

# **Proposed Decision to be taken by the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Environment**

**On 13 July 2018**

## **Prohibition of Right-turn movement Avon Valley Bowls Club, New Access B4100 Wade Lane, Lighthorne**

### **Recommendation**

That the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Environment agrees that “The Warwickshire County Council (Avon Valley Bowls Club New Access B4100 Wade Lane Lighthorne) (Prohibition of Right-turn movement) Order 2018” be made as advertised subject to the Bowls Club entering into a section 278 Highways Act 1980 agreement with the Council to monitor the use of the turn for a 12 month period during the maintenance period set out in the agreement and thereafter for the Bowls Club to provide for physical measures to support the no right-turn if deemed necessary by the County Council.

### **1.0 Introduction**

- 1.1 A Traffic Regulation Order was proposed to prohibit vehicles travelling southbound on B4100 Wade Lane from turning right into Avon Valley Bowls Club and also prohibit to vehicles exiting the Avon Valley Bowls Club from turning right onto the B4100 Wade Lane.
- 1.2 The purpose of this report is to consider representations received in response to the proposed Order
- 1.3 The Council's reasons for proposing the Order are indicated in the statement of reasons appended to this report in Appendix B.

### **2.0 Background information**

- 2.1 B4100 Wade Lane is the main road which runs by Lighthorne village. Wade Lane primarily provides a direct access to residential properties and surrounding developments (JLR, Aston Martin and British Motor Museum).
- 2.2 The Avon Valley Bowls club new access is situated between the Aston Martin roundabout and JLR roundabout. Due to heavy B4100 traffic, desire to avoid delays for B4100 traffic, physical site constraints and safety concerns a junction with prohibited right-turns was proposed.

2.3 The Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 enables the Council to make orders prohibiting drivers from making this right-turn movement.

### 3.0 Consultation

3.1 The consultation has been carried out with Councillor Chris Williams, Stratford-on-Avon District Council, Warwickshire Police, Fire Service, Ambulance Service, Avon Valley Bowls Club and other statutory consultees.

3.2 Public notices advertising the proposed right-turn prohibition were published in the Leamington Courier newspaper on 15 March 2018. Notices were also displayed on-street outlining the proposals. This resulted in the receipt of 3 representations, summarised in the table below:

<u>Representations- 2 Objections &amp; 2 Supports.</u>	Officer Response
<p>As Police resources are finite, they will be unable to enforce this prohibition. It was suggested that this prohibition should be self-enforcing by introducing a bollard and peg feature in the centre of the carriageway. Without this feature, the Police object.</p> <p>The signs should be conspicuous to traffic regarding this ban.</p>	<p>The restrictive geometry of the junction will assist in making motorists comply with this ban.</p> <p>In addition, in response to this objection, No Right-turn signs, in advance of the junction, will be designed on yellow backing boards to be more visible to motorists (Please see revised drawing in Appendix A).</p> <p>Bollards and pegs are not proposed. However, the site will be monitored for a 12 month period at the cost of the Bowls Club through a section 278 agreement and if problems are witnessed then extra physical measures will be considered.</p>
<p>An objection was received on the visibility/awareness of approaching footpath users and motorists being able to see each other easily when exiting the Bowls Club.</p>	<p>The carriageway markings LOOK LEFT and LOOK RIGHT will be imprinted on the crossings to make pedestrian aware of approaching traffic. This is in-line with the Traffic Signs Manual Chapter 5 guidance (Please see revised drawing in Appendix A).</p>
<p>Support from Stratford-on-Avon District Council.</p>	
<p>Support from Avon Valley Bowls Club</p> <p>Avon Valley Indoor Bowls Club is a not for profit, member funded, community sports facility serving the residents of South Warwickshire since the early 1980's. The club lease expires in 2021 and landlords Jaguar Land Rover (JLR) were initially adamant that the lease would not be renewed. Following significant interventions by Jeremy Wright MP and Cllr Izzi Seccomb, JLR have stated that the lease can only be renewed on condition that a new road access be created. The access road is a minor junction with very low traffic flows – almost all traffic being outside peak hours.</p>	

Construction of the road is critical to the survival of the club but the approval process has been extremely long due to the need for a TRO and a lengthy debate regarding the option for bollards in the middle of the B4100. Timescales are critical to the club for two reasons –

(i) The selected contractor has discounted the construction price, based on managing this project whilst also on-site undertaking works for JLR. Further delay to the S278 agreement may cause a significant and potentially unaffordable increase to costs which could be much greater than the fee relief granted by WCC;

(ii) The bowls club access road is dependent on re-use of a Severn Trent temporary road which will otherwise be removed in February 2019. Uncertainty regarding the club’s future has now dragged on for several years and this has been a huge drain on the time, energy and financial resources of the club.

Avon Valley Indoor Bowls Club is desperately keen to get the road opened and return to the business of providing a great recreational facility for South Warwickshire.

## 4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 This scheme will be fully funded by Avon Valley Bowls Club.

### Background papers

1. Appendix A - Plan of No right-turn ban
2. Appendix B - Statement of reasons
3. Copies of representations

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