

Report to the Chief Officer (Highways and Transportation)

Date: 05 May 2020

Subject: Rooms Lane, Morley – Prohibition of Motor Vehicles Order

Are specific electoral wards affected? If yes, name(s) of ward(s): Morley North	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Has consultation been carried out?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Will the decision be open 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

1. Main issues

This report seeks approval to introduce a Prohibition of Motor Vehicles Order on Rooms Lane, Morley. There are issues along Rooms Lane with vehicles using the route to illegally dump waste and it – these issues are longstanding and have been raised by various parties in the area.

Providing the Prohibition of Motor Vehicles Order on Rooms Lane will allow a pedestrian-friendly gate to be installed on the route preventing vehicles from accessing the area of concern whilst still allowing non-motor vehicles free passage of the route.

2. Best Council Plan Implications (click [here](#) for the latest version of the Best Council Plan)

The Best Council Plan 2015-20 outlines how Leeds City will achieve its ambition to become the Best City in the UK and Leeds City Council the best local authority. According to the Best Council Plan, the priorities for the 2020/2021 year include; tackling climate change risks, reducing health inequalities and keeping people safe from harm and promoting community respect and resilience. The implementation of a Prohibition of Motor Vehicles Order on Rooms Lane will work towards these priorities and assist Leeds City in reaching its objectives.

3. Resource Implications

The budget for this scheme is being provided through the Outer South Community Committee (Wellbeing Funding) and as such there are no financial implications on the Highways section.

Recommendations

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

- a) Note the contents of the report;
- b) Approve the implementation of a scheme to introduce a Prohibition of Motor Vehicles Order on Rooms Lane, Morley, as shown on the attached drawing TM/25/0287/CON/01;
- c) Authorise the City Solicitor to advertise a draft Traffic Regulation Order and if no valid objections are received, to make, seal and implement the Order as advertised.

1. Purpose of this report

- 1.1 This report seeks approval for the implementation of a Prohibition of Motor Vehicles Order on Rooms Lane, Morley at an estimated cost of £5000 to be funded through Wellbeing funding.
- 1.2 Authorise the City Solicitor to advertise a draft Traffic Regulation Order and if no valid objections are received, to make, seal and implement the Order as advertised.

2. Background information

- 2.1 Over the past six year period there have been complaints raised from numerous different parties raising the issue of fly tipping on Rooms Lane, Morley.
- 2.2 This issue was raised originally by residents in the area who contacted both local Ward Members and the Public Rights of Way Team who raised these issues with the Highway Authority.
- 2.3 From the period between 01/07/2014 and 30/06/2019 a total of 100 fly tipping reports have been logged with Leeds City Council regarding the location.
- 2.4 This practice both makes the area look unsightly, and also costs Leeds City Council a considerable amount of money in cleaning and disposal costs.
- 2.5 Because of this, a scheme was proposed to install a Prohibition of Motor Vehicles Order on the route to rectify this issue, funded through Wellbeing funding.
- 2.6 The section of Rooms Lane where this order will be proposed is not part of the adopted highway, but is a Public Right of Way.

3. Main issues

3.1 Design Proposals and Full Scheme Description

- 3.1.1 In order to address the issue raised above it is proposed to introduce a Prohibition of Motor Vehicles Order and pedestrian friendly gate on Rooms Lane, Morley.
- 3.1.2 The physical works to install the pedestrian friendly gate to prevent the order being breached and to prevent fly tipping will be carried out by Parks & Countryside.
- 3.1.3 The works to promote the required Traffic Regulation Order, its advertisement and sealing, and the provision of signage will be carried out by the Traffic Management Section.
- 3.1.4 There is no obvious area where this practice could transfer to in the immediate area and monitoring will take place after the orders completion to ensure this issue has not transferred nearby.

3.2 Programme

- 3.2.1 It is anticipated that the proposals will be constructed within the 2020/2021 financial year.

4. Corporate considerations

4.1 Consultation and engagement

- 4.1.1 The Morley North Ward Members, Emergency Services and the West Yorkshire Combined Authority were all consulted by email on 31st May 2019. The Ward Members were in full support of the proposals and the remaining consultees did not raise any objections to the proposals.
- 4.1.2 A total of six properties in the immediate area were consulted through the Ward Members with half responding positively to the proposals and the other half not raising any adverse comments.
- 4.1.3 As Rooms Lane runs under the M621, Highways England were consulted as it may affect their access to the tunnel beneath the motorway; no adverse comments were received regarding the proposals.
- 4.1.4 Leeds City Council Public Rights of Way team have been involved from the initial scheme conception and have been supportive of the works that are proposed.

