

## **Parish Council Meeting – 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024 (extract from supporting document)**

### **APPENDIX 2**

#### **Item 8 - Correspondence from WSCC Highways – Received 9<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

WSCC are still to receive a response from Elmdon Estate following letter raising concerns of the traffic through their car park. WSCC will follow this up internally on next steps as set out in the Options paper, this will determine the timescales for an implementation, but a TTRO would be quicker. The consequences were discussed that, initially, more traffic may route around Sargent Way, but there is every likelihood that the travel time to do this and the ‘hassle’ to drivers may eventually put many off. Advance signing of the car park entrance closure would be needed to prevent ‘turning’ in the bus gate. The crossing of the raised table was raised as a concern, especially if the car park access is closed, we outlined that the area was designed as a ‘shared space’ but was now being dominated by vehicles traversing through the car park, additional warning signs to vehicles and pedestrians would be needed if a closure of the car park access were put in place.

#### **Potential options discussed during the meeting and then potential effects.**

**Option 1-** Bollard Car Park (Splitting into 2), meaning vehicles will not be able to cut through the car park (only if Elmdon allow as it is private land)

Effects- Vehicles will now cut through using the bus gate, or alternatively Sargent Way

**Option 2-** Deploy a Temporary TRO to close the access to the car park from the raised table off Broadbridge Way – this would likely increase traffic flows around Sargent Way and through the bus gate (temporarily until camera operational).

**Option 3 -** Deploy a temporary TRO closing off access from one side to Sargent Way. If this were the Eastern Side the closure would prevent access towards Horsham / Tesco from Sargent Way and from driving through the car park but leave both access and egress to the COOP car park open. Those Cllrs present felt that the route to Horsham / Tesco was used more by residents and as such suggest an Alternative (see below).

**Alternative Option 3 -** It was suggested looking at the potential to close access on western side of Sargent Way - This removes the use of Sargent Way as a “cut through” in the Horsham / Tesco direction, but would also require the car park access to be closed off Broadbridge Way. This penalises the eastbound traffic from the estate, which would force that traffic to Buck Way signals, but keeps access to and from Horsham and Tesco open.

WSCC said that it would need to design any traffic surveys to accommodate the potential for either closure option of Sargent Way so as to estimate the effects and impacts. This could be estimated through the use of ANPR cameras to understand the routes that people are taking avoiding the bus gate way and or Sargent Way. Strategically placed cameras to understand vehicle movements. In addition, traffic counter tubes would be used to estimate vehicle speeds. WSCC would seek to undertake the ANPR and traffic counts / speed surveys before the school summer holidays.

**Parking Bays to west of Car Park-** Please find screen shot below showing the extent of the public maintainable highway, highlighted pink, this would indicate that the parking bays are in public highway, as is the verge, so consideration to extending the parking in this area could be given as part of a comprehensive package of interventions linked to the other options.



The current Bus Gate ANPR camera is not operational, as WSCC have advised in the past. WSCC has received its 'powers' from the DfT in respect of these ANPR cameras (for bus gate enforcement) and it is now seeking internal agreement for the switching on of those ANPRs already deployed. It is hoped this may be achievable in autumn 2024. We discussed the new requirements of the DfT which is a six month period where warning notices would be issued unless it was repeat offenders and then a PCN would be issued. Additional warning signing will be needed for a short period (three months). WSCC can provide the full details once the Authority has an understanding of when the camera may come back into operation.

**It would be helpful to get some further feedback on the potential closures of east or west side of Sargent Way from the wider BBH PC from your meeting.** We did discuss other potential interventions (such as buildouts) and WSCC will examine the potential of these as part of an intervention strategy for the area.

WSCC would expect consultation to take place on some of the closure options above, especially related to Sargent Way and we did advise that although the BBH PC feedback from residents was that 'something needed to be done' there will always be 'wins and losers' when roads are closed off.