



Subject: Gibson Street, Belfield. Proposed Prohibition of Driving. Consultation Report

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Comments from Statutory Officers:

Monitoring Officer: Yes
Section 151 Officer: Yes

Key Decision:

1 Purpose of the report

1.1 To update Committee on recent consultation carried out relating to the proposed Gibson Street Prohibition of Driving and obtain a Committee decision on whether to proceed with the Traffic Order.

2 Recommendations

2.1 That Committee considers the results of the consultation and makes a decision whether the Gibson Street scheme should be formally advertised as part of the traffic regulation order procedure.

3 Background

3.1 Complaints have been received dating back to 2013 regarding vehicles 'rat running' through Gibson Street to avoid the junction of Belfield Road and Samson Street, also complaints that vehicles of alleged drug dealers use the route and that a stolen car collided with one of the houses.

3.2 Highways Services carried out a site visit and determined that the best solution to the concerns would be to introduce a Prohibition of Driving traffic regulation order with a physical feature (kerbs and bollards) preventing these vehicle movements from Gibson Street on to Samson Street.

3.3 A consultation in the form of a leaflet drop was undertaken to determine support for the scheme and the preferred location of the restriction. A copy of the consultation leaflet was provided to Ward members prior to the process commencing

4 Results of the consultation

4.1 A total of 38 leaflets were delivered to the nearby affected residential dwellings, comprising of the 9 Gibson Street addresses and 29 addresses using the one way exit from Beswicke Royds Street (refer to Appendix B).

4.2 Only 6 responses were returned together with a covering letter apparently from one of the residents of Gibson Street. The responses are summarised in the table below.

Table 1 – Consultation responses received

Address	Number of houses	Number of responses	Number in favour	Number against	Prefer location A	Prefer location B
Gibson Street	9	6	6	0	6	0
other	29	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

4.3 All of the responses received were in favour of the proposal with all preferring Location B as the location of the bollards.

5. Financial Implications

5.1 The estimated cost of introducing the scheme is £3000 for the Traffic Regulation Order process and £4500 for the construction of physical features including 2 illuminated signs to be provided and connected by Eon. The works cost may be subject to change depending on estimated costs being obtained from Eon and the bollard specification being accepted by the Traffic Management unit consultation. All costs will need to be funded by the Rochdale Township Devolved Budget if the Committee wish to proceed with the scheme.

6. Legal Implications

6.1 Prior to the installation of the bollards, the scheme will require a Traffic Regulation Order for a Prohibition of Driving which will require the statutory legal procedure to be followed including: public advertisement and consideration of any potential objections.

6.2 That following receipt of any instructions, the Head of Legal Services & Governance Reform be authorised to advise the Director of Neighbourhoods, to prepare the appropriate legal documents and execute such documents on behalf of the Council.

7 Personnel Implications

7.1 None

8 Corporate Priorities

8.1 If approved, this scheme will become one of Rochdale Township priorities.

9 Risk Assessment Implications

9.1 None

10 Equalities Impacts

10.1 Workforce Equality Impacts Assessment – No issues

10.2 Equality/Community Impact Assessments – No issues were identified from the Equality impact assessment which is attached to this report.

Background Papers	
Document	Place of Inspection

Appendix A – Plan showing the proposed optional locations for the physical feature.



Appendix B – Consultation leaflet distribution.

