

Individual Executive Member Decision

Title of Report:	Lamtarra Way, Greenham - Proposed Road Closure
Report to be considered by:	Individual Executive Member Decision
Date on which Decision is to be taken:	4 November 2010
Forward Plan Ref:	ID2152

Purpose of Report: To seek approval to advertise a Traffic Regulation Order to prevent traffic from using part of Lamtarra Way, Greenham.

Recommended Action: That the Executive Member for Highways, Transport (Operational) & ICT resolves to approve the consultation and advertisement of a road closure.

Reason for decision to be taken: Under the terms of the Council's constitution, permanent Traffic Regulation Orders can only be advertised following Member approval.

Statutory: **Non-Statutory:**
Other:

Other options considered:

Key background documentation:

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Implications

Policy:	None arising from this report.
Financial:	The statutory consultation and implementation of the road closure would be funded from S106 contributions. If there are any financial implications contained within this report this section must be signed off by a West Berkshire Group Accountant. Please note that the report cannot be accepted by Policy and Communication unless this action has been undertaken.
Personnel:	None arising from this report.
Legal/Procurement:	The statutory consultation process will need to be undertaken by Legal Services.
Environmental:	Preventing vehicles from accessing Lamtarra Way will make a more pleasant environment for local residents.
Partnering:	None arising from this report.
Property:	None arising from this report.
Risk Management:	None arising from this report.
Community Safety:	None arising from this report.
Equalities:	None arising at this stage. For advice please contact Principal Policy Officer (Equalities) on Ext. 2441.

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 - To date no response has been received, however any comments will be verbally reported at the Individual Decision meeting.
Select Committee Chairman:	N/A
Ward Members:	Councillors Billy Drummond and Julian Swift-Hook - To date no response has been received, however any comments will be verbally reported at the Individual Decision meeting.
Opposition Spokesperson:	Councillor Keith Woodhams is happy to support the ward members.
Local Stakeholders:	N/A
Officers Consulted:	Mark Cole and Mark Edwards
Trade Union:	N/A

NOTE: The section below does not need to be completed if your report will not progress beyond Corporate or Management Board.

Is this item subject to call-in.	Yes: <input 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 OSC or associated Task Groups within preceding 6 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. A rebound bollard has been installed to prevent traffic generated by the new estate using New Road but it could be driven over by the emergency services if necessary.
- 1.2 In recent months a number of requests for a permanent closure of the road have been received as the bollard is being driven over and not serving its purpose.
- 1.3 A general layout plan of the area is attached to this report.

2. Conclusion

- 2.1 The distance to Lamtarra Way via Mandarin Drive is approximately 730 metres whilst via New Road and the bollard is approximately 530 metres.
- 2.2 To prevent the bollard from being over run and the traffic from Lamtarra Way using New Road a physical closure, except for cycles, could be introduced at the location of the bollard.
- 2.3 However given the small number of residential properties in Lamtarra Way consideration could be given to physically closing the road, except for cycles, in Mandarin Drive instead. This would result in all traffic accessing Lamtarra Way using New Road and all properties on Mandarin Drive using Mandarin Drive.
- 2.4 Statutory consultation would be required to physically close either road and before going to the expense of formally advertising the closure it is recommended that a preliminary consultation be undertaken with local residents to determine their views on which, if any, closure is preferable. Statutory consultation would only then follow on one option.

3. Recommendation

- 3.1 It is recommended 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.

Appendices

There are no appendices attached to this report.