

Officer Non Key Executive Decision

Relevant Chief Officer (Decision Maker):	John Blackledge, Director of Community and Environmental Services
Relevant Cabinet Member (for consultation purposes):	Councillor Fred Jackson, Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport and Climate Change
Report Author (Officer name and title):	Anthony Power, Parking Officer
Implementation Date of Decision:	27 April 2020

Poulton Road Pedestrian Island

The Borough of Blackpool (Poulton Road Island) Order 2019

1.0 Purpose of the report:

- 1.1 To seek approval for officers to proceed with the statutory consultation and advertisement in respect of a proposed Traffic Regulation Order the effect of which is to introduce the new Poulton Road Pedestrian Island as detailed within this report.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

- 2.1 To authorise the statutory consultation and advertisement of notice of the intention of the Council to make a Traffic Regulation Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 ('the Act'), the effect of which will be to implement the new Poulton Road Pedestrian Island
- 2.2 If no objections are received in relation to the proposals or if any received objections are subsequently withdrawn, to authorise the Head of Legal to make the Traffic Regulation Order.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

- 3.1 To fulfil the Traffic Management role of Blackpool Council, please see Background Information below.
- 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:

Not to progress the proposed Traffic Regulation Order to statutory consultation and advertisement stage.

4.0 Council Priority:

4.1 The relevant Council Priority is “Create safer communities and reduce crime and anti-social behaviour “

5.0 Background Information

5.1 The Council received complaints from residents of Grange park after the post office was moved from Chepstow Road to the Londis shop at the Texaco filling station on Poulton Road which is a very busy road. To facilitate access to the post office for the residents an island was proposed to help pedestrians cross so as not to cause a circuitous route and risk pedestrians crossing the road unprotected

Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

List of Appendices:

- Statement of Reasons.doc
- Poulton Road – Existing.pdf
- Poulton Road – proposed.pdf
- Parkmap Restrictions

6.0 Legal considerations:

6.1 Under Section 1(1) of the Act , the Council in its capacity as traffic authority may make a traffic regulation order where it appears to the authority making the order that it is expedient to make it-

- (a) for avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road or any other road or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising, or
- (b) for preventing damage to the road or to any building on or near the road, or
- (c) for facilitating the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians), or
- (d) for preventing the use of the road by vehicular traffic of a kind which, or its use by vehicular traffic in a manner which, is unsuitable having regard to the existing character of the road or adjoining property, or
- (e) for preserving the character of the road in a case where it is specially suitable for use by persons on horseback or on foot, or
- (f) for preserving the amenities of the area through which the road runs or

(g) for any of the purposes specified in paragraphs (a) to (c) of subsection (1) of section 87 of the Environment Act 1995 (air quality).

6.2 Under sections 32 and 35 of the Act the Council has the power to provide both on and off street parking places where it appears to be necessary for the purpose of relieving or preventing congestion of traffic and to make an Order regulating the use of the parking place.

6.3 Under Section 122 of the Act the Council has a duty to exercise the functions conferred on it by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians) and the provision of suitable and adequate parking facilities on and off the highway.

6.4 The making of a Traffic Regulation Order requires advertisement and consultation in accordance with the Act and the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996.

7.0 Human Resources considerations:

7.1 NA

8.0 Equalities considerations:

8.1 NA

9.0 Financial considerations:

9.1 NA

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 NA

11.0 Ethical considerations:

11.1 NA

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

12.1 Residents and business in the area have been consulted as outlined in this report.

12.2 Formal consultation with the Lancashire Constabulary Road Policing Unit and other statutory consultation will be undertaken as necessary.

12.3 Notice of the intention to make the Traffic Regulation Order will be published in the Blackpool Gazette. Documents will be made available for inspection at Customer First, and Bickerstaffe House from the date on which the notice of proposal is first published until 6 weeks after the date the order is made or if earlier, the date on which the Council decides not to make the order. Additional notification of the proposals, for example site notices and/or notification to properties affected by the proposed Order will be carried out as appropriate.

13.0 Decision of Chief Officer

- 13.1
1. To authorise the statutory consultation and advertisement of notice of the intention of the Council to make a Traffic Regulation Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 ('the Act'), the effect of which will be to implement the new Poulton Road Pedestrian Island

 2. If no objections are received in relation to the proposals or if any received objections are subsequently withdrawn, to authorise the Head of Legal to make the Traffic Regulation Order.

14.0 Reasons for the Decision of the Chief Officer

- 14.1 To fulfil the Traffic Management role of Blackpool Council, as outlined in Background Information.