



EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISION

REPORT OF: Executive Member for Regeneration

LEAD OFFICERS: Deputy Chief Executive

DATE: 13th August 2018

PORTFOLIO/S AFFECTED: Regeneration

WARD/S AFFECTED: Ewood

SUBJECT: Proposed Experimental Traffic Regulation Order – Ewood Park Football Ground, Prohibition of Driving, Event Day coach parking

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To inform the Executive Member for Regeneration of the proposal to introduce an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order as detailed below and seek approval to make it:-

Nuttall Street, Blackburn	Prohibition of Driving except for access Event Day Only
Top O' Th' Croft.....	Prohibition of Driving except for access Event Day Only
Velvet Street, Blackburn.....	Prohibition of Driving except for access Event Day Only
Tweed Street, Blackburn.....	Prohibition of Driving except for access Event Day Only
Kidder Street, Blackburn.....	Prohibition of Driving except for access Event Day Only
Tapestry Street, Blackburn.....	Prohibition of Driving except for access Event Day Only
Calico Street, Blackburn.....	Prohibition of Driving except for access Event Day Only
Bolton Road, Blackburn.....	Prohibition of Driving except for access Event Day Only
Aqueduct Road, Blackburn.....	Prohibition of Driving except for access Event Day Only
Albion Road, Blackburn.....	Coach parking 7am – 11pm Event Day only

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Executive Member:

Authorise the Director of HR, Legal and Governance to advertise and make the proposed Experimental Traffic Regulation Order as per the attached schedule. The order will be made for a maximum of 18 months. If no objections, the order can be made permanent by a separate order.

3. BACKGROUND

Following a court case between Wigan Football Club and Greater Manchester Police, responsibility for traffic management at football matches and on event days has passed to local authorities and event organisers. Since then, Lancashire Constabulary ceased to be responsible for traffic management on matchdays at Ewood Park Football Ground and Blackburn Rovers took over, employing their own traffic management contractors to carry out those duties. These duties are mainly road closures and management of access to streets around the ground.

The purpose of this report is to seek approval to implement an experimental Traffic Regulation Order introducing restrictions similar to those used previously by the police under the Town Police Clauses Act 1847.

Lancashire Police and Blackburn Rovers have requested that a more formal arrangement is introduced for coach parking near to the ground. A previous coach park is no longer available and currently coaches are parking at the bus interchange between Aqueduct Road and Kidder street. This parking impacts on residents and it is proposed to introduce coach parking on match and event days only on Albion Road.

4. KEY ISSUES & RISKS

No risks arising from this proposal have been identified. The proposal is of benefit to the social and economic well being of the Borough as traffic queues will be reduced in the area and the safety for road users will be improved.

5. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The proposal to make and revoke Traffic Regulation Orders requires delegated approval from the Executive Member for Regeneration and Chief Officer. Traffic Regulation Orders are required to be published in the local press and on site to comply with the Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984. Directly affected properties are consulted in line with current procedure.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The cost of making and advertising this Traffic Regulation Order will be approximately £2500 and will be funded from the Traffic and Transportation element of the Highways Maintenance budget.

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The necessary legal powers to implement this scheme are within the Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984. The advertising of the proposals will enable comments/objections and suggestions on how the experimental order may be improved by variation from members of the public as well as relevant council highway officers.

Experimental orders are predominantly to provide the Highways Authority with a proper period of time to test the effects of a traffic order. An experimental order enables the impact of the new restriction to be examined and potentially minor changes made to address unforeseen issues more readily. For an experimental order the objection period is 6 months which allows people to raise any objections or recommendations they may have with knowledge of how the restriction really works. Hence the recommendation for the review after 6 months is a reasonable and appropriate requirement although additionally the recommendation could be to continue with the experimental order for a further period if it was considered necessary. The order could be modified sooner than the initial 6 months depending on how it was operating and the interim objections and feedback that was being received.

The experimental period will allow the council to make the necessary adjustments although it should be noted that every time an experimental order is modified, the 6 month objection period starts again

8. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

None

9. EQUALITY AND HEALTH IMPLICATIONS

Please select one of the options below. Where appropriate please include the hyperlink to the EIA.

Option 1 Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) not required – the EIA checklist has been completed.

Option 2 In determining this matter the Executive Member needs to consider the EIA associated with this item in advance of making the decision. *(insert EIA link here)*

Option 3 In determining this matter the Executive Board Members need to consider the EIA associated with this item in advance of making the decision. *(insert EIA attachment)*

10. CONSULTATIONS

Members of the public will be given the opportunity to comment on the experimental order during the first 6 months from its implementation.

11. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

The recommendations are made further to advice from the Monitoring Officer and the Section 151 Officer has confirmed that they do not incur unlawful expenditure. They are also compliant with equality legislation and an equality analysis and impact assessment has been considered. The recommendations reflect the core principles of good governance set out in the Council's Code of Corporate Governance.

12. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

All Declarations of Interest of any Executive Member consulted and note of any dispensation granted by the Chief Executive will be recorded and published if applicable.

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BACKGROUND PAPER:	Appendix 1 - schedule
	Appendix 2 - plans