

To
Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

15th June 2011

Subject

Objections to Proposed Traffic Regulation Orders Relating to the Coventry 2012 Public Realm and Olympic Legacy – Call-in

1 Purpose of the Note

- 1.1 To inform the Committee of the call-in received on this issue and the reasons why the Chair of the Committee determined that it was inappropriate.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to note the information shown in section 3 below.

3 Information/Background

- 3.1 The Cabinet Member (City Services) considered the attached report at his meeting on 12th April 2011, when he decided to agree the following recommendations:-

1. Consider the objections to the proposed Traffic Regulation Orders.
2. Subject to recommendation 1, approve the implementation of the following Traffic Regulation Orders as advertised:
 - i) City of Coventry (Various Locations, City Centre) (No.2) (Bus Lanes and Gateways) Revocation and Consolidation Order 2011
 - ii) City of Coventry (City Centre) (No.1) (Prohibition of Driving, One Way, Variation and revocation) Order 2011
 - ii) City of Coventry (Greyfriars Road) (Bus Lane Revocation) Order 2011
3. Subject to recommendation 1, approve the removal of the controlled pedestrian facilities as detailed in the Notice of Intents for the removal of controlled pedestrian facilities at:
High Street/Little Park Street/Earl Street
Burges/Hale Street/Corporation Street/ Bishop Street
Warwick Road/New Union Street
Greyfriars Lane/New Union Street
4. Subject to recommendation 1, approve the installation of a toucan crossing as detailed in the Notice of Intent for installation of controlled pedestrian facilities at:
Junction 6 – circulatory carriageway
5. Approve the principles of eligibility for permits and times of permitted access of the permit scheme as detailed in Appendix C

- 3.2 Subsequently, the following call-in relating to this decision was received from Councillors Lee, Andrews and Foster:-

- 1) What works are planned to ensure pedestrian safety at the Whittle Arch crossing with the proposed increase of bus transits of 40 per hour (as per AECOM report) ?
 - 2) What works are planned to ensure pedestrian safety at the Ironmonger Square crossing with the proposed increase of bus transits of 29 per hour (as per AECOM report)?
 - 3) What works are planned to ensure pedestrian safety at the Hales Street Street/Corporation Street Junction crossing with the proposed increase of bus transits?
 - 4) What evidence has been shown to show that Ironmonger Square and The Burges will have no significant increase in air pollution, and if it will increase, to what level, and what mitigation will be put in place?
 - 5) What evidence has been shown that the displacement of traffic caused by the installation of traffic lights and a Toucan Crossing at J6 will not have a detrimental effect on the residents of Stoney Road, Humphrey Burton Road and Michaelmas Road?
 - 6) What evidence has been shown that the current traffic tailbacks from Central 6 island (primarily at the weekends, and at 3.30 - 4.30 on school days), combined with the proposed traffic works at J6 will have little effect on current traffic movements around this area?
- 3.3 In accordance with the Council's Constitution, the Committee Chair (Councillor Lucas) considered the call-in against the criteria decided by the Committee and, having received advice from the Assistant Director (Democratic Services) and the Council Solicitor, determined the call-in to be inappropriate. The reasons for her decision are shown in the following paragraph.

3.4 **Call-in – Reasons for decision**

3.4.1 The reasons the Call-in has been deemed invalid are that:

The call-in reasons numbered 1 to 4 are not directly related to the decision made because they are design matters and will follow the decision on the TRO.

The roads referred to in call-in reason 5 are not directly related to the decision made because these roads are remote from the proposed installation of the Toucan crossing at Junction 6.

Call-in reason 6 is not directly related to the decision made because it is a design matter and will follow the decision on the Notice of Intent.

3.5 The Members who submitted the call-in were informed of the Chair's decisions and the reasons for them.

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