

Decision Record –

- 1) **Proposed Prohibition of Driving and Revocation of One Way - Wood Street**
- 2) **Proposed Waiting Restrictions – Market Hill, Park Lane, High Street, Coventry Street, Meadow Road and Wood Street.
Proposed Disabled Parking – Market Hill**

Cabinet Portfolio Holder taking the decision	Cllr Peter Butlin Transport and Planning
Date of Decision	1 December 2014

Decision Taken

That the Proposed Traffic Regulation Orders associated with the Southam Town Centre Highway Improvement Project, listed below are implemented as advertised:

- (1) Proposed Prohibition of Driving and Revocation of One Way- Wood Street
- (2) Proposed Waiting Restrictions – Market Hill, Park Lane, High Street, Coventry Street, Meadow Road, and Wood Street.

Proposed Disabled Parking – Market Hill

Reasons for Decisions

Following the recent development of the Tesco Superstore sited on the outskirts of Southam, funding was made available to Stratford District Council through a Section 106 agreement for a Town Centre Highway Improvement Project for Southam.

The aim of the proposed scheme is to improve the links between local transport and the shops and businesses within the town centre area of Market Hill and High Street. The improvements will create a safer and more welcoming environment for both residents and visitors to Southam, with the intention of reviving the heritage of this historic market town.

Background Information

An initial formal consultation was carried out in November and December 2013 with three public exhibitions held and leaflets delivered to all businesses and residents in Southam. 82% of responses were in favour of the scheme.

Following comments received from shop owners in the Market Hill area, minor changes were made to the proposed layout of the parking area on Market Hill which were agreed with Stratford District Council and Southam Town Council.

Traffic Regulation Orders relating to the changes to on-street parking in the town centre and to the closure of a section of Wood Street were formally advertised in October 2014, in accordance with the statutory procedure. Objections were received, and are summarised in the report.

A site visit was held by the Portfolio Holder on 20th November and a meeting was held in Shire Hall, Warwick on the 21st November. This meeting was to allow objectors to the proposals to express their views to the Portfolio Holder.

The Portfolio Holder considered the scheme along with the objections raised and concluded, "I feel that the proposed measures for Southam as outlined in the report and supported by Stratford District Council, Southam Town Council and a large majority of residents/businesses in Southam will not have a detrimental effect on the traders of Market Hill. The Town Centre Highway Improvement Project will create a safer and more welcoming environment for both residents and visitors to Southam, with the intention of reviving the heritage of this historic market town.

In looking at the concerns of residents on Daventry Street, I feel that traffic will find alternative routes when Wood Street is closed and we are not expecting a significant increase in traffic using Daventry Street compromising the safety of road users or pedestrians".

Financial Implications

All works associated with these Traffic Regulation Orders will be carried out as part of the Southam Town Centre Enhancement Scheme, which is fully funded through a Section 106 agreement, and is included in the Capital Programme 2014/15.

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Checklist

Urgent matter?	No
Confidential or Exempt? (State the category of exempt information)	No
Is the decision contrary to the budget and policy framework?	No

List of Reports considered

<https://democratic.warwickshire.gov.uk/cm5/CalendarofMeetings/tabid/128/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/645/Meeting/3125/Committee/548/SelectedTab/Documents/Default.aspx>

List of Background Papers - please include a contact for access to background papers

None

Members and officers consulted or informed

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