

ROYSTON & DISTRICT AREA COMMITTEE

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AGENDA ITEM No.

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TITLE OF REPORT: HIGHWAYS ISSUES IN ROYSTON

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF POLICY, PARTNERSHIPS & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To bring to the Committee's attention some highways issues which have recently arisen in Royston Town Centre.

2. FORWARD PLAN

- 2.1 This report does not contain a recommendation on a key decision and has not been referred to in the Forward Plan.

3. PROJECT/ACTIVITY/SCHEME DETAILS

- 3.1 John Street: at its junction with the High Street on the southern side there is a bollard which has more than once been demolished by vehicles turning left out of John Street. Most recently this occurred in early December, and the bollard was removed by a member of the public for safe keeping. Given the apparent need for some protection of pedestrians on this corner, will Members ask JMP to seek a study of alternative, more robust, means of protection of the public?
- 3.2 Melbourn Street: for some time a lorry has parked regularly on the south side of the street between the pedestrian crossing and the traffic lights, in order to deliver goods to a shop nearby. Discussions did take place in 2008 between the CDO and the Highways Officer for the area, but it became clear there were some works below ground which would make the installation of any kind of bollard difficult at this location. Given the cumulative impact of this parking on traffic flow through the town centre, together with that on the opposite carriageway adjacent to a bank cash machine, will Members ask JMP to authorise a study of traffic flow and a recommendation of appropriate means by which to discourage short-term parking at this point?

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 That Members ask the Joint Member Panel to seek a costed study of alternative, more robust, means of protection of the public at the junction of John Street and High Street.
- 4.2 That Members ask Joint Member Panel to authorise a study of traffic flow and a recommendation of appropriate, costed means by which to discourage short-term parking at in Melbourn Street on the southern side between the traffic lights and the pedestrian-controlled crossing.

5. REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 5.1 To ensure that the Committee are kept informed of the work of the Community Development Officer.

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