

**Brierley Hill Area Committee – 6<sup>th</sup> July 2006**

**Report of the Director of Urban Environment**

**Cot Lane, Kingswinford – Proposed Prohibition of Waiting Order near The Glynne Primary School**

**Purpose**

1. To seek Area Committee's support for the introduction of a Prohibition of Waiting Order in Cot Lane and Mount Pleasant, in the vicinity of the Glynne Primary School.

**Background**

2. Cot Lane is a local distributor road which provides access to many residential streets. Cot Lane is mainly residential and part of a bus route.
3. Following the receipt of a 200 signature petition, an investigation commenced into traffic conditions in Cot Lane and particularly at the junction with Mount Pleasant. The petition requested that double yellow lines be considered to prevent obstructive parking from taking place.
4. Current parking obstruction problems relate to school start and finish times and also to night and weekend parking.
5. Accordingly, proposals for a prohibition of waiting scheme were drafted and publicly advertised.

**Consultation**

6. Letters and plans showing the original proposals were sent to Ward Members on 10 May 2004.
7. A letter formally consulting the Police was sent on 13 May 2004.
8. The proposals were advertised in the Express and Star on 7 July 2004, and on-street during the period 7 July to 2 August 2004.

9. Five letters of objection to the proposals were received, three from residents of New Street and two from residents of Cot Lane.
10. The objections from New Street were from residents without off-road parking spaces, they were concerned that the proposals could reduce available parking spaces and might not improve road safety.
11. The Cot Lane objectors stated that problems occur only for very short periods during school term time. They believed that the proposals were an unnecessary inconvenience for residents.

#### Review/Conclusions

12. In view of the objections and the reasons stated, further site observations were carried out in September after the school holidays with a view to reducing the proposals to the most vulnerable location. These observations indicated that Cot Lane and its adjacent streets were heavily parked up at school start and finish times. It was also noted that the introduction of extensive whole time restrictions could spread the parking problem to a much wider area, thereby inconveniencing residents more.
13. After road safety problems caused by term parking were assessed again, it was concluded that obstruction might mainly be caused by parking in front of the Mount Pleasant Inn. It was therefore concluded that this section of Cot Lane was the area of highway which most needed protection from parked vehicles. Therefore the proposals were reduced to this locality, which is shown on the attached drawing TM/2183B.
14. All objectors were contacted. All but one withdrew their objections to the new proposals, on the basis that the current street parking calms traffic.
15. A decision sheet regarding the prohibition of stopping on the yellow "school keep clear" zig zags" around the Glynne Primary School has been drafted.

#### Sustainable Transport

16. Measures to improve road safety and prevent obstructive parking in environments support policies of sustainability.

#### **Finance**

17. The cost associated with the making and introduction of Traffic Regulation Orders will to be met from the 2006-7 financial year's Minor Works Capital Allocation.

## Law

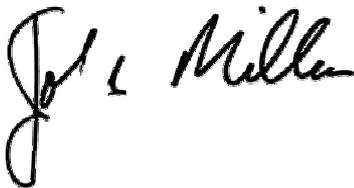
18. Traffic Regulation Orders are made under Section 1 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

## Equality Impact

19. The proposal contained within this report complies with the Council's equal opportunities policy.
20. The proposal would assist pedestrian movements and could improve visibility when driving for mobility-impaired motorists.

## Recommendation

21. That, having considered the view of the remaining objector, Members support the making of the reduced Traffic Regulation Order as shown on drawing No. TM/2183B.
22. That, the Cabinet Member for Transportation be recommended to introduce the scheme.



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## List of Background Papers

1. 200 signature petition dated 28/7/03
2. Letters to Ward Members dated 10/5/04
3. Letters to Police dated 13/5/04
4. 5 letters of objection to original proposal
5. 4 letters supporting revised proposal
6. 1 continuing letter of objection