 A Notice for the proposed scheme was advertised in the Stockton edition of the Herald & Post, which all properties in the area receive, and on site on 7 March 2013 with the objection period expiring on 28 March 2013. Following the publication of the Statutory Notices, the Director of Law and Democracy formally received one letter of objection, attached at **Appendix 2**

4.0 DETAILS OF THE OBJECTION/RESPONSE

A copy of the outstanding objection from Mrs N Mack, 1 Havilland Road, Thornaby, Stockton on Tees, TS17 9JQ, dated 26 April 2013 is attached as **Appendix 2**.

Concerns:

'The number of parking spaces you are allocating is not sufficient for residents. We have problems with NPower workers parking, people going to the Pavilion gym and shoppers going to the town centre. We would like resident permit parking only.'

Response:

It is customary practice to provide No Waiting at Any Time restrictions for a minimum of 40 metres on the approach to traffic signals to help with the operation and efficiency of the signal installation. To avoid obstructive parking and aid the flow of traffic, the proposed restrictions extend from the junction of Whitley Road to Havilland Road, the restrictions will apply to the carriageway only.

Located approx 16 metres to the west of the objector's property there is existing hard standing on Tedder Avenue which provides off road parking for approximately 3 vehicles, this will reduce to 1 when the traffic signals are installed. A new hard standing area is proposed in front of the objector's property which will provide parking for a further 4 vehicles. There is also potential to combine the 2 hard standing areas which would provide parking for an additional 3-4 vehicles, subject to funding allocation being available.

Individual streets would not be considered for a resident permit parking scheme. A recent parking study has been carried out for on street and off street parking in and around Thornaby town centre. The report concludes that the limited short stay visitor parking and any limited long term employment related parking on residential streets does not appear to result in overall capacity issues in residential areas. The report does not propose any resident permit parking schemes for the area at this time.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The estimated cost of the full scheme is £1,330,254, the signing, lining and statutory advertisement is estimated at £2,500. The scheme is to be funded from the bond from the developer, Tees Valley Bus Network Improvement Scheme and SBC funds.

6.0 POLICY CONTENT

The restrictions will assist the safe and expeditious movement of traffic at this location and will reduce the potential for obstructive parking.

7.0 CONSULTATION

Local Ward Councillors, Thornaby Town Council, Head of Service and Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Transport were consulted on the proposals. Local residents were consulted during the statutory planning process. The objector, Mrs Mack, did not object when consulted during the planning process. Statutory consultations for the proposed Traffic Regulation Order involving advertising on site and in the local press were

undertaken; this resulted in one outstanding objection being received. The objector will be invited to the Appeals Committee.

8.0 CONCLUSIONS

The extension to Allensway will provide a second access to the town centre which will improve access for town centre users and support the long term viability of the centre. The proposed No Waiting at Any Time restrictions on Tedder Avenue and Allensway are necessary to help with the operation and efficiency of the signal installation, avoid obstructive parking and allow the free flow of traffic. The objection relates primarily to the proposed No Waiting at Any Time restrictions on Tedder Avenue between the junction of Whitley Road and Havilland Road which would restrict residents on road parking. However, there are few properties fronting Tedder Avenue and additional hard standing is being provided on Tedder Avenue to enable residents to park off road.

It is requested that the Committee recommend the objection is over-ruled to avoid the potential for obstructive parking and aid the flow of traffic and the No Waiting at Any Time restrictions are implemented as proposed.

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Environmental Implications

The measures proposed should ensure a safe and attractive environment for local residents.

Community Safety Implications

Addresses obstructive parking and road safety concerns.

Background Papers

Scheme of Delegation Reports TS.T.86.12

Education Related Item?

No

Ward(s) and Ward Councillors:

Stainsby Hill : Councillors Mrs S Walmsley and D Brown