4.2 Equality and diversity / cohesion and integration

- 4.2.1 Implementation of this scheme will provide a safer and more pleasant environment for members of the public, with a reduction in the amount of fly tipping occurring within the area.
- 4.2.2 The gate that is proposed to be installed will be pedestrian friendly and should not negatively affect the accessibility of the route.

4.3 Council policies and the Best Council Plan

4.3.1 The proposals contained in the report have no implications for the council constitution.

4.3.2 By providing a safer road environment helps to achieve Leeds' ambition to become the Best City by reducing the number of pedestrians killed or seriously injured on the city's roads, by fostering links between the communities and local facilities, especially where the highway forms a considerable barrier, and by enabling more sustainable travel choices for local journeys, including for new developments within the city.

4.3.3 Environmental Policy: The proposals contained in this report will assist in the ambition to tackle climate change issues by preventing fly tipping occurring in the area.

4.3.4 Local Transport Plan 3 - Strategic Approaches:

Travel Choices & Connectivity: P18: Improve safety and security
P22: Develop networks and facilities to encourage cycling and walking

Climate Emergency

4.3.5 This scheme will prevent fly tipping from occurring within the area and reduce the amount of waste being disposed of inappropriately in the area.

4.4 Resources, procurement and value for money

4.4.1 Funding for the scheme is being provided by non-highway services and as such there are no funding implications for the scheme.

4.5 Legal implications, access to information, and call-in

4.5.1 This report is not eligible for call-in.

4.6 Risk management

4.6.1 There are no specific risks, other than those that are expected to be encountered when working on a Highway.

5. Conclusions

5.1 Providing the above Traffic Regulation Order and the associated physical works will provide improvement to the area with the prevention of fly tipping.

6. Recommendations

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7. Background documents

7.1 None

Appendix 1

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.

Directorate: City Services	Service area: City Development
Lead person: Andrew Richardson	Contact number: 378 7489

1. Title: Rooms Lane, Morley – Prohibition of Motor Vehicles Order			
Is this a:			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Strategy / Policy	<input type="checkbox"/>	Service / Function	Other <input type="checkbox"/>
If other, please specify:			

2. Please provide a brief description of what you are screening
We are screening the introduction of a Prohibition of Motor Vehicles Traffic Regulation Order and the installation of a pedestrian friendly gate at this location.

3. Relevance to equality, diversity, cohesion and integration		
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.		
When considering these questions think about age, carers, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation and any other relevant characteristics (for example socio-economic status, social class, income, unemployment, residential location or family background and education or skills levels).		
Questions	Yes	No
Is there an existing or likely differential impact for the different	X	

equality characteristics?		
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"> • Eliminating unlawful discrimination, victimisation and harassment • Advancing equality of opportunity • Fostering good relations 		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**.

<p>4. Considering the impact on equality, diversity, cohesion and integration</p>
<p>If you can demonstrate you have considered how your proposals impact on equality, diversity, cohesion and integration you have carried out an impact assessment.</p> <p>Please provide specific details for all three areas below (use the prompts for guidance).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How have you considered equality, diversity, cohesion and integration? (think about 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) <p>Numerous scheme consultations have been carried out with local Councillors, emergency services and the general public to make everyone aware of the various scheme proposals, the aims of the proposals in terms of improving the general area and reducing the occurrences of fly tipping in the area.</p> <p>Additional consultation/engagement will also take place on certain schemes by means of the legal advertisement of the Traffic Regulation Order which will be displayed in the local media and on street by means of a public notice.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key findings (think about 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) <p>The scheme listed will provide positive impacts to the surrounding area by reducing the occurrences of fly tipping;</p>

Positive Impacts:

- Providing a safer environment for members of the public
- Prevention of fly tipping in an environmentally sensitive area

Negative Impacts:

- The introduction of a physical barrier to prevent fly tipping could affect the movement of pedestrians, particularly those with mobility issues.

- **Actions (think about** how you will promote positive impact and remove/ reduce negative impact)

The gate that will be installed in the location will be pedestrian friendly, and should not have an adverse effect on pedestrians wishing to use the area.

5. If you are not already considering the impact on equality, diversity, cohesion and integration you will need to carry out an impact assessment.

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)	

6. Governance, ownership and approval

Please state here who has approved the actions and outcomes of the screening

Name	Job title	Date
Nicholas Hunt	Traffic Engineering Manager	January 2020

7. Publishing

This screening document will act as evidence that due regard to equality and diversity has been given. If you are not carrying out an independent impact assessment the screening document will need to be published.

Please send a copy to the Equality Team for publishing

Date screening completed	January 2019
Date sent to Equality Team	
Date published (To be completed by the Equality Team)	