

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of the **Highways Committee** held at County Hall, Durham on **Friday 19 March 2010 at 10a.m.**

Present:

Councillor D MORGAN in the Chair

Members of the Committee:

Councillors Arthur, A Bainbridge, Burn, Hancock, Magee, D Marshall, Naylor, Stradling, T Taylor, L Thomson, Todd, Wright and R Young

Officers:

D Wafer (Business Manager, Regeneration & Economic Development), P Holding (Legal Adviser) and D Roberts (Democratic Services)

Apologies:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J Robinson, Shiell and Tomlinson.

A1 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

A2 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 4 March 2010 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

A3 Unclassified Road Rear of Waldron Street, Bishop Auckland – Proposed Prohibition of Driving Traffic Regulation Order

The Committee considered the report of the Corporate Director, Regeneration and Economic Development advising of an objection to the proposed prohibition of driving order for the rear of Waldron Street, Bishop Auckland.

The report summarised the background to the proposal, which had been made in response to representations concerning damage caused to property by vehicles accessing the rear of the street and the adjacent Edward Street via a gap between numbers 34 and 35 Waldron Street which was bridged by an archway. It was noted that height restriction signage had been erected in February 2009.

Following consultation, two objections were received; one of these was subsequently withdrawn and the remaining objection was outlined in the report, together with the Council's response. Local members had been consulted and offered no objection to the proposal

RESOLVED:

That the objection be set aside and that the Traffic Regulation Order be introduced, as outlined in the report.

A4 Transit 15: Responses to public consultation for schemes at A177 New Inn Traffic Signals and A691/C57 Lanchester Junction

The Committee considered the report of the Corporate Director, Regeneration and Economic Development providing feedback on consultations with the public on two Transit 15 schemes which involved changes to the existing road layouts at the above locations.

Members were reminded that completion of the 26 planned schemes comprising the Transit 15 project would see reduced delays and improved reliability for services on seven key bus corridors across the county.

Each proposal was detailed in the report; views and comments on the A177 scheme had been sought in October 2009. Five responses had been received – those from the police, Elvet Residents Association and Durham University were supportive of the scheme. The two responses from members of the public were summarised in the report, together with the Council's comments on each.

Consultation on the A69/C57 proposal had taken place in November 2009; no responses had been received.

RESOLVED:

That the outcome of the public consultation exercises be noted.

Councillor Morgan indicated that this was likely to be his last meeting as Chair of the Committee; he also noted that Margaret Ogden would be moving to a different role with the County Council and that Dave Wafer would no longer be presenting reports to the Committee. He thanked members and officers for their contributions to meetings and wished the officers well in their new roles.

The meeting closed at 10.40am

CHAIR