

# **South West Community Assembly**

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**Thursday 18 October 2012 at 7.00 pm**

**To be held at Banner Cross  
Methodist Church, Ecclesall Road  
South, Sheffield, S11 9PE**

**The Press and Public are Welcome to Attend**

## **Membership**

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Councillors Andrew Sangar (Chair), Sue Alston, Sylvia Anginotti, Penny Baker, Roger Davison, Rob Frost, Keith Hill, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Janice Sidebottom, Diana Stimely and Geoff Smith

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## PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE MEETING

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**SOUTH WEST COMMUNITY ASSEMBLY AGENDA  
18 OCTOBER 2012**

**Order of Business**

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- 1. Welcome and Housekeeping Arrangements**
- 2. Apologies for Absence**
- 3. Exclusion of Public and Press**  
To identify items where resolutions may be moved to exclude the press and public
- 4. Declarations of Interest**  
Members to declare any interests they have in the business to be considered at the meeting
- 5. Minutes of Previous Meeting**  
To approve the minutes of the meetings of the Assembly held on 19 July, 2012
- 6. Public Questions and Petitions**  
To receive any questions or petitions from members of the public at the meeting
- 7. South West Community Assembly Highways Update**  
Report of the Director of Development Services
- 8. Petition Requesting Waiting Restrictions on Hallam Grange Crescent**  
Report of the Director of Development Services

**NOTE: The next meeting of the South West Community Assembly will be held on Thursday 24 January 2013 at 7.00 pm**

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## ADVICE TO MEMBERS ON DECLARING INTERESTS AT MEETINGS

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A new Standards regime was introduced on 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2012 by the Localism Act 2011. The new regime made changes to the way that your interests needed to be registered and declared. Prejudicial and personal interests no longer exist and they have been replaced by Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPIs).

The Act also required that provision is made for interests which are not Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and required the Council to introduce a new local Code of Conduct for Members. Provision has been made in the new Code for dealing with “personal” interests.

Guidance on declarations of interest, incorporating regulations published by the Government in relation to Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, has been circulated to you previously, and has been published on the Council’s website as a downloadable document at -<http://councillors.sheffield.gov.uk/councillors/register-of-councillors-interests>

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## **SOUTH WEST COMMUNITY ASSEMBLY**

### **Meeting held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2012** **at Abbeydale Sports Club, Abbeydale Road South**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Andrew Sangar (Chair), Keith Hill (Deputy Chair), Sue Alston, Penny Baker, Roger Davison, Rob Frost, Joe Otten, Colin Ross, Geoff Smith and Diana Stimely.

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#### **1. WELCOME AND HOUSEKEEPING ARRANGEMENTS**

1.1 The Chair, Councillor Andrew Sangar, welcomed members of the public to the meeting. Members of the Assembly attending the meeting introduced themselves and the basic housekeeping and fire safety arrangements were outlined by the Chair.

#### **2. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

2.1 There were no items identified where resolutions may be moved to exclude the public and press.

#### **3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE FROM MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY**

3.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Sylvia Anginotti and Janice Sidebottom.

#### **4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

4.1 Councillors Andrew Sangar, Keith Hill, Sue Alston, Rob Frost, Joe Otten, Colin Ross and Geoff Smith declared Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPIs) in item 10 on the agenda (South West Community Assembly Area 20 mph Nomination), as the areas proposed for 20 mph zones included areas where they lived. A dispensation was granted from the Director of Legal Services, for these Members of the Assembly to be present during, and vote upon, this item, to ensure that a quorum was maintained and that business could be conducted.

4.2 Councillor Joe Otten declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in item 9 on the agenda (South West Community Assembly Transport and Highways Programme) as the proposed highway scheme in respect of double yellow lines at the Westwood Road/Oakbrook Road junction was in an area where he regularly parked his car, near to his home. Therefore, he did not speak or vote upon this item, and left the room prior to its consideration.

#### **5. MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS**

5.1 The minutes of the meetings of the Assembly held on 29<sup>th</sup> March and 16<sup>th</sup> May

2012 were approved as a correct record, and there were no matters arising.

