

Decision Record – A425 Saltisford/Northgate/Northgate Street/Barrack Street, Warwick, Highways Act 1980, Section 90A and 90G Warwick Town Centre - Proposed Traffic Calming and the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, (Saltisford/Northgate/Northgate Street, Warwick), Order 2018, Proposed Prohibition of Turning Movements

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| Cabinet Portfolio Holder taking the decision | Cllr Jeff Clarke Transport and Planning |
| Date of Decision (not before 19 October 2018) | 22/10/2018 |

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| Decision Taken |
| That the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Planning approves: |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The Warwickshire County Council (A425 Saltisford/Northgate/Northgate Street/Barrack Street, Warwick) (Traffic Regulation) Order 2018, Proposed Prohibition of Turning Movements 2) The Warwickshire County Council Highways Act 1980, Section 90A and 90G Saltisford/Northgate/Northgate Street/Barrack Street, Warwick Town Centre – Proposed Traffic Calming. <p>In accordance with the Highways Act 1980, Section 90A and 90 G, and the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.</p> |

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| Reasons for Decisions |
| Where objections have been received to traffic orders the Portfolio Holder must decide on them. |

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| Background Information |
| <p>Further to the public consultation on Warwick Town Centre in the summer of 2016, Warwickshire County Council is proposing to make improvements to the A425 Saltisford/Northgate/Northgate Street/Barrack Street, Northgate Square.</p> <p>These improvements are part of the overall project for the town centre to provide good connectivity into and across the town, reduce street clutter and improve the appearance of streets.</p> <p>A report was presented to Cabinet on 8th December 2016, seeking approval to move forward with elements of the Warwick Town Centre scheme, including the 20mph speed limit for the town centre, improvements on Priory Road and A425 Saltisford/Northgate/Northgate Street/Barrack Street junction.</p> <p>As part of the overarching rationale for Warwick Town Centre, key themes have been to increase use by cyclists and improve facilities and connectivity for cycle and pedestrian use, and reduce traffic speed throughout the key core area of the town.</p> <p>Proposed Scheme</p> <p>Northgate Square will be the first scheme that is delivered to improve a key gateway into the town centre. The design broadly reduces the junction footprint to vehicles which allows more space to be given to pedestrians and cyclists and improve the setting for Historic</p> |

Buildings.

The improvements include proposals to prohibit the right turning manoeuvre for eastbound vehicles on the A425 Saltisford/Northgate at its junction with Northgate Street and to introduce a right turn only for all vehicles travelling in a north- easterly direction on Barrack Street into Northgate Street.

The proposed prohibition of turning movements is required to provide a central Public Realm area to be known as Northgate Square, at the junction of the A425 Saltisford/Northgate/Northgate Street/Barrack Street, with an associated 75 mm raised table (Road Hump), and formalised pedestrian refuge crossing points.

Consultation on the Proposal

Formal, statutory consultation for the raised table, associated pedestrian refuges and prohibition of driving manoeuvres was carried out between 26th July 2018 and 23rd August 2018. Notices were placed on Street, in the local Leamington Courier Series on the 26th July 2018. Letters were also delivered to Northgate Methodist Church, Northgate House, and those properties directly affected by the proposals in Northgate Street, Northgate, Barrack Street, and Saltisford. All residents who had signed up on the Warwickshire Town Centre Web site were also included in the consultation.

During this period one formal objection has been received from a resident of Northgate Street, Warwick.

Local County Councillors were engaged with these proposals for some time. Meetings have been held with previous County Councillors Warner and St John and the current County Councillor Holland. Liaison meetings with Cllr Holland and new Councillors Singh Birdi and Mrs P Williams are proposed. These meetings will be held on a regular basis to keep local Members informed of the progress of the plans. The proposals have been well received by Councillors who are keen for these proposals to be taken forward to implementation stage.

Warwickshire Police have no objections to the proposed orders.

Financial Implications

All work will be carried out within the existing 2018/19 budget allocations.

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| Portfolio Holder | Councillor Jeff Clarke |

Checklist

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

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| List of Reports considered |
| Link to published proposed decision report: https://democratic.warwickshire.gov.uk/cm5/Calendarofmeetings/tabid/73/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/410/Meeting/4411/Committee/593/Default.aspx |

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| List of Background Papers |
| None |

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| Members and officers consulted or informed |
| Portfolio Holder – Councillor Jeff Clarke Corporate Board Legal – Ian Marriott, Finance – Liz Firmstone, Virginia Rennie Equality – Clare Bonnet Democratic Services – Paul Williams |