

DECISION SESSION – CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT, PLANNING & SUSTAINABILITY.

Friday 19th July 2013

Extract from Annex of Additional Comments received from Members and the Public since the agenda was published.

AGENDA ITEM	REPORT	RECEIVED FROM	COMMENTS
5	20mph Speed Limit	Mrs S Galloway	<p>I wish to record my objection to the implementation of the above on the following grounds please:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Accident reports clearly show that the impositions of a 20 mph speed limit on all roads in the West of York are totally unnecessary. 2. The limit does not apply to those roads which have the highest accident rates. 3. The £600k that this exercise is going to cost is disproportionate and should not be entertained when the Council is in financial difficulties. 4. The money would be better used on maintaining roads and pavements and would be a better justification to avoid trips and falls and subsequent claims on the Council and indeed treatment on the NHS. 5. The cul de sac in which I live has seen no accidents in over 40 years and indeed it is difficult to reach even 10 mph due to the layout of the street and the number of parked cars. 6. The local Foxwood Residents Association have never received a request for the lowering of speed limits in the last ten years. 7. There will be extra street clutter at a time when Reinvigorate York is supposed to be removing such clutter. Perhaps this only relates to the areas on which tourists gaze and frequent.

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			<p>8. The campaign is politically motivated and unenforceable. Mrs S Galloway</p>
5	20 MPH Speed Limits	Mr S Galloway	<p>I wish to make the following formal representation on Agenda Item 5. I also attached a copy of the representation that I made when the draft Traffic Order was advertised. I would wish to reiterate the points made in that letter and, in addition, to refer to two aspects of the officer report which are causing deep concern in west York.</p> <p>Specifically, additional evidence has emerged that, in several of those Cities which have introduced wide area 20 mph speed limits, there has been an increase in the total number of accidents recorded (on roads with either a 20 or 30 mph speed limit).</p> <p>This is the case in both Portsmouth and Oxford.</p> <p>While such statistics may appear to be perverse, they cannot be ignored by a responsible authority. There must be a greater understanding of why this has situation has arisen.</p> <p>Given that £600,000 can only be invested once, it does seem to me that it would be right to pause at this point in the process. If the Council allowed 18 months and then reviewed the pre and post 20 mph accident statistics for the South Bank area, that would provide more robust basis on which to make future decisions.</p> <p>In the meantime, the Council would be praised if it concentrated its resources on those roads which have a high accident potential.</p> <p>Many will also be concerned about the opinion survey responses from Bristol which suggest that most do not</p>

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			<p>believe that the 20 mph speed limit there has reduced speeding problems. In some ways this mirrors local opinion which is firmly of the view that the streets, targeted for revised limits, by and large have neither a speeding or accident problem.</p> <p>I hope that you will adopt a diplomatic approach and pull back from the brink on this issue. The scale of public mistrust of wide area 20 mph schemes is such that any hope of developing “soft” measures which engage the local community in supporting an anti speeding culture are doomed to meet a cynical and hostile response. Some are even talking about taking direct action in opposition to your plans.</p> <p>Please take more time to convince people of your case.</p> <p>Yours sincerely, Steve Galloway</p> <p><i>(additional documents referred to are attached to the online agenda following this comments annex)</i></p>
5	20mph Speed Limits	Janice & Brian Mountford	<p>Dear City Of York Councillors,</p> <p>Please think again about your decision to commit hundreds of thousands of pounds of tax payers money to put up 20 mph signs in West York. The scheme is unenforceable and therefore a complete waste of money. Better to target known speeding hot spots.</p> <p>Reports from other parts of the Country suggest that rather than reducing accidents, a 20 mph limit, increases them! Noise levels and pollution will increase as most vehicles cannot get out of 3rd gear at 20 mph, resulting in higher engine revs than at 30mph. Have you not got a report on this from the motoring organisations?</p> <p>Think again; wait until the South Bank experiment has</p>

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			<p>been reported on. Yours Faithfully, Janice and Brian Mountford, Moor Lane (otherwise known as York College Race Track)</p>
5	20mph Speed Limits	Mrs L Wood, Local Resident.	<p>I am a Woodthorpe resident and I object for several reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In the current economic climate, where the Council are cutting vital services to the community, I think it is a complete waste of money and resources. I am sure that the money is better spent on Libraries, for example, rather than on more unnecessary road clutter and signage. 2. The proposal will not help to reduce accidents as the main roads where speeding is a problem have not been included in these plans. The only roads where you can get any speed up will remain at 30mph, such as Moor Lane and Acomb Wood Drive, while the smaller roads where the vast majority of people exercise self restraint and drive at a speed nearer 20mph anyway, are the ones being targeted. 3. I wonder how reliable the evidence is for road accidents that has been used to support this proposal. The '20s Plenty' website has a map of road casualties, but I notice that this includes 3 in the middle of Askham Bog where no cars are driven and the biggest accident black spot seems to be the Lakeside Holiday Centre on Moor Lane where there is a huge cluster of accidents but seeing as the general public has no access to this site, it seems rather harsh to impose speeding restrictions on the rest of the Ward based on a few careless holiday-makers.

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			<p>3. Lastly I object to the Council's view that if you do not object in writing, then you are showing your support through your silence. This is not the case. Many people in the Woodthorpe Ward do not have access to computers or are elderly or disabled. We do not all read the York Press and have not all received leaflets about this through our door. How can it be classed as a proper consultation? People's apathy should not be taken as a sign of support, but it may be indicative of the view of 'what's the point as the Council won't listen anyway'.</p> <p>I am therefore voicing my objections as I do not wish to be branded as a silent 'supporter' of these proposals.</p> <p>Yours faithfully,</p> <p>Mrs L Wood.</p>