

Individual Executive Member Decision

Title of Report:	Lamtarra Way, Greenham - Road Closure
Report to be considered by:	Individual Executive Member Decision
Date on which Decision is to be taken:	30 September 2011
Forward Plan Ref:	ID2323

Purpose of Report: To inform the Executive Member for Highways, Transport (Operational), ICT & Customer Services of the responses received during the statutory consultation on the proposed closure of Lamtarra Way, Greenham.

Recommended Action: That the Executive Member for Highways, Transport (Operational), ICT & Customer Services resolves to approve the recommendations as set out in Section 4 of this report.

Reason for decision to be taken:

Other options considered:

Key background documentation: ID 2152 Lamtarra Way, Greenham - Proposed Road Closure
Responses to the informal consultation
Responses to the statutory consultation
Plan No TM129001A

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Implications

Policy:	None arising from this report.
Financial:	The implementation of the road closure will be funded from the approved Capital Programme.
Personnel:	None arising from this report.
Legal/Procurement:	The sealing of the Traffic Regulation Order will be undertaken by Legal Services.
Environmental:	Preventing vehicles from accessing Lamtarra Way will make a more pleasant environment for local residents.
Property:	None arising from this report.
Risk Management:	None arising from this report.
Equalities Impact Assessment:	A Stage One EIA was undertaken on 6 September 2011 and is attached as Appendix A. This indicated that a Stage Two EIA would not be required.

Consultation Responses

Members:

Leader of Council:	Councillor Graham Jones - To date no response has been received, however any comments will be verbally reported at the Individual Decision meeting.
Overview & Scrutiny Management Commission Chairman:	Councillor Brian Bedwell - It would appear that the majority of residents want the road closed and since the emergency service also does not object, I agree to the recommendation.
Ward Members:	Councillor Billy Drummond - To date no response has been received, however any comments will be verbally reported at the Individual Decision meeting. Councillor Julian Swift-Hook fully support the draft Report's Conclusions and Recommendations, which are in line with the residents' consensus view as identified by the informal consultation. I would urge that the Recommendations be implemented with all speed once the formal Decision has been taken.
Opposition Spokesperson:	Councillor Keith Woodhams - To date no response has been received, however any comments will be verbally reported at the Individual Decision meeting.
Local Stakeholders:	N/A.
Officers Consulted:	Mark Cole and Mark Edwards
Trade Union:	N/A.

Is this item subject to call-in.	Yes: <input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/>	No: <input type="checkbox"/>
If not subject to call-in please put a cross in the appropriate box:		
The item is due to be referred to Council for final approval	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Delays in implementation could have serious financial implications for the Council	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Delays in implementation could compromise the Council's position	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Considered or reviewed by O&SMC or associated Task Groups within preceding six months	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Item is Urgent Key Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Supporting Information

1. Background

- 1.1 Lamtarra Way and Mandarin Drive are the main roads on a new residential estate located off New Road at Greenham. As part of the road design a bus gate was to be introduced between New Road and Lamtarra Way but the bus companies did not think the route financially viable. In February 2007 a bollard was installed to prevent traffic generated by the new estate using New Road but it could be driven over by the emergency services if necessary. A location plan TM129001A is attached.
- 1.2 A number of requests were received for a permanent closure of the road as the bollard had been driven over and was not serving its purpose. However it was discovered that since the road was adopted by the Council in April 2009 there was no legal order in place for a road closure.
- 1.3 An Individual Decision report (ID2152) was considered in November 2010 when it was agreed that the statutory consultation to close the road be undertaken following an informal consultation with local residents to determine the most appropriate location for the closure.
- 1.4 The informal consultation was undertaken during April 2011 seeking resident's views on the location of the possible closure. Option A was to introduce measures to make the existing closure permanent, option B was to introduce an alternative permanent physical closure on Mandarin Drive at its junction with Lamtarra Way and Option C was having no road closure.
- 1.5 At the close of the informal consultation 154 responses had been received of which 50% supported option A, 23% supported option B and 27% supported option C.
- 1.6 As the majority of respondents supported option A the statutory consultation and advertisement of the proposal to physically close Lamtarra Way at the existing location was undertaken between 21st July and 11th August 2011.

2. Responses to statutory consultation

- 2.1 At the end of the statutory consultation period 38 responses had been received including one from the Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service who had no objections. The other responses included 23 objections (2 from the same address), 12 in support and 2 gave no indication.

- 2.2 A summary of the comments received during the statutory consultation, together with officer comments is provided in Appendix B to this report.

3. Conclusion

- 3.1 A bollard closing the road has been in place since February 2007 and many residents have purchased their property knowing that their vehicular access would be via Mandarin Drive.
- 3.2 The proposed closure is formalising the process where a closure was designed as part of the residential estate and should have been in place when the road was adopted.
- 3.3 The results of the informal consultation showed that the majority of residents wanted the road closure at the location of the bollards.

4. Recommendation

- 4.1 It is recommended that the proposed closure be introduced as advertised.
- 4.2 That the respondents to the statutory consultation be informed accordingly.

Appendices

Appendix A – Equality Impact Assessment – Stage 1

Appendix B – comments received during the statutory consultation.

APPENDIX A

Equality Impact Assessment – Stage One

Name of item being assessed:	Lamtarra Way, Greenham - Road Closure
Version and release date of item (if applicable):	6 September 2011
Owner of item being assessed:	Andrew Garratt – Principal Traffic & Road Safety Engineer
Name of assessor:	Andrew Garratt
Date of assessment:	6 September 2011

1. What are the main aims of the item?
The main aim of this item is the proposed introduction of a road closure, except for cycles which should have been part of the completed works for the housing estate of Lamtarra Way, Greenham.

2. Note which groups may be affected by the item, consider how they may be affected and what sources of information have been used to determine this. (Please demonstrate consideration of all strands – Age, Disability, Gender, Race, Religion or Belief and Sexual Orientation.)		
Group Affected	What might be the effect?	Information to support this.
Local Residents	Improved road safety.	The road closure will ensure that traffic volumes are not excessive.
Child pedestrians	Improved road safety	The road closure will ensure that traffic volumes are not excessive.
Persons with less mobility	Improved road safety	The road closure will ensure that traffic volumes are not excessive.
Further comments relating to the item:		

3. Result (please tick by double-clicking on relevant box and click on 'checked')
<input type="checkbox"/> High Relevance - This needs to undergo a Stage 2 Equality Impact Assessment
<input type="checkbox"/> Medium Relevance - This needs to undergo a Stage 2 Equality Impact Assessment

<input type="checkbox"/>	Low Relevance - This needs to undergo a Stage 2 Equality Impact Assessment
X	No Relevance - This does not need to undergo a Stage 2 Equality Impact Assessment

For items requiring a Stage 2 equality impact assessment, begin the planning of this now, referring to the equality impact assessment guidance and Stage 2 template.

4. Identify next steps as appropriate:	
Stage Two required	
Owner of Stage Two assessment:	
Timescale for Stage Two assessment:	
Stage Two not required:	✓

Name:

Date: 6 September 2011

