

Report to the Cabinet

Meeting to be held on Thursday, 5 September 2019

Report of the Head of Service - Highways

Part I

Electoral Division affected:
Morecambe South;

Lancashire County Council (Akeman Close, Ermine Place, Foss Court, Hadrian Road, 'McDonalds' access road, Pilgrims Way, Ryknild Way and Watling Close, Morecambe, Lancaster City) (Prohibition of Right Turn, Prohibition of Driving and No Entry) Order 201*

(Appendices 'A' and 'B' refer)

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Executive Summary

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Recommendation

The Cabinet is asked to approve the proposals for Prohibition of Right Turn, Prohibition of Driving and No Entry as detailed within this report and as set out in the schedule and plan attached at Appendices 'A' and 'B'.

Background and Advice

Hadrian Road is a residential access road incorporating a junction with a separate egress from a fast food Drive Through restaurant. Following construction of the Bay Gateway the revised road layout has encouraged customers of the drive through facility to park their vehicles on Hadrian Road to consume their food. This is creating an amenity and nuisance issue for local residents.

The problem that existed for a period of time prior to the construction of the "Bay Gateway" has continued since the alterations to the road layout and signs which did not have a supporting traffic order.

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The purpose of this order is to improve the amenity of the area by prohibiting driving on Hadrian Road and the roads off Hadrian Road except for access and preventing vehicles exiting the fast food site from turning right into Hadrian Road. At the same time the order will prohibit vehicles from Hadrian Road entering into the restaurant site effectively making this facility into a route to leave the drive thru.

Consultations

Formal consultation was carried out between 25th April 2019 and the 23rd May 2019 and advertised in the local press. Notices were displayed on site for all areas where new restrictions were proposed. Divisional county councillors were consulted along with the council's usual consultees and the consultation documents posted on the council's website.

During the consultation period one objection was received from Lancashire Constabulary in response to this proposals as set out below:

Objection

Lancashire Police have confirmed that they do not support the proposal as this is not a new problem and does not cause any road safety issues. There has been a situation where visitors to the drive thru have consumed meals whilst parked on Hadrian Road for a number of years. Prior to the opening of the Bay Gateway this was possible without causing a nuisance to local residents. The new road layout reduces the amount of highway that can be used to park and results in drivers parking being directly outside residential properties.

The introduction of moving traffic restrictions to address this problem leaves the enforcement of the restrictions with the police. The level of importance of the contraventions coupled with the lack of any road safety risk would result in no policing of this Order. Lancashire Police is concerned that this Order will raise the expectations of residents without any course for action.

The Police consider that problems of this nature would be better addressed by the introduction of parking restrictions that could be enforced by the county council.

Officer's Response

It is appreciated that the Police would not have the resources to enable any enforcement of the proposed order but it is considered that the fact that the Order is in place along with the associated road signs would offer a level of deterrent to reduce any problem to a manageable level. It is also considered that the introduction of waiting restrictions on Hadrian Road and the roads off Hadrian Road would result in a much greater inconvenience to local residents. There are no waiting at any time restrictions at the eastern end of Hadrian Road to aid safe access and egress to the area.

As the necessary road signs are already in place to support the Order, the removal of them could cause residents a level of concern. Should it be resolved that the Order is not supported then these signs would need to be removed.

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Financial

The costs of the Traffic Regulation Order will be funded from the 2019/20 highways revenue budget for new signs and lines at an estimated cost of £500.

Should the order not be introduced the new road signs and road markings that were fitted as part of the Bay Gateway Works will have to be removed at an estimated cost of £2,500 including disconnections for illuminated signs.

Risk management

Should the restriction not be approved the road signs that are associated with the restrictions would need to be removed. The removal of the signs may cause concern to local residents whilst allowing a situation that was prevalent prior to the building of the Bay Gateway to become a problem.

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
None		
Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate		
N/A		