

**Report to the Chief Officer (Highways and Transportation)**

**Date: 14 February 2017**

**Subject: Whitehall Road / Northern Street Junction Improvement**

**Capital Scheme Number: 32227**

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): City and Hunslet	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

**Summary of main issues**

1. On the 27 July 2016 the Executive Board approved the Whitehall Road / Northern Street junction improvement scheme with the recommendation that remaining decisions relating to proposed Traffic Regulation Orders and the designation of cycle tracks on the public highway will be reported to the Chief Officer (Highways and transportation) using existing powers under the Officer Delegation Scheme (Part 3, Council Constitution) and sub-delegated by the Director of City Development.
2. To support the approved scheme a Traffic Regulation Order is required prohibiting the right turn movement from Whitehall Road (South West bound) into Northern Street (Northbound).
3. The designation of cycle tracks is also reported for approval.

**Recommendations**

4. The Chief Officer (Highways and Transportation) is requested to:
  - i) Give approval to advertise this Traffic Regulation Order, and if no valid objection is received, to make, seal and implement the order; and
  - ii) Approve the designation of cycle tracks on the public highway.

## **1 Purpose of this report**

- 1.1 To obtain authority to advertise a draft Traffic Regulation Order and subject to no valid objections being received, to make, seal and implement the Order as advertised.
- 1.2 To approve the designation of cycle tracks on the public highway.

## **2 Background information**

- 2.1 The Wellington Place development is in the advanced stages of construction and the developer has paid all monies due to implement the associated highway scheme.
- 2.2 In addition to this the S278 Whitehall Road (Riverside) work, which is adjacent, is currently in progress on behalf of Premier Inn and both schemes complement each other.
- 2.3 The Whitehall Road / Northern Street scheme has been issued to Leeds City Council's Highway Works term contractor. Works are expected to commence in February 2017.

## **3 Main issues**

To facilitate the safe operation of the Whitehall Road / Northern Street junction a Traffic Regulation Order and cycle track designation is required.

- 3.1 The proposals are shown on drawing no. 732227/LCC/HWT/DR/EP/12\_03\_
- 3.2 The proposals include:
  - i) prohibit the right turn movement from Whitehall Road (South West bound) into Northern Street (Northbound)
  - ii) the designation of cycle tracks on the public highway

## **4 Corporate Considerations**

### **4.1 Consultation and Engagement**

- 4.1.1 As part of the Executive Board report all required consultations and engagements have taken place.

### **4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration**

- 4.2.1 The Executive Board report confirmed that a full impact assessment is not required for this scheme.

### **4.3 Council policies and City Priorities**

4.3.1 The proposed Traffic Regulation Order accords with the Local Transport Plan and other Council policies as it supports and provides a safe means of access for all users of the Highway.

### **4.4 Resources and value for money**

4.4.1 The estimated cost of implementing the Traffic Regulation Order is £6,000 and this will be charged to the capital scheme for Highway's works being undertaken at this location, which has already received the required authority to spend approval in a previous Design and Cost Report. The overall scheme costs are being funded from private developer Section 106 planning permission receipts.

4.4.2 The scheme will commence in February 2017 with completion expected in November 2017

### **4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In**

4.5.1 The works are exempt from call in being a consequence of and in pursuance of a regulatory decision.

### **4.6 Risk Management**

4.6.1 The scheme is fully supported by all statutory consultees.

## **5 Conclusions**

5.1 The making and sealing of the TRO will provide the required movement order required as part of the scheme.

## **6 Recommendations**

The Chief Officer (Highways and Transportation) is requested to:

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- ii) Approve the designation of cycle tracks on the public highway.

## **7 Background documents<sup>1</sup>**

7.1 Appendix 1 – Drawing no. 732227/LCC/HWT/DR/EP/12\_03\_

7.2 Appendix 2 – Report to Executive Board dated 27 July 2016

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<sup>1</sup> The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.

# Equality, Diversity, Cohesion and Integration Screening



As a public authority we need to ensure that all our strategies, policies, service and functions, both current and proposed have given proper consideration to equality, diversity, cohesion and integration.

A **screening** process can help judge relevance and provides a record of both the **process** and **decision**. Screening should be a short, sharp exercise that determines relevance for all new and revised strategies, policies, services and functions. Completed at the earliest opportunity it will help to determine:

- the relevance of proposals and decisions to equality, diversity, cohesion and integration.
- whether or not equality, diversity, cohesion and integration is being/has already been considered, and
- whether or not it is necessary to carry out an impact assessment.

