

**Brierley Hill Area Committee – 10<sup>th</sup> November 2011**

**Report of the Director of the Urban Environment**

**Proposed Traffic Regulation Order Moving, Waiting and Loading Restrictions in Russells Hall Area.**

**Purpose of Report**

1. To seek Committee's support for the introduction of Traffic Regulation Orders to control moving traffic, waiting and loading in streets around Russells Hall hospital as shown in Appendix F of this report.

**Background**

2. Proposals resulting from requests from Ward Members, Central Dudley Area Committee and the local community in various streets around Russells Hall hospital, which were formulated in conjunction with the Russells Hall Traffic Working Group, were advertised as set out below.
3. Letters showing the proposals were sent to Ward Members on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2011 and 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2011, no objections were received.
4. Letters to the Police were sent on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2011. A response was received on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2011 indicating that West Midlands Police would be unlikely to have resources to enforce a Prohibition of Driving, except for access Order. Therefore, the Police do not support this element of the proposals.
5. The proposals were advertised in the 'Express and Star' newspaper on the 21<sup>st</sup> February 2011 and also on street between 21<sup>st</sup> February and 21<sup>st</sup> March 2011.
6. 120 responses were received from residents relating to various areas covered by the proposals. These are detailed in Appendix B.
7. Three petitions were received and are being dealt with accordingly under the Petitions Scheme. The petitions related to Bushey Fields Road, Abbotsford Drive and Elgar Crescent and are detailed in Appendix B and D.
8. As a result of this consultation a request was made from an MP for an additional TRO, to include a Prohibition of Driving except for access Order as shown in Appendix C.

9. Members were consulted by email on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2011.
10. The proposals were advertised in the 'Express and Star' newspaper on the 9<sup>th</sup> June and also on street between 9<sup>th</sup> June and 7<sup>th</sup> July 2011.
11. 24 letters of support had been received prior to this consultation, 1 resident wrote in to support the proposals during the consultation detailed in Appendix D.
12. A request was made to remove the existing yellow lines in Bushey Fields Road. A suggestion was made by a member of Russells Hall Traffic Working Group to write to all the residents of Bushey Fields Road seeking their views.
13. A questionnaire was sent to residents of Bushey Fields Road and surrounding side streets on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2011 seeking views on this suggestion.
14. 51 Questionnaires were returned. Details of the responses are shown in Appendix E.
15. Amended plans showing the proposals suggested to implement are shown in Appendix F.

### **Sustainable Transport**

16. The proposals include measures to improve pedestrians and cyclists visibility around bends and junctions, together with reducing obstructive parking, would assist sustainable methods of travel.

### **Finance**

17. The estimated cost of implementing the Traffic Regulation Order referred to in this report is £38,000 which , it is intended can be met from the 2012-13 financial years' minor capital allocation.

### **Law**

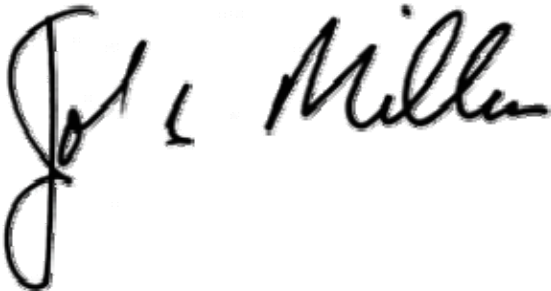
18. Traffic Regulation Orders are made under the powers contained in Section 1 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

### **Equality Impact**

19. The proposals contained within this report comply with the Council's Equality and Diversity Policy. The Council is seeking to introduce measures to benefit pedestrians, cyclists, older people and other vulnerable road users.

## **Recommendation**

20. That the contents of this report are considered by the Area Committee.
21. That Members comments are reported to the Cabinet Member for Transportation.



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## **List of Background Papers**

1. Letters to 9 Councillors dated 27<sup>th</sup> January 2011
2. Letters to 3 Councillors dated 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2011
3. Letters to Police dated 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2011
4. Letter from Police dated 11<sup>th</sup> April 2011
5. Email to members dated 4<sup>th</sup> March 2011
6. 120 Letters of objection to the Orders
7. 3 petitions from residents in Bushey Fields Road, Abbotsford Drive, Elgar Crescent.