

Bath & North East Somerset Council

DECISION MAKER:	Cllr Charles Gerrish, Cabinet Member for Customer Services	
DECISION DATE:	On or after 4th December 2010	EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN REFERENCE: E 2160
TITLE:	GBBN Corridor 10, Wellsway/Hatfield Road, Bath Objections received to the implementation of a bus lane and associated Traffic Regulation Orders in Wellsway, Bath	
WARD:	Lyncombe ward	
AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM		
List of attachments to this report: Appendix A - Objections received relating to turning and movement bans at Hatfield Road (East). Appendix B - Location plan Drawing No.TP2011/400/TRO2		

1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 To consider objections received to the implementation of vehicle turning bans and motor vehicle restrictions at the junction of Wellsway and Hatfield Road (East) Bath.
- 1.2 A further report will be published, regarding objections received to the remaining advertised Traffic Orders on Wellsway and Hatfield Road.

2 RECOMMENDATION

The Cabinet member is asked to agree that:

- 2.1 The movement and turning bans at the junction of Wellsway and Hatfield Road (East) should be implemented as proposed.
- 2.2 The Hatfield Road (East) contraflow cycle lane eastbound should be implemented as proposed.
- 2.3 A separate report should be brought forward at a later date for the lead Member to consider other objections received to the proposed bus lane, waiting and movement restrictions on Wellsway and Hatfield Road (West).

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 A budget to implement this scheme has been included in the 2010/2011 capital budget (Greater Bristol Bus Network (GBBN) grant).

4 CORPORATE PRIORITIES

- Building communities where people feel safe and secure.
- Improving transport and the public realm.

5 THE REPORT

5.1 The proposals were advertised on 15th July 2010 and the objection period terminated on 19th August 2010, comments and objections were being received up to 9th September 2010.

5.2 A petition from 15 properties on Wellsway, and written objections from 3 local residents were received and may be considered to be objecting to the restrictions that relate to Hatfield Road (East).

5.3 The Police support the introduction of the proposals.

5.4 Objections:

1. Petition;
2. The petition states; "The under-named residents of Wellsway wish to register our objection to the above order. Our grounds for objection are attached".

The grounds for objection and other objections that may refer to Hatfield Road (East) are included in Appendix A attached to this report.

6 RISK MANAGEMENT

6.1 The report author and Cabinet member have fully reviewed the risk assessment related to the issue and recommendations, in compliance with the Council's decision making risk management guidance.

6.2 The risk assessment for this project has indicated that there is a significant risk that if the Hatfield Road (East) restrictions were not implemented; Bath and North East Somerset Council would not be able to improve the safety record at this junction. Traffic congestion and the associated pollution would continue to increase on Wellsway due to vehicles waiting to turn right into Hatfield Road (East).

7 EQUALITIES

7.1 It is considered that the equalities impact resulting from these traffic restrictions are proportionate on the grounds that the reduction in waiting traffic, congestion, pollution and the safety risk associated with right turning vehicles are beneficial to all road users and residents of the area.

8 RATIONALE

8.1 The proposal improves road safety for all road users and therefore meets the requirements of the Council's overall road safety, traffic calming and community safety priorities for urban areas.

8.2 The proposal to introduce vehicle turning bans and a no motor vehicles order on Hatfield Road (East), is to improve road safety, congestion and pollution for all who use or live near Wellsway.

9 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

9.1 This scheme has been informally consulted over a period of three years and other options were considered during this period.

10 CONSULTATION

10.1 *Ward Councillors; Cabinet member; Other B&NES Services; Service Users; Local Residents; Other Public Sector Bodies; Section 151 Finance Officer; Monitoring Officer.*

10.2 Informal consultation with residents of the Wellsway and Greenway Lane areas has been on going since May 2003 including;

- Consultation with residents regarding gaps in Wellsway central refuge - May 2003.
- Public exhibition June 2003, followed by revisions to plan.
- Questionnaire to residents of Wellsway August 2003 followed by report on responses in July 2003.
- Report on Public Consultation with recommendations to be included in the scheme, July 2005.
- Meeting at St. Luke's Church 5th February 2008 followed by report on responses.
- Consultation with statutory consultees and residents, August 2009.
- Meeting with residents at Devonshire Arms, Wellsway, April 2010.
- Formal consultation on proposed Traffic Regulation Orders to implement the scheme.
- Ongoing correspondence with all interested parties.

The formal consultation in July 2010 was carried out by e-mail to the statutory consultees providing details of the proposals with a plan and statement of reasons attached. The proposals were also advertised in accordance with legal requirements, in the press and on street for a period of six weeks, and were also available for Public inspection at the Council Offices in Trimbridge House, Trim Street, Bath.

11 ISSUES TO CONSIDER IN REACHING THE DECISION

11.1 Customer Focus; Sustainability.

12 ADVICE SOUGHT

12.1 The Council's Monitoring Officer (Council Solicitor) and Section 151 Officer (Divisional Director - Finance) have had the opportunity to input to this report and have cleared it for publication.

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Background papers	<i>None</i>
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