

Executive

Kidlington Pedestrianisation and Traffic Regulation Order

5 September 2011

Report of Head of Regeneration and Estates

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To seek the Council's approval to make a new Traffic Regulation Order for Kidlington High Street.

This report is public

Recommendations

The Executive is recommended:

- (1) To approve the making of a new Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for Kidlington High Street.

Executive Summary

Introduction

- 1.1 The Kidlington Pedestrianisation scheme was approved for inclusion in the Council's capital programme on 12 July 2010. Since then, the proposed scheme has gone out to an informal public consultation from September to November 2010 and following the positive outcome of this, a formal draft of the Order went on deposit in July 2011. The outcome of this formal consultation produced no objections to the proposed Order.
- 1.2 A report went to the Executive on the 7 March 2011 to seek an agency agreement with Oxfordshire County Council, as the Highways Authority to allow Cherwell District Council to formally promote, advertise and make the Order. This was confirmed in June 2011.

Proposals

- 1.3 As no objections to the draft Order were received, then no public Inquiry is required and the Order can be made.
- 1.4 If the Executive are minded to approve the making of the Order then as soon as it is formally advertised, those affected by the Order are notified and the

new traffic signs are made and installed, then the Order can come into effect. This is scheduled to be the autumn of 2011.

Key Issues for Consideration/Reasons for Decision and Options

- 2.1 This project is identified as a priority in the Regeneration and Estates Service plan and is a key partnership project undertaken at the request of the Kidlington Village Centre Management Board and Kidlington Parish Council
- 2.2 The following options have been identified. The approach in the recommendations is believed to be the best way forward.

Option One Approve the making of the Order for the scheme to move forward.

Option Two Reject the making of the Order. However this will result in the postponement of any further work on the scheme and a failure to meet Service Plan targets.

Implications

Financial: A capital estimate of £25,000 is in the approved capital programme, and this is considered to be sufficient to cover the costs associated with making the proposed Order and amending any signage. As no objections were received for the proposed scheme, no costs are required for holding a public inquiry. This will mean a saving on the budget estimated at £13,000...

Comments checked by Karen Muir, Corporate System Accountant 01295 221559

Legal: The TRO will come into force on such date as the TRO prescribes, which must not be earlier than (1) the date on which a notice of the making of the TRO and its effect is given in a local newspaper, or (2) the provision and/or modification of all traffic signs, road markings etc as necessary to give effect to the TRO.

Comments checked by Malcolm Saunders, Senior Legal Assistant 01295 221692

Risk Management: Any risks associated with the Order are low as no objections were made as part of the consultation process. Failure to grant the Order will result in a delay to the work and may damage the council's reputation, local relationships and ability to meet its strategic objectives.

Comments checked by Claire Taylor, Corporate Strategy and Performance Manager 01295 221563

Safer Communities, Urban and Rural Services A revised TRO for Kidlington High Street is considered to be essential to bring vitality to the village centre; develop improved pedestrian access; and to exclude, in the core

period, all but essential delivery vehicles.

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Wards Affected

All wards in Kidlington

Corporate Plan Themes

Cherwell, a District of Opportunity

Executive Portfolio

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Document Information

Appendix No	Title
None	
Background Papers	
None	
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