

Transport and Environment Committee

10.00am, Thursday, 14 October 2021

Woodhall Terrace – Proposed Changes to Roads in Juniper Green

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1. Recommendations

- 1.1 Transport and Environment Committee is asked to:
 - 1.1.1 Note the work carried out by Juniper Green and Baberton Mains Community Council who support these proposals;
 - 1.1.2 Note that the all Ward Councillors are supportive of these proposals;
 - 1.1.3 Note that the current cost estimate for this project is £9,000.00;
 - 1.1.4 Approves the commencement of the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) process to introduce 'No Entry' restrictions to Eastbound motorised vehicles;
 - 1.1.5 Approves the additional works to improve crossing for pedestrians at Woodhall Terrace as detailed in Appendix 1;
 - 1.1.6 Discharge the Motion agreed at the Transport and Environment Committee on [22 April 2021](#) regarding Proposed Changes to Roads in Juniper Green.

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2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 This report seeks approval to introduce 'No Entry' restrictions through the TRO process at the junction of Woodhall Terrace and Baberton Avenue and construct a continual footway crossing at Woodhall Terrace to help reduce intrusive motorised traffic and improve pedestrian crossing provision, respectively.

3. Background

- 3.1 On the 22 April 2020 Transport and Environment Committee approved the following motion by Councillor Webber on Proposed Changes to Roads in Juniper Green.
- 3.1.1 Committee notes:
- 3.1.1.1 Juniper Green and Baberton Mains Community Council (JGBMCC) is keen to act in response to their own observations and those of their community.
 - 3.1.1.2 That JGBMCC have consulted widely and extensively with the local community both to gather ideas and on a proposed solution, initially raised by one of the local community police officers after observing the issues first-hand during a community speed watch initiative with Cllr Susan Webber.
 - 3.1.1.3 Agrees to introduce no entry (eastbound) to junction of Woodhall Terrace and Baberton Avenue for motorised vehicles. This means continued access for cyclists.
 - 3.1.1.4 Runs 24/7, as opposed to being restricted to specific hour.
 - 3.1.1.5 Further agrees to look at the feasibility of widening the pavement to make crossing easier but it might be best to initially enforce this through a temporary barrier as this would enable faster implementation.
 - 3.1.1.6 Accepts these changes will reduce 'rat runners' and improve the safety for local residents by reducing the risk of an accident,

especially during rush hour. This is also consistent with a number of Council and Government policies such as Safer Routes to School.

- 3.1.1.7 These proposed changes have the support of all local Councillors and calls for a report by the Director of Place be brought back in one cycle detailing the actions required to implement these proposals.

- 3.2 Motorised traffic has increased on Lanark Road (A70) due, in part, to the new developments in the West of the city including with the West Lothian Local Authority area.
- 3.3 Gillespie Crossroads (Lanark Road junction with Wester Hailes Road and Gillespie Road) is a four way junction with traffic signal filters which is confined by established properties on all sides which limits improvements to this junction.
- 3.4 Over the years the congestion on Lanark Road (A70) has increased with queues during peak hours at Gillespie Crossroads. This has resulted in some Eastbound traffic diverting from Lanark Road onto Juniper Avenue, along Belmont Road, over Baberton Road, along Woodhall Terrace and then re-joining the queuing traffic further East on Lanark Road.
- 3.5 This is a well-used route for children attending Juniper Green Primary School and links Juniper Green to Baberton Mains.

4. Main report

- 4.1 The West of the city and West Lothian have seen several developments over the last few years, including:
 - 4.1.1 Kinleith Mill development;
 - 4.1.2 Christie Road development;
 - 4.1.3 Calderhame development;
 - 4.1.4 Kingfisher Park development;
 - 4.1.5 Ravelrig Heights development; and
 - 4.1.6 Calderwood development in West Lothian.
- 4.2 It is expected that traffic patterns will continue to change in the surrounding area as a result of these new developments and new working patterns.
- 4.3 The proposed measures would improve the road safety on Juniper Avenue, Belmont Road, Woodhall Terrace and Baberton Avenue routes by reducing the number of motorised vehicles.
- 4.4 This would become a safer route to school, encourage walking, wheeling and cycling by becoming a quiet route.

- 4.5 Based on the above, it is recommended that a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) is promoted to stop motorised vehicles from entering Woodhall Terrace from Baberton Avenue and to construct a continuous footway across Woodhall Terrace.

5. Next Steps

- 5.1 If the report recommendations are approved, officers would develop a detailed design.
- 5.2 Once the design is complete, arrangements would be made for the proposed TRO to be drafted. The statutory process could then commence.
- 5.3 The design would be costed through the Transport framework contract to identify a preferred contractor.
- 5.4 Depending on the outcome of the statutory process, work would commence on an agreed date or objections would be considered as part of the TRO process. (Under Standing Orders up to six objections can be considered by a delegated powers report. If six or more objections were received the TRO would be considered again by this Committee).

6. Financial impact

- 6.1 The cost of preparing the detailed design, construction of continuous footway, promoting and making the TRO, dealing with any comments or objections to the order is likely to be in the region of £9,000.00.

7. Stakeholder/Community Impact

- 7.1 Engagement and consultation with Ward Councillors and the local Community Council has been undertaken to determine the level of support.
- 7.2 Juniper Green and Baberton Mains Community Council have carried out a consultation exercise on the proposed 'No Entry' restriction to Eastbound motorised traffic at the junction of Woodhall Terrace and Baberton Avenue.
- 7.3 If recommendations are approved, then formal consultation will take place as part of the TRO process.
- 7.4 An integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) for the proposals is still to be undertaken.

8. Background reading/external references

- 8.1 None

9. Appendices

- 9.1 Appendix 1 – Plan showing proposed road safety improvements.

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