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WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

- 1. THE COUNTY OF WILTSHIRE (ROWDEN LANE, CHIPPENHAM)
(PROHIBITION OF ENTRY) ORDER 2015**
- 2. THE COUNTY OF WILTSHIRE (ROWDEN LANE, CHIPPENHAM)
(PROHIBITION OF RIGHT HAND TURN) ORDER 2015 WILTSHIRE**

Purpose of Report

1. To consider 15 objections in regards to the proposed Right Hand Turn (RHT) Ban and Prohibition of Driving Order on Rowden Lane/Coppice Close junction Chippenham.

Relevance to the Council's Business Plan

2. The development contributes to the Council's Business Plan to promote sustainable development.

Background

3. In 2002, planning permission was granted on Appeal for a residential development in the vicinity of Rowden Lane. The roads are subject to a S38 road adoption agreement between Redcliffe Homes and Wiltshire Council.
4. In the approved layout plan, the road network was designed to take access off a RHT lane on Patterdown and over the estate roads, with Rowden Lane available for inbound traffic only.
5. Because of land ownership problems the area, including Coppice Close, was developed in advance of the remained of the site.

Main Considerations for the Council

6. The road network, known as Coppice Close, has been designed to accommodate the vehicle (and pedestrian) movements associated with the whole of the development and any future developments. The junction onto Patterdown contains a RHT lane and is designed to accommodate the forecast vehicle movements.
7. Rowden Lane is restricted in its geometry and junction arrangements and it would be unsafe to allow the increase in two-way vehicle movements.

Overview and Scrutiny Engagement

8. The proposal has been through the full planning process and the proposal has been fully advertised.

Safeguarding Implications

9. There are none.

Public Health Implications

10. Directing traffic away from Rowden Lane makes it more conducive for pedestrian and cycling use and in turn encourages residents to walk/cycle into town, encouraging a healthier lifestyle.

Corporate Procurement Implications

11. There are none.

Environmental and Climate Change Considerations

12. A lower number of vehicle movements exiting Rowden Lane will lower the chance of conflicting vehicle movements on Rowden Hill and, in turn, congestion.

Equalities Impact of the Proposal

13. The restrictions will re-direct traffic through a purposely designed road and remove traffic from a less desirable route.

Risk Assessment

14. The roads have been subject to safety assessments at each stage of the design.

Financial Implications

15. All costs, associated with advertisements and implementation, have been met by the developer.

Legal Implications

16. There are none.

Options Considered

17. To:
 - (i) Implement the proposals as advertised.
 - (ii) Not implement the proposals.
 - (iii) Implement the proposals with amendments.

Reason for Proposal

18. Coppice Close has been specifically designed to accommodate vehicles and pedestrians associated with the whole development. The layout (including footpaths) was designed for this purpose and approved at planning stage. A specifically designed junction onto Patterdown, including a RHT lane, has been provided. Rowden Lane by

virtue of its limited alignment and width is not suitable for a significant increase in vehicle movements. Its junction with the A4 is similarly limited in geometry and visibility and it is considered therefore that its use should be restricted to the current movements associated with the few dwellings historically served off the road.

19. By directing traffic away from Rowden Lane to the specifically designed Coppice Close the safety of both pedestrians and vehicles will be maintained.
20. To limit the impact of parked vehicles on the free movement of the additional traffic on Coppice Close it is the Council's intention to direct the developer to implement waiting restrictions along various lengths of the road. These will be fully advertised and open to public comments.

Proposal

21. That the proposals, as advertised, be implemented.

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

None