

DECISION RECORD ¹

Subject: Hemel Hempstead TRO	
Staff Contact: Steve Gregory	Executive Member: Terry Douris
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1. Decision

To proceed with the implementation of no waiting at any time restrictions as advertised and/or amended in Long Chaulden/Lindlings, Howards Drive/Galley Hill, Green End Lane and Slippers Hill, Hemel Hempstead.

2. Reasons for the decision

At the informal consultation stage (12/8/16 to 2/9/16) the Police responded they had no objection to any of the proposals. The other responses received were:

- One resident for Howards Drive and objected to the proposals on the grounds they were not extensive enough.
- One resident for Lindlings and objected on the grounds they would be affected with regards to parking
- Three residents for Green End Lane, all objecting though 2 were on the grounds the restrictions were not extensive enough and one that they were too extensive.
- Three for Northridge Way; two residents and Dacorum Borough Council (DBC). The residents were in favour and DBC against as they were altering their controlled parking zone (CPZ).
- Four for Slippers Hill; two in favour and two objecting. The objections were that a road was not included and that residents parking would be affected.

The responses were considered and it was decided to remove Northridge Way from the scheme as the DBC CPZ proposals should address the issues that our proposals were aiming to resolve. It was decided the remaining sites should be taken to the formal consultation stage unaltered. The objectors were informed of the reasons behind the proposals but none withdrew their objections so these were carried through to the formal stage.

At the formal consultation stage (7/12/16 to 31/12/16) the Police again responded they had no objection to any of the proposals. One resident responded on the Green End Lane proposals but these were classed as comments. Aside from this and the objections carried forward, no other responses were received.

The extents of the proposals in Long Chaulden were altered once it was determined that doing so would not unduly compromise the south east visibility splay required for vehicles exiting Lindlings. The alteration was to remove approximately 6m of restriction from this side.

Therefore, the decision is that the proposals should progress to sealing as advertised or altered as stated above.

3. Alternative options considered and rejected ²

Aside from the changes to the Long Chaulden/Lindlings proposals brought about following the conclusion of the consultation stages, no other options were considered for this scheme.

Extending the proposals in Howards Drive and Green End Lane would be using them to protect vehicle crossovers (VXOs), which we do not do unless in exceptional circumstances. The proposals for Slippers Hill are to ensure access for vehicles and are extending those already in place.

4. Consultation

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

Consulted on 20th January 2017 and confirmed agreement for proposed decision and for scheme to proceed via e-mail on 23rd January 2017. The Deputy executive Member has been used here as the Executive Member is the County Councillor for three of the sites in question, so there would be a conflict of interest.

(b) Comments of other consultees ⁵

The local members were consulted at informal and formal stages and support the scheme.

Hertfordshire Constabulary raised no objection to the scheme. Dacorum Borough Council made comment on the proposals for Northridge Way but no comments on the other locations. However, the assumption is they would enforce the restrictions. No other statutory consultees made any comment on the proposals.

The decision to proceed was supported by the local members (Terry Douris and Ron Tindall) on 9th and 8th January 2017 where they confirmed approvals for the proposals in their advertised or amended states.

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

Signed: ..

Name: Steve Gregory

Title: Highway Locality Manager (SW Herts)
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Date: 23 JAN 2017

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