

Report to the Cabinet

Meeting to be held on Thursday, 1 April 2021

Report of the Head of Service - Design and Construction

Part I

Electoral Divisions affected:
Preston City
Preston South East;

Adelaide Street, Olive Boys School - Loading Bay

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Executive Summary

Following investigation and public consultation it is proposed to make a Traffic Regulation Order to allow for a permanent loading bay on Adelaide Street in order to support local businesses.

This report summarises the results of the formal advertising of the proposed loading bay to which an objection has been received.

Recommendation

Cabinet is asked to approve the introduction of a Traffic Regulation Order and installation of signage to introduce a permanent loading bay on Adelaide Street, Preston.

Background and Advice

Planning Permission was granted by Preston City Council (ref: 06/2017/0766) for the change of use of a building into Eden Boys School resulting in a new layby recently being constructed on Adelaide Street as part of the Section 278 highway works associated with the planning permission. The loading bay was advertised, and no objections were received, however the school prevented the installation of the associated signage to allow the loading bay to be enforced, and a late objection was received from a local councillor. After lengthy discussions the school withdrew their objection, but unfortunately the Traffic Regulation Order sealing period had expired, and the local councillor's objection remains.

The bay will aid local businesses in loading and unloading goods, in addition the bay provides a place to safely drop off and pick up children who attend both Olive and Eden Boys Schools which sit directly opposite the proposed loading bay.

Consultations

A formal advertising process was undertaken between October and November 2020.

Lancashire Constabulary has been consulted and raised no objections.

One objection has been received from Preston City Council and this is summarised below along with our responses.

Objections

- a. There is a concern that the proposed loading bay would not be utilised by lorries and would instead become a lorry park, with vehicles parked there for a considerable time.
- b. The loss of potential temporary parking for local businesses.

Responses

- a. There are five businesses local to the proposed location that can utilise the loading bay. This proposed location also allows the loading bay to be utilised by those who are dropping off and picking up children who attend Olive and Eden Boys School. The loading bay will be created by a Traffic Regulation Order, the effect of which is that it should be used for the continuous loading or unloading of heavy or unmanage goods. If a vehicle were parked without loading being observed (and where no exception applied), they would be subject to civil enforcement and a Penalty Charge Notice may be issued.
- b. Parking for people wanting to visit local businesses is already provided on New Hall Lane, along with a relatively large, free car park located on Witton Street nearby. The car park has a height barrier which prevents goods vehicles using it and the entry angles also prohibit this. Therefore, the proposed location specifically for unloading/loading goods vehicles is considered necessary. Also, additional cars parking on Adelaide Street may increase the risk to pedestrians, particularly children of Olive and Eden Boys School, due to a rise in traffic and decreased visibility and may lead to unsafe on-road parking.

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk Management

There are no significant risks associated with the proposals in this report.

Financial

The total estimated construction cost is £1,759. This will be funded from the S278 revenue budget.

List of Background Papers

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None

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A