6. **APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CHAIR**

6.1 **RESOLVED:** That Councillor Keith Hill be appointed as Deputy Chair of the South West Community Assembly for the Municipal Year 2012/13.

7. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS**

7.1 **Petitions**

**(1) Carr Bank Lane Parking Issues**

A petition containing 28 signatures was received from the residents of Carr Bank Lane, regarding parking issues in the area.

**RESOLVED:** That the Executive Director, Place, be requested to carry out further consultation with local residents in the area, and provide confirmation that a site visit had taken place.

**(2) Dobcroft School**

A petition containing 231 signatures was received regarding the zig-zag lines outside Dobcroft School.

**RESOLVED:** That the Executive Director, Place, be requested to add this to the list of requests for highways issues for the Assembly area.

**(3) Number 83 Bus Service**

A petition containing 63 signatures was received regarding changes to the 83 bus service at Millhouses Lane and Button Hill, stating that the new diverted route was unlikely to attract new passengers, and that it involved a very dangerous acute turn on Springfield Road.

**RESOLVED:** That the Community Assembly Manager be requested to refer the issue to the South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive.

7.2 **Public Questions**

**(1) Question regarding Carr Bank Lane Petition**

A resident of Carr Bank Close wished to clarify that she had not seen the petition that had been submitted earlier in the meeting regarding parking arrangements on Carr Bank Lane, and that she did not know about its existence. She believed that the petition, therefore, did not reflect the views of all residents in the area.

**(2) Operation of Businesses from Private Homes**

A question was asked regarding the operation of businesses from private

homes (i.e. dog walking businesses) and whether using a property in this manner meant that a special licence should be applied for by the homeowner.

**RESOLVED:** That the Community Assembly Manager be requested to follow up this issue and provide a report back at the next meeting.

***(3) Ringinglow Road Parking Arrangements***

A question was received regarding the proposed changes to parking arrangements at the special school on Ringinglow Road.

**RESOLVED:** That the issue be referred to the Head of Transport and Highways for further investigation.

***(4) Ringinglow Road Visibility (A-Boards)***

A question was received regarding the placement of an A-Board on Ringinglow Road, and its potentially dangerous effects on driver visibility when reversing out of driveways.

**RESOLVED:** The Chair and Community Assembly Manager to liaise with the owner of the A-Board around its placement and position.

***(5) Hallam Grange Junior School: traffic issues***

A question was received regarding the traffic situation at Hallam Grange Junior School, which had become even worse in recent months due to restrictions in new traffic arrangements around entering the school, with traffic jams forming in the area every morning during term time.

**RESOLVED:** That the Chair (a) acknowledged that this was a major issue for the area, and one which had been raised recently at the local Neighbourhood Action Group, and was a number one priority for the Fulwood area, and (b) requested a full report back to the Assembly upon this topic for the next meeting.

***(6) Boarding of dogs in Private Houses***

A question was received regarding the number of dogs that could legally be boarded in a private house overnight.

**RESOLVED:** That the Community Assembly Manager be requested to follow up this issue and provide a report back at the next meeting.

**8. REPRESENTATION ON SHEFFIELD HOMES SOUTH WEST BOARD**

The Community Assembly Manager submitted a report on the proposed nomination of a Councillor from the Community Assembly to serve on the Sheffield Homes South West Area Board.

**8.1 DECISION TAKEN**

**RESOLVED:** That the Community Assembly:-

- (a) having had regard to any views expressed by the Cabinet Member for Homes and Neighbourhoods, nominates Councillor Keith Hill to serve on the Sheffield Homes South West Area Board;
- (b) requests the Director of Modern Governance to refer the nomination to full Council at the earliest opportunity; and
- (c) subject to Council approval, requests the Community Assembly Manager to complete the necessary paperwork to effect this appointment, in consultation with the Director of Legal Services.

## 8.2 **Reasons for the Decision**

The South West Community Assembly has been requested to nominate a Sheffield City Council appointee to the Sheffield Homes South West Area Board, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Homes and Neighbourhoods.

## 8.3 **Alternatives Considered and Rejected**

The Community Assembly could consider an alternative appointee to the Councillor who has been proposed.

## 8.4 **Any Interest Declared or Dispensation Granted**

None.

