Notice of:	Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport and Climate Change
Decision number:	PH52/2019
Relevant Officer:	John Blackledge, Director of Community and Environmental Services
Relevant Cabinet Member	Councillor Fred Jackson, Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport and Climate Change
Date of Decision:	5 November 2019

OBJECTIONS TO THE BOROUGH OF BLACKPOOL (Banned right turn manoeuvre from Squires Gate Lane. into Sandgate and Right turn out of Sandgate onto Squires Gate Lane.) ORDER 2019

1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 To consider representations on the impact of the banned right turn manoeuvre from Squires Gate Lane into Sandgate and Right turn out of Sandgate onto Squires Gate Lane. For road and traffic safety reasons the central reserve is proposed to be permanently closed to prevent vehicles exiting from the new egress at Morrison's and immediately trying to cross the two lane carriageway to make either a right turn on to Sandgate or a 'U' turn on Squires Gate Lane.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 To consider the proposal, subsequent representation, and the recommendation of the Director of Community and Environmental Services.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 It is appropriate that the representation is fully considered and a decision made whether or not to proceed with the proposals.

3.2a	Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council?	No
3.2b	Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget?	Yes

3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

To continue with the current arrangements by not proceeding with the proposed order or implement a No U turn manoeuvre within the central reservation.

4.0 Council Priority:

4.1 The relevant Council Priority is:

"Communities: Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience"

5.0 Background Information

5.1 The Council committed to reviewing the banned closure of Sandgate. As part recently granted planning permission, it is proposed to ban the right turn manoeuvre from Squires Gate Ln. into Sandgate and from Sandgate onto Squires Gate Ln.

5.2 The Council has undertaken consultation with local residents and on Monday 28 July 2019 a total of 110 letters were delivered by hand the letters were delivered to the whole of Sandgate and sections of Squires Gate Lane both East and West of the proposed works.

4%feedback was received to the consultation this has been collated, there were a total of 4 responses, objecting to the proposal.

No 4 Sandgate

No 2 Sandgate

No 28 Waltham Ave

No 217 Squires Gate Ln.

The proposed closure was advertised in the press for a period of 21 days on the 27 September 2019 for a formal Traffic Regulation Order with copies available to view at Bickerstaffe house reception and Customer First Blackpool.

Mr. Marc Proctor Lancashire Police Traffic Management Officer was invited to site to view the proposed works and subsequently recommended the closure of the gap in the central reservation.

David A Graham Associates carried out a Stage 1 / 2 Road safety audit on behalf of the designers Bryan G Hall and confirmed that in terms of road safety the closure could be beneficial.

5.3 Following the informal consultation, an officer executive non key decision requesting authorisation to publish notice for the proposed traffic regulation order was circulated on Monday 29 October 2018 and subsequently confirmed on Friday 2 November 2018, which in effect triggered the statutory part of the process.

5.4 The public notice was published in the Gazette on Friday 27 September 2019, the Notice of the Proposal gave notice of the councils intention to make the following Traffic Regulation Order: The borough of Blackpool (Banned right turn manoeuvre from Squires Gate Lane. into Sandgate and Right turn out of Sandgate onto Squires Gate Lane) Order 2019

5.5 Four objections to the scheme have been received from 2 Sandgate, 4 Sandgate, 28 Waltham Avenue and 217 Squires Gate Lane.

5.6 The objections ranged from congestion, compensation, inconvenience, level of consultation.

5.7 An officer from Highways and Traffic has communicated with objections in an attempt to provide clarity and provide a balance to concerns.

5.8 The Director of Community and Environmental Services recommends that the proposal of the Banned right turn manoeuvre from Squires Gate Ln. into Sandgate and Right turn out of Sandgate onto Squires Gate Lane be implemented as proposed. For road and traffic safety reasons the central reserve needs to be permanently closed to prevent vehicles exiting from the new egress at Morrison's and immediately trying to cross the two lane carriageway to make either a right turn on to Sandgate or a 'U' turn on Squires Gate Lane.

5.9 Does the information submitted include any except information?
No

5.10 **List of Appendices:**
THE BOROUGH OF BLACKPOOL
Consultation – Sandgate.pdf
Feedback – Sandgate.pdf
Existing Layout Plan.pdf
Proposed Layout Plan. pdf
Letters Received.pdf

Decision notice.pdf
Non Key decision

6.0 Legal considerations:

6.1 The Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 particularly s122, s43(3).
Road Traffic Act 1991.
Traffic Management Act 2004

7.0 Human Resources considerations:

7.1 None.

8.0 Equalities considerations:

8.1 None.

9.0 Financial considerations:

9.1 Works to be funded by the Developer.

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 This would be an amenity order and low risk in safety terms.

11.0 Ethical considerations:

11.1 None.

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

12.1 Public advertisement to be placed in the local newspaper and on the Blackpool Council website.

13.0 Background papers:

13.1 Officer Non-Key Decision approving consultation

14.0 Key decision information:

14.1 Is this a key decision? Yes

14.2 If so, Forward Plan reference number:

14.3 If a key decision, is the decision required in less than five days? Yes

14.4 If **yes**, please describe the reason for urgency: Construction Programme

15.0 Call-in information:

15.1 Are there any grounds for urgency, which would cause this decision to be exempt from the call-in process? No

15.2 If **yes**, please give reason:

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16.0 Scrutiny Committee Chairman (where appropriate):

Date informed: N/A Date approved: N/A

17.0 Declarations of interest (if applicable):

17.1 None.

18.0 Executive decision:

18.1 The Cabinet Member resolved as follows:

To proceed with the proposal as originally advertised.

18.2 **Date of Decision:**

5 November 2019

19.0 Reason(s) for decision:

Having considered carefully the objections, the Cabinet Member remains satisfied that the restriction is necessary on the grounds of road safety.

19.1 **Date Decision published:**

5 November 2019

20.0 Executive Members in attendance:

20.1

21.0 Call-in:

21.1

22.0 Notes:

22.1