

INDIVIDUAL EXECUTIVE DECISION MAKING MEETING

EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR REGENERATION

RECORD OF DECISION

An Individual Executive Decision Making meeting was held on 18 March 2015.

PRESENT: Councillors C M Rooney

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor R Arundale

OFFICIALS: Rob Farnham, Sam Gilmore, Andrew Pain and Sharron Brown

14/10 **ACKLAM HIGHWAYS IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME - RESULTS OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION EXERCISE**

The Executive Director of Economic Development and Communities submitted a report that gave an update on the outcome of the public consultation exercise carried out in February and March 2015 to establish the level of support for a number of potential highway improvements designed to mitigate the impact of the redevelopment of the Acklam Hall site on the surrounding road network.

The public consultation and decision making process adopted in order to determine the highway improvements required in the Acklam area to mitigate the traffic impact associated with the redevelopment of Acklam Hall was approved on 2 February 2015. An extensive public consultation exercise was subsequently carried out during February and March 2015.

The consultation exercise was carried out through a combination of public meetings (Acklam Community Council), officer meetings (through the Middlesbrough Officers' Traffic Group and liaison with Acklam Hall Limited, St. Mary's Parochial Church Council, Outwood Academy and Green Lane Primary Academy) and a letter drop to the occupiers of the properties directly affected by one or more of the possible options. Although it was originally proposed to carry out the consultation exercise over a period of two weeks, the consultation period was subsequently extended to four weeks (i.e. from 9 February to 6 March 2015) in order to ensure that the many parties affected by the different highway improvement options had the opportunity to express their views.

The report outlined that there were seven potential highway improvement options available:

1. Option 1 - Do nothing;
2. Option 2 - Traffic calming on full length of Church Lane and St Mary's Walk';
3. Option 3 - Point Closure at corner of Church Lane and St. Mary's Walk;
4. Option 4 - 'Left in, left out' arrangement at access to Medical Village;
5. Option 5 - 'Targeted' traffic calming at corner of Church Lane and St. Mary's Walk;
6. Option 6 - Mini-roundabout at access to Medical Village; and
7. Option 7 - Local widening of Hall Drive at its junction with Acklam Road.

There was scope to combine two or more options on Church Lane and St. Mary's Walk, depending on which outcomes emerged as priorities through the public consultation process.

ORDERED

That the implementation of Option 7 (the local widening of Hall Drive at its junction with Acklam Road), together with the preparation of a further report, analysing the consultation responses in more detail and setting out a strategy that both addressed the existing traffic issues highlighted by the consulted and mitigated the potential impact of the Acklam Hall Development on the surrounding road network, in particular

Church Lane and St. Mary's Walk, be approved by the Executive Member for Regeneration.

REASONS

The decision was supported by the following reason:

To mitigate the impact of traffic associated with the Acklam Hall development on the safe and efficient operation of the surrounding road network.

The decision will come into force after five working days following the day the decision was published unless the decision becomes subject to the call in procedures.