<b>Directorate: City Development</b>	<b>Service area: Engineering Projects</b>
<b>Lead person: Neil Foster</b>	<b>Contact number: 0113 37 87403</b>

<b>1. Title: Traffic Regulation Order, Whitehall Road / Northern Street</b>
Is this a: <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Strategy / Policy</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Service / Function</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Other</b>
<b>If other, please specify: Highway Works</b>

<b>2. Please provide a brief description of what you are screening</b>
The screening will be on the proposed Whitehall Road / Northern Street Junction Improvement. The proposals include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Prohibition of the right turn movement from Whitehall Road (South West bound) into Northern Street (Northbound)</li><li>▪ Approve the designation of cycle tracks on the public highway</li></ul>

<b>3. Relevance to equality, diversity, cohesion and integration</b> All the council's strategies/policies, services/functions affect service users, employees or the wider community – city wide or more local. These will also have a greater/lesser relevance to equality, diversity, cohesion and integration.  The following questions will help you to identify how relevant your proposals are.
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When considering these questions think about age, carers, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation. Also those areas that impact on or relate to equality: tackling poverty and improving health and well-being.		
Questions	Yes	No
Is there an existing or likely differential impact for the different equality characteristics?	x	
Have there been or likely to be any public concerns about the policy or proposal?		x
Could the proposal affect how our services, commissioning or procurement activities are organised, provided, located and by whom?		x
Could the proposal affect our workforce or employment practices?		x
Does the proposal involve or will it have an impact on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eliminating unlawful discrimination, victimisation and harassment</li> <li>• Advancing equality of opportunity</li> <li>• Fostering good relations</li> </ul>		x

If you have answered **no** to the questions above please complete **sections 6 and 7**

If you have answered **yes** to any of the above and;

- Believe you have already considered the impact on equality, diversity, cohesion and integration within your proposal please go to **section 4**.
- Are not already considering the impact on equality, diversity, cohesion and integration within your proposal please go to **section 5**.

<b>4. Considering the impact on equality, diversity, cohesion and integration</b>
If you can demonstrate you have considered how your proposals impact on equality, diversity, cohesion and integration you have carried out an impact assessment.
Please provide specific details for all three areas below (use the prompts for guidance).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>How have you considered equality, diversity, cohesion and integration?</b> (<b>think about</b> the scope of the proposal, who is likely to be affected, equality related information, gaps in information and plans to address, consultation and engagement activities (taken place or planned) with those likely to be affected)</li> </ul> <p>The main scheme proposals are inclusive to allow use by pedestrians and other mobility modes which include wheelchair users, pushchairs, mobility scooters and cyclists.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Key findings</b> (<b>think about</b> any potential positive and negative impact on different equality characteristics, potential to promote strong and positive relationships between groups, potential to bring groups/communities into increased contact with each other, perception that the proposal could benefit one group at the expense of another)</li> </ul>

<p><b>Positive Impacts –</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Improved and increased controlled signalised pedestrian crossing points</li> <li>ii) Scheme creates a dedicated cycling facility suitable for all abilities, and will encourage cyclists with disabilities or impairments to make more journeys by cycle</li> <li>iii) Scheme will improve access to employment, skill development and education for all socio-economic classes</li> </ul> <p><b>Negative Impacts –</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) More vulnerable pedestrians may feel uneasy mixing with cyclists in shared use areas such as the signalised crossings. However, cycle routes have been conspicuously designed in shared use areas using a combination of green coloured surfacing / white cycle symbols - this will particularly assist pedestrians with hearing impairments. In addition crossings for cyclists will specifically include signals with cycle symbols to help minimise potential confusion.</li> </ul> <p>• <b>Actions</b> (think about how you will promote positive impact and remove/ reduce negative impact)</p> <p>None</p>
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<p><b>5. If you are not already considering the impact on equality, diversity, cohesion and integration you will need to carry out an impact assessment.</b></p>	
Date to scope and plan your impact assessment:	
Date to complete your impact assessment	
Lead person for your impact assessment (Include name and job title)	

<p><b>6. Governance, ownership and approval</b> Please state here who has approved the actions and outcomes of the screening</p>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Job title</b>	<b>Date</b>

<p><b>7. Publishing</b></p> <p>Though <b>all</b> key decisions are required to give due regard to equality the council <b>only</b> publishes those related to <b>Executive Board, Full Council, Key Delegated Decisions</b> or a <b>Significant Operational Decision</b>.</p> <p>A copy of this equality screening should be attached as an appendix to the decision making report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Governance Services will publish those relating to Executive Board and Full Council.</li> <li>• The appropriate directorate will publish those relating to Delegated Decisions and Significant Operational Decisions.</li> <li>• A copy of all other equality screenings that are not to be published should be sent to <a href="mailto:equalityteam@leeds.gov.uk">equalityteam@leeds.gov.uk</a> for record.</li> </ul> <p>Complete the appropriate section below with the date the report and attached screening was sent:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>For Executive Board or Full Council – sent to <b>Governance Services</b></td> <td>Date sent:</td> </tr> </table>	For Executive Board or Full Council – sent to <b>Governance Services</b>	Date sent:
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