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**Report for consideration by the  
Planning and Development Control Committee**

**13 March 2019**

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**OBJECTION TO DONCASTER ROAD AREA PROPOSED ONE-WAY STREET  
RESTRICTIONS WITH AN EXEMPTION FOR PEDAL CYCLES**

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**Report of the Director of Planning, Development and Transportation**

**1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To enable the Committee to give their views to the Director of Planning, Development and Transportation to take into account, when considering the recommendations set out in Section 3 of this report.

**2. Summary**

- 2.1 The City Council have received complaints from residents, local Councillors and the Local MP regarding safety and traffic movements in the Doncaster Road area within the City of Leicester. The roads in the area are narrow terraced streets in part which have parking on both sides of the road during day and night. This has led to issues involving driver conflict, congestion and incidents. The introduction of one-way street restrictions on affected roads will improve road safety and help maintain the free flow of traffic in the area. It is proposed to introduce one-way restrictions on the following roads: Doncaster Road, Halkin Street and Melrose Street.
- 2.2 During advertisement of the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO), four objections were received against the proposals. The main objection raised was linked to causing congestion within the area and that there is no requirement for this type of restriction and parking issues should have a higher priority.
- 2.3 In response to these objections the City Council's project officer met with one of the objectors, some residents, local businesses and Councillors to discuss the proposals and respond to the issues being raised. Written responses were subsequently provided to the objectors. However, none of the objections have been withdrawn and the four unresolved objections remain.
- 2.4 The one-way street proposals for the Doncaster Road area can be seen on the attached OBJECTORS REPORT PLAN APPENDIX A.

### **3. Recommendations**

#### **3.1 It is recommended that:**

The members of the Committee give their views for the Director of Planning, Development and Transportation to take into account, alongside remaining objections to the scheme before reaching a final decision.

### **4. Background**

4.1 The section of Doncaster Road between Melton Road and Glendon Street is predominantly residential with terraced housing on narrow streets. There are also several popular business premises near Glendon Street. Vehicles park on both sides of the road making it difficult for two-way traffic flow, particularly for larger vehicles, and there are very few passing places. This has led to driver conflict, congestion and incidents resulting in complaints to Councillors and the local MP. A similar situation exists in sections of Halkin Street and Melrose Street adjacent to Doncaster Road.

4.2 In response the City Council has proposed a one-way street restriction on parts of Doncaster Road, Halkin Street and Melrose Street to address residents' concerns, improve road safety and facilitate safe passage of vehicles.

4.3 The proposals were advertised last Autumn and four objections have been received. Officers have responded to the objections but they have not been withdrawn.

### **5. Report**

5.1 One Way Street restrictions for the Doncaster Road area were identified for consideration from a feasibility report dated November 2017. This report looked at a number of areas within Leicester. For Doncaster Road area there were concerns raised by residents and local Councillors. This area was classed as a high priority due to the narrow terraced streets and the issues around safety and driver conflict.

5.2 The proposed TRO was advertised in the Leicester Mercury and on street in the Autumn. In addition, letters were distributed to 285 properties inviting responses to the proposals. 25 responses were received in total. 21 responses were supportive, whilst four responses objected to the proposals.

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5.4 Details of the remaining objections (received by e-mail) and the responses to them, are provided in APPENDIX B, OBJECTION RECEIVED BY E-MAIL OR LETTER.

## **6. Conclusion**

- 6.1 The proposed TRO for the Doncaster Road Area has been formulated in accordance with the Leicester City Council's Local Transport Plan and is linked to the Local Environmental Works (LEW) Programme.
- 6.2 The purpose of the proposed order is to improve road safety and reduce conflict between drivers by removing two-way traffic flows (except cycles) on the narrow residential streets.
- 6.3 The Objectors 'A, B, C and D', have not withdrawn their objections. However, officers recommend that the objections do not constitute a reason to defer implementation of the scheme. The overall benefits to the local community with regards to safety and reduced conflict between motor vehicles outweighs the objectors' concerns.
- 6.4 Officers recommend the objections be overruled.

## **7. Financial Implications**

- 7.1 The total estimated cost of the proposed scheme with the making and final advertising the TRO, in addition to the signing, lining and remedial works is estimated at £30,000 and is funded from the LEW Programme.

## **8. Legal Implications**

- 8.1 The Council has the power to implement the proposed Traffic Regulation Order on roads within the City. The procedure to be used by the Council in making such an order is contained in The Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996.

## **9. Powers of the Director**

- 9.1 Under the constitution of Leicester City Council, delegated powers have been given to the Director of Planning, Development and Transportation to approve Traffic Orders having considered any objections that have been received and taken due regard of comments made by the Planning and Development Control Committee. The legislation that confers authority on Leicester City Council to make these amendments is covered by the 1984 Road Traffic Regulation Act and the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedures) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996.

## **10. Decision Making**

- 10.1 The power to make a Traffic Regulation Order is delegated to the Director of Planning, Development and Transportation having regard to comments made by the Planning and Development Control Committee.

**11. Decision of the Director of Planning, Development and Transportation**

11.1 Approval is **given / not given\*** to the making of the Order as set out in Section 3.

**Signed**.....

**Dated** .....

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