

**Report title:** Traffic regulation Order objections associated with the proposed raised table, build-out and waiting restrictions on New Street, Cambridge

**To:** Cambridgeshire County Council's Traffic Manager and the Local Member representing the electoral division below.

**Meeting Date:** 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2021

**From:** Executive Director: Place & Economy

**Electoral division(s):** Abbey & Petersfield

**Forward Plan ref:** N/A

**Key decision:** No

**Outcome:** To determine objections received in regards to the proposed raised table, build-out and extension of double yellow lines on New Street, Cambridge.

**Recommendation:** a) Implement the proposals as advertised  
b) Inform the objectors accordingly

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## 1. Background

- 1.1 New Street is a residential street located to the east of Cambridge City Centre, in the vicinity of the Beehive shopping Centre (Appendix 1). With regards to the site location specifically (between its junctions with Sturton Street and York Street), residents do not have access to off street parking and parking is limited to the south-eastern side of the road where spaces are rarely unoccupied.
- 1.2 The proposals, to convert a pre-existing road hump (outside nos. 85 & 87) into a raised table and to construct a build-out on the south-eastern side of said raised table, have been proposed as part of a successful Local Highways Improvement bid. The intention is that it will create a safe crossing point for pedestrians with clear visibility past parked vehicles.
- 1.3 Considering the build out will not restrict two-way traffic flow an extension of the existing double yellow lines has been proposed to ensure vehicles do not park across the new crossing (Appendix 2).
- 1.4 Together, the proposals will result in the loss of approximately 2 parking spaces, however, the safety benefits of the proposed crossing cannot be ignored. The presence of a Nursery on a neighbouring street (Young Street) should also be noted (Appendix 3).

## 2. Main Issues

- 2.1 The Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) procedure is a statutory consultation process that requires the Highway Authority to advertise, in the local press and on-street, a public notice stating the proposal and the reasons for it. The advert invites the public to formally support or object to the proposals in writing within a twenty-one day notice period.
- 2.2 The TRO was advertised in the Cambridge News on the 28<sup>th</sup> October 2020 and the statutory consultation ran from the 28<sup>th</sup> October 2020 to the 18<sup>th</sup> November 2020. In the interest of ensuring residents were notified, letters were sent to all New Street properties between Sturton Street and York Street.
- 2.3 The statutory consultation resulted in six representations, five of which supported the published proposals and one objected. All representations are included in the table in Appendix 4, however, there are only 4 entries in said table as three of the respondents sent identical representations.  
In the interest of data protection all representations have been summarised / redacted to omit identifiable information. The officer responses to each representation are also given in the table.

## 3. Alignment with corporate priorities

- 3.1 A good quality of life for everyone  
There are no significant implications for this priority.
- 3.2 Thriving places for people to live  
There are no significant implications for this priority.

- 3.3 The best start for Cambridgeshire's children  
There are no significant implications for this priority.
- 3.4 Net zero carbon emissions for Cambridgeshire by 2050  
There are no significant implications for this priority.

## 4. Significant Implications

- 4.1 Resource Implications  
The necessary staff resources and funding have been secured through the Local Highways Improvement Scheme.
- 4.2 Procurement/Contractual/Council Contract Procedure Rules Implications  
There are no significant implications for this priority.
- 4.3 Statutory, Legal and Risk Implications  
There are no significant implications for this priority.
- 4.4 Equality and Diversity Implications  
The proposals seek to address safety concerns with regards to visibility when crossing. An Equality Impact Assessment has not been completed as the proposals are indiscriminate in nature.
- 4.5 Engagement and Communications Implications  
The statutory consultees have been engaged including the County and City Councillors, the Police and the Emergency Services. The Police offered no objections and no comments were received from the other emergency services.

Notices were placed in the local press and were displayed on site. Letters were also sent to nearby residents. The proposals were made available for viewing online at <http://bit.ly/cambridgeshiretro>

- 4.6 Localism and Local Member Involvement  
County Councillors: Cllr Joan Whitehead and Cllr Linda Jones, and City Councillors: Cllr Haf Davies, Cllr Richard Johnson, Cllr Nicky Massey, Cllr Mike Davey, Cllr Kelley Greene and Cllr Richard Robertson were consulted. The responses received were that of support from Cllr Whitehead and no objection from Cllr Jones.
- 4.7 Public Health Implications  
There are no significant implications for this priority.