

DECISION RECORD ¹

Subject: Redhoods Way West/Gillison Close, Letchworth	
Staff Contact: Sanjay Patel	Executive Member: Terry Douris
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1. Decision

To proceed with the implementation of waiting restrictions as advertised along Redhoods Way West, Saffron Hill, Haselfoot, Gillison Close and Pixmore Avenue, Letchworth Garden City.

2. Reasons for the decision

Issues reported were parking at junctions and across or near vehicular accesses along Redhoods Way West and excessive parking along the road and junctions in Gillison Close restricting visibility and hindering access along the road, to the extent that road safety is compromised.

At the informal stage (1 to 15/3/13) there were 4 responses received for Redhoods Way West (RWW) with all in support but commenting that the restrictions did not extend far enough along the road or at the junctions. However, evidence does not show a problem that could be attributable to commuter parking. For Gillison Close (GC) there were 5 responses received. Three were in support (from GC residents), one from a District Councillor who was not aware of any issues and one objection from a resident of Pixmore Avenue (PA) who says there is a lack of parking available on PA when visitors attend the nursing homes off GC. The Police raised no objections to the proposals in either road so are included as support.

Evidence has shown that there are issues in both roads, so the recommendation was to proceed to formal consultation with the proposals unchanged.

County Councillor changes in May 2013 delayed any decision, but approval was given to take the schemes to formal consultation unchanged, was given on 17/6/13.

During the formal consultation (22/8 to 16/9/13) there were 2 responses received to the proposals; from the Police and North Herts Council with neither raising any objections or comments. No objections or comments were received from residents or other members of the public.

Therefore, the decision is to proceed to sealing of the Order as advertised.

3. Alternative options considered and rejected ²

As the comments and objections received at either the informal or formal stages were judged not to carry sufficient weight to alter the proposals, no other options were considered. Therefore, the original options remained unchanged throughout the process.

4. Consultation

(a) Comments of Executive Member ^{3 4}

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Consulted on 12th November 2013 and confirmed agreement for proposed decision and for scheme to proceed via e-mail on same day.

(b) Comments of other consultees ⁵

The local member(s) were consulted at informal (CCllrs Terry Hone - RWW and Michael Muir GC) and formal stages (CCllrs Lorna Kercher – RWW and Michael Muir – GC) and support the scheme.

North Herts District Council (NHDC) and Hertfordshire Constabulary have raised no comments or objections to the proposals. The assumption is NHDC are then willing to enforce. No other comments or objections were received from other consultees.

The decision to proceed was supported by the local members during meetings on 14th June (Gary Henning & Lorna Kercher) and 24th June (Gary Henning & Michael Muir) where they confirmed approvals to seal/make the TRO. These confirmations were also in e-mails dated 6th November (Michael Muir) and 11th November (Lorna Kercher)

5. **Following consultation with, and the concurrence of the Executive Member, I am proceeding with the proposed decision.**

Signed: 

Title: *Mr Sanjay Patel*

Group Manager - Highways

Date: *12/12/2013*

6. Copies of agreed document to:

- All consultees
- Chairman, and Vice-Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- hard & electronic copy (for public inspection both at County Hall and on Hertsdirect) Assistant Head of Member Services - Room 211 County Hall.

¹ for guidance see Chief Legal Officer's note "Taking Decisions"

² details of any alternative options considered and rejected by the officer at the time the decision was made

³ record any conflict of interest declared by any Executive Member consulted. If an Executive Member declares a conflict of interest DO NOT PROCEED without seeking advice from the Chief Legal Officer

⁴ If the matter has general significance for the Council and/or is, or is likely to be, controversial, then the officer shall consult the appropriate Executive Member before proceeding. In some cases it will be necessary to consult more than one Executive Member, and in some cases the Leader of the Council will need to be consulted

⁵ If the matter has local significance, but no general significance for the Council and no controversial aspects, the officer shall consult or inform the local member in writing (or by e mail) and proceed. It is essential that all officers responsible for delivering services ensure that local members are kept well briefed on issues affecting their areas.