

Individual Executive Decision Notice

Report title	Transportation Network – Dudding Road and Wolverhampton Road – Road Safety Scheme	
Decision designation	GREEN	
Cabinet member with lead responsibility	Councillor Steve Evans City Environment	
Wards affected	Blakenhall	
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Report to be/has been considered by	N/A	

Summary

This report seeks to agree the implementation of road safety measures at Wolverhampton Road East and Dudding Road to improve safety, encourage sustainable travel and contribute to the effective management of the highway network.

Recommendation(s) for action or decision:

That the Cabinet Member for City Environment, in consultation with the Service Director, City Environment,

1. Approves the recommended action to overrule objections and implement a one way system, traffic calming and zebra crossing to part of Dudding Road and Wolverhampton Road East as shown on plans T4/3568 and T4/3570 appended to this report.
2. Authorises the Director of Governance to implement the relevant traffic regulation orders.

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Detail

- 1.1 In January 2017, City of Wolverhampton Council formally advertised and consulted 70 residents regarding introducing traffic calming along Dudding Road, a new zebra crossing on Wolverhampton Road East and conversion of the bus service road to a one-way system. This was in response to reports that local residents and in particular children on their way to and from nearby schools, and elderly people, are having difficulty crossing Wolverhampton Road East near Dudding Road.
- 1.2 During the consultation period representations were received in the form of a 31 signature petition and three letters objecting to the traffic calming on Dudding Road. The key points raised have been summarised below:
 - Concerns over potential conflicts between vehicle/pedestrian movements at the Wolverhampton Road East/Dudding Road/Greenly Road junction.
 - Concerns that the traffic calming will lead to potential damage to vehicles, delay emergency service vehicles, harm the environment and affect the privacy of residents.
- 1.3 A further two letters were received from the householders adjacent to the proposed zebra crossing regarding not being able to park on Wolverhampton Road East. However, under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 there is no right to object to the installation of a formal crossing on the public highway so these objections are not valid.
- 1.4 A road safety audit was carried out on the proposals by an independent auditor prior to the formal consultation. The resultant report did not raise any significant safety issues.
- 1.5 The scheme has been reviewed in light of the concerns raised and it is considered that the expected improvement to safety for pedestrians crossing Wolverhampton Road East and Dudding Road will outweigh any inconvenience that might be caused to some householders.
- 1.6 Support has been received for the scheme from the local residents' association and from the local ward councillors. It is therefore proposed to overrule the objections and implement these restrictions.

2.0 Financial implications

- 2.1 The implementation costs associated with the introduction of Traffic calming measures on Wolverhampton Road East and Dudding Road are anticipated to cost in the region of £70,000. These costs will be met from existing capital allocations in the Safety Programme element of the 2017/18 Transportation Capital Programme.
[TT/10072017/A]

3.0 Legal implications

- 3.1 Under Section 122(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (“the 1984 Act”) the Council, as the traffic authority, has a duty to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians) and the provision of suitable and adequate parking facilities on and off the highway. Section 1(1) of the 1984 Act enables the Council to make a Traffic Regulation Order “where it appears to be expedient to make the order”.
- 3.2 The procedure for making a traffic regulation order under the 1984 Act is contained in the Local Authorities ‘Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England & Wales) Regulations 1996 (SI 1996/2489). There are consultation requirements before an order can be made. The procedure for dealing with any objections received during the consultation period is laid down in the 1996 Regulations and having determined any objections received, the TRO may be brought into force.
- 3.3 The Traffic Regulation Orders will be enforced by the Council’s Parking Services team as part of their City wide enforcement responsibilities. [RB/13072017/Q]

4.0 Equalities implications

- 4.1 There are no equalities implications.

5.0 Environmental implications

- 5.1 The proposed TROs and other highway improvements will assist in ensuring the safe and efficient operation of the highway.

6.0 Human resources implications

- 6.1 There are no human resource implications.

7.0 Corporate landlord implications

- 7.1 There are no corporate landlord implications.

8.0 Schedule of background papers

- 8.1 None.