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PROHIBITION OF ENTRY - MARLBOROUGH, SILVERLESS STREET

Purpose of Report

1. To consider the comments received following the formal advertisement of an experimental order to prohibit vehicles entering Silverless Street from its eastern end and to recommend an appropriate way forward.

Relevance to the Council's Business Plan

- 2. The proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) meets two of the priorities in the Council's Business Plan.
 - Outcome 2 People in Wiltshire work together to solve problems locally and participate in decisions that affect them.
 - Outcome 6 People are as protected from harm as possible and feel safe.

Background

- 3. A request was made for a prohibition of entry at the eastern entrance to Silverless Street from Marlborough Town Council via the Community Area Transport Group (CATG). The aim was to reduce damage from HGVs entering the wide entrance to Silverless Street at its eastern end and getting trapped at the narrow western end and causing damage to buildings. It was decided that an 18 month trial would enable changes as necessary to be made during this period.
- 4. The decision to progress the 'No Entry' as a trial came about after 'unsuitable for HGV'S' signs had been erected at both ends of Silverless Street. The resulting ineffectiveness of the 'unsuitable for HGVs' signs led to the request for the experimental order.
- 5. During the experimental order period for the prohibition of entry, comments and objections were received and some of these have already been addressed. Marlborough Town Council and CATG are supportive of the proposals.
- 6. A plan outlining the proposals is provided in **Appendix 1.**
- 7. During the advertisement period 13 items of correspondence have been received in response to the proposals contained within the advertised TRO.
- 8. No comments were received from the local Wiltshire Council Member.

Main Considerations for the Council

9. To consider the comments received during the consultation period. A summary of the issues raised and officer comments are included in **Appendix 2**. Details of the commentator are provided in **Appendix 3**.

Overview and Scrutiny Engagement

10. Not applicable.

Safeguarding Implications

11. There is no risk to the Council as a result of these proposals.

Public Health Implications

12. The introduction of measures which reduces use by large vehicles. This has the benefit of reducing air borne pollution and improving air quality.

Corporate Procurement Implications

13. There are none with this proposal.

Environmental and Climate Change Considerations

14. The installation of 'No Entry' signs and posts, where none previously existed, could be considered detrimental to the visual vista and street scene.

Equalities Impact of the Proposal

15. There are none with this proposal.

Risk Assessment

16. If schemes, programmed for design or delivery within the current financial year, are not progressed the Council risks the potential of delayed delivery in subsequent years due to other funding demands and uncertainty of future budget.

Financial Implications

17. The on ground changes will be funded from the CATG allocation. Failure to proceed with the project may leave funding unallocated and subject to underspend within the current financial year.

Legal Implications

18. There are none with this proposal.

Options Considered

- 19. To:
 - (i) Implement the advertised changes.
 - (ii) Abandon the proposals and remove the existing restriction.

Reason for Proposals

20. An experimental order has been in place for a maximum period of 18 months. Marlborough Town Council has requested that the order is made permanent.

Proposals

- 21. That:
 - (i) The proposals be implemented as advertised.
 - (ii) The objectors be informed accordingly.

The following unpublished documents have been relied on in the preparation of this Report:

None