

TRAFFIC ADVISORY PANEL

19th July 2018

Meeting commenced: 11.18 a.m.
" ended: 11.35 a.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Dickman, K. Garrido, Linden, Mashiter, McIntyre, Warmisham and P. Wheeler

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

In the absence of Councillor Antrobus, Lead Member for Planning & Sustainable Development, Councillor Mashiter was appointed as Chair for the duration of the meeting.

- Councillor Mashiter – in the Chair -

2. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chair welcomed those present and outlined the procedure for the meeting. He explained that the role of the Traffic Advisory Panel is consultative and indicated that a decision in respect of the proposal to be considered would be made at a future Briefing of the Lead Member for Planning & Sustainable Development, having considered the report and representations and comments at this meeting.

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Antrobus, Burch, Clarke, Dawson, Hamilton, Hunt and Morris.

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

4. MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th July 2018 were agreed as a correct record.

5. City of Salford (Introduction of Traffic Calming on Old Clough Lane – Walkden) Including One Road Hump and Nine Sets of Speed Cushions

The Panel considered a report of the Strategic Director Place which detailed nine objections that had been received with regard to a proposal to introduce one road hump and nine sets of speed cushions along Old Clough Lane. The report indicated that a request had previously been received from the Little Hulton & Walkden Community Committee and residents of Old Clough Lane to review the speed of vehicles and the level of traffic along the road, with a view to introducing a traffic calming scheme. Over the last three years, three informal consultation exercises had been carried out with local residents, Ward Councillors and the emergency services, along with traffic counts, which had confirmed the extent of the speeding problem on Old Clough Lane. The consultations had indicated that speed cushions were the least objectionable option of most residents. They were also the preferred option for the emergency services and bus services and have a proven track record in reducing traffic speeds. A 20mph speed limit on Old Clough Lane has already been introduced, in line with Salford City Council's schools safety initiative. On review, it was considered appropriate to impose a 20mph zone over not only Old Clough Lane, but also the residential side streets that have not been included in the two existing 20mph zones, covering the residential areas to the north east end of Old Clough Lane, (Crompton Street) and the south west end of Old Clough Lane (Rydal Crescent and Birch Road). The purpose of the proposals is to reduce traffic speed in the vicinity of the school, address residents' concerns relating to traffic speed along Old Clough Lane and rationalize the existing 20mph zones in to one area.

The Panel were advised of a late representation that had been received with regard to the proposed scheme, which related to (a) the impact of new housing developments on the infrastructure of the local roads and residents and the need for this to be considered when planning permission was granted, and (b) issues regarding the traffic lights located at the junction of Old Clough Lane and East Lancashire Road including their impact in terms of Old Clough Lane being used as a thoroughfare.

In 2017, the Traffic Advisory Panel had considered objections to the proposed 20mph speed limit, at which time an objector had expressed concern that the lowered speed limit in itself was insufficient to reduce vehicle speeds and improve road safety on Old Clough Lane. The Lead Member for Planning & Sustainable

Development had indicated that officers should investigate and implement a traffic calming scheme to alleviate those concerns.

The Panel noted the further background information provided in the report, together with the detail of the nine objections that had been received and the responses that had been provided.

The Panel expressed general support regarding the proposed scheme.

The Chair indicated that the Lead Member for Planning & Sustainable Development would make a decision regarding the proposed scheme at a future Lead Member Briefing.