

**Decisions of the Cabinet Member for Sustainable Transport
(Councillor Taylor)**

**Tuesday 6th August 2019 at 5pm
at Sandwell Council House, Oldbury**

3/19 Previous Decisions

That the formal record of the decisions taken by the former Cabinet Member for Highways and Environment on 26th March 2019 be received.

Business Matters**4/19 Objections arising from the advertising of The Borough Council of Sandwell (Cronehills Linkway Loading Area, West Bromwich) (Prohibition of Parking) Order 2019**

It was reported that on 1st May 2019, the Director-Regeneration and Growth gave approval to advertise a Traffic Regulation Order to control parking in the Service area at Cronehills Linkway, West Bromwich.

The Traffic Regulation Order proposed waiting and loading restrictions for a service area at Cronehills Linkway, West Bromwich. These changes would control parking where problems had been brought to the Council's attention. Two objections had been received.

The first objector was concerned that the proposed change would have a negative impact on staff conducting official business and disrupt access to their private car park. The service area was the only access to the staff car park where employees and maintenance staff required uninterrupted access.

The second objector had a business on New Street, West Bromwich and during business hours, they parked at the rear of 10-16 New Street, as there was no other parking for business owners.

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It had been suggested that parking permits should be provided for business owners.

Having considered the objection, the Cabinet Member was of the view that the Traffic Regulation Order had been proposed to improve access to business premises and that inconsiderate parking was as a result of motorists avoiding the town centre parking charges which resulted in access to adjacent businesses being obstructed. Long stay parking was available in the town centre for business owners. It was therefore proposed to take no further action in relation to the objections received.

Decision:-

- (1) that no action be taken in response to the objections received in relation to the Borough Council of Sandwell (Cronehills Linkway Loading Area, West Bromwich) (Prohibition of Parking) Order 2019 and that the Traffic Regulations Order be implemented as originally advertised;
- (2) that the Director - Regeneration and Growth complete the necessary statutory procedures to bring the Borough Council of Sandwell (Cronehills Linkway Loading Area, West Bromwich) (Prohibition of Parking) Order 2019 into effect;
- (3) that the Director - Law and Governance and Monitoring Officer seal the permanent order to bring the Borough Council of Sandwell (Cronehills Linkway Loading Area, West Bromwich) (Prohibition of Parking) Order 2019 into effect;
- (4) that the Director – Regeneration and Growth informs the objectors of the decision of the Cabinet Member for Sustainable Transport.

5/19

Objections arising from the advertising of The Borough Council of Sandwell (Rounds Green, Oldbury) (20 mph Zone) Order 2019

It was reported that the proposed new Traffic Regulation Order in respect of a 20 mph zone in the Rounds Green area of Oldbury had been advertised between 7th March and 29th March 2019.

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Letters had been distributed to all residents and businesses on the roads included in the proposed 20mph zone.

The Rounds Green area of Oldbury had a number of individual small pockets of 20 mph zones and limits introduced over time. As the area served both Rounds Green Primary School, Ormiston Academy and a large number of residential properties, it was felt that a consistent area wide 20mph zone should be introduced to rationalise the existing disjointed limits and improve the safety environment to all road users.

Furthermore, it was requested that Hainge Road be included in the proposed 20mph zone. On 24th September 2018, the Director – Regeneration and Growth gave further approval to the advertising of a 20mph traffic regulation order on Hainge Road.

One objection had been received to the proposed 20mph speed zone relating to having a detrimental effect on the environment and the health of the local population due to increased vehicle emissions.

Having considered the objection, the Cabinet member was of the view that part of the area already benefitted from traffic calming measures, the vehicles travelling at a constant 20mph would reduce emissions and that it would be less confusing for drivers. In addition, the reduced risk of injury from slower road traffic collisions, particularly to children, would be of greater benefit to the community. It was therefore proposed to take no further action in relation to the objection received.

Decision:-

- (1) that no action be taken in response to the objections received in relation to the Borough Council of Sandwell (Rounds Green, Oldbury) (20 mph Zone) Order 2019 and that the Traffic Regulations Order be implemented as originally advertised;
- (2) that the Director - Regeneration and Growth complete the necessary statutory procedures to bring the Borough Council of Sandwell (Rounds Green, Oldbury) (20 mph Zone) Order 2019 into effect;

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- (3) that the Director of Law and Governance and Monitoring Officer seal the permanent order to bring the Borough Council of Sandwell (Rounds Green, Oldbury) (20 mph Zone) Order 2019 into effect;
- (4) that the Director – Regeneration and Growth informs the objectors of the decision of the Cabinet Member for Sustainable Transport.

(Meeting ended at 5.24 pm)

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