

INDIVIDUAL EXECUTIVE DECISION MAKING MEETING

EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR REGENERATION

RECORD OF DECISION

An Individual Executive Decision Making meeting was held on 2 February 2015.

PRESENT: Councillors C M Rooney

PRESENT AS OBSERVERS: Councillor L Junier and Councillor J McPartland.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Representative of the Evening Gazette

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

14/8 **ACKLAM HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME: PUBLIC CONSULTATION AND DECISION MAKING PROCESS.**

The Executive Director, Economic Development and Communities submitted a report that sought approval for the public consultation and decision making process to be adopted in order to determine the highway improvements required within the Acklam area to mitigate the traffic impact associated with the redevelopment of Acklam Hall.

The Acklam Hall development was approved by Planning Committee on 25 May 2012. The approved development comprised plans to restore Acklam Hall as a restaurant, conference facility and business hub, as well as the development of a medical village and 56 housing units. The scheme developer was Acklam Hall Limited, although a number of other parties were involved in the delivery of the scheme, notably Taylor Wimpey, which was constructing a total of 56 dwellings on the site.

Given the scale of the redevelopment scheme, concern had been expressed by local residents and Ward Councillors regarding the impact of the additional traffic generated by the scheme on the surrounding road network, in particular Church Lane, St. Mary's Walk and Hall Drive. In recognition of those concerns, a number of meetings had been held with Ward Councillors and residents' representatives in order to explore potential improvements to the local road network, both to mitigate the impact of the additional traffic associated with the scheme and to address the poor perception that some residents had regarding the current operation of the network, particularly during the morning and evening peak periods.

The report outlined that there were seven options available and was listed in the table attached as Appendix A to the Report, together with the benefits and consequences in each case.

The next stage in the process was for consultation to take place with the relevant parties in order to agree the highway improvement options to be taken to the implementation stage.

During the meeting Councillor Rooney requested that the schools within the area be considered as one of the relevant parties for consultation.

ORDERED

1. **That the public consultation and decision making process set out in the report, together with the options to be consulted upon as part of that process be approved; and**
2. **That the schools in the area be added to the relevant parties list for consultation.**

REASON

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.