## 9. **SOUTH WEST COMMUNITY ASSEMBLY LOCAL HIGHWAYS PROGRAMME 2012/13**

- 9.1 The Director of Development Services submitted a report (a) on the progress of highways schemes sponsored by the Community Assembly in 2011/12 and (b) containing proposals with regard to priority highways schemes within the Community Assembly area in 2012/13.

### 9.1 **DECISION TAKEN**

**RESOLVED:** That the Community Assembly:-

- (a) notes the 2012/13 allocation of £40,000 for new small highway schemes, and approves the process for determining the future programme, as outlined in the report now submitted;
- (b) allocates a sum of £8,310 from the South West Assembly Highways Budget 2012/13 for Speed Indication Device maintenance/ installation;
- (c) delegates authority to the South West Community Assembly Manager, in conjunction with the Community Assembly Chair, to agree on



schemes to be funded using the remaining 2012/13 Highways Budget;  
and

- (d) requests an update report at the next meeting of the Community Assembly scheduled to take place on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2012.

#### 9.2 **Reasons for the Decision**

The South West Community Assembly has funding in 2012/13 for a further programme of local highway schemes. Members are asked to confirm their priorities for inclusion in this programme.

#### 9.3 **Alternatives Considered and Rejected**

The options available at present are of necessity very limited until further decisions on funding have been made.

#### 9.4 **Any Interest Declared or Dispensation Granted**

Councillor Joe Otten declared an interest in the proposed highway scheme in respect of Westwood Road/Oakbrook Road junction as he parked on the road and did not speak or vote thereon and left the room prior to consideration of the item.

#### 10. **PETITION REQUESTING TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES ON HILLFOOT ROAD**

The Director of Development Services submitted a report on his investigation into a petition referred to the Assembly by the Cabinet Highways Committee, containing 136 signatures requesting traffic calming measures on Hillfoot Road, Totley.

#### 10.1 **DECISION TAKEN**

**RESOLVED:** That:

- (a) the petitioners be thanked for bringing their concerns to the attention of the Council;
- (b) the Director of Development Services be requested to give consideration to the potential use, in accordance with Council policy, of mirrors on Hillfoot Road, measures to address car parking issues which impact on the visibility issues being experienced on the Road, and concealed entrance signage; and
- (c) in the event that none of the above suggestions are feasible, no further action be taken and the petitioner's request for the provision of traffic calming measures be declined.

#### 10.2 **Reasons for the Decision**

- 10.2.1 A traffic calming scheme may have the effect of reducing vehicle speeds by degree but it would be of no direct assistance to pedestrians crossing Hillfoot Road at the Butts Hill junction. Overall the risks of vehicle/pedestrian collision are judged to be low. Average vehicle speed is 21 mph and the narrow road width and the bends have the effect on suppressing the use of inappropriate speeds. Although visibility is restricted near the Butts Hill junction opportunities for pedestrians, to cross Hillfoot Road, in reasonable safety, are plentiful and frequent because overall traffic volumes are low. In addition almost all students attending Totley All Saints School have adult accompaniment on the school journey and this is a significant factor in the safety of primary school children. An additional safety factor is that the major crossing movement is covered by a school crossing patrol warden. Hillfoot Road is a relatively narrow road and this, in turn, has an effect on reducing risk as pedestrians are spending little time in the live carriageway when crossing the road. Numbers of pedestrians crossing near the school entrance is relatively low.
- 10.2.2 Taking everything into account the road safety risks in relation to this location are judged to be low. A traffic calming scheme is feasible but such measures will have little effect on actual vehicle speeds. Traffic calming measures will be of no direct assistance to pedestrians crossing Hillfoot Road and such a scheme will not alleviate any of the visibility issues outside the school gate.
- 10.2.3 Regrettably, smaller scale opportunities, for *significant* road safety improvements, are not available. Provision of a pedestrian build out is not feasible at the mouth of a junction.
- 10.2.4 However, Members of the Assembly believed that other measures could be explored to improve road safety, including the use of mirrors and addressing the car parking problems, and asked officers to consider these.

### 10.3 **Alternatives Considered and Rejected**

- 10.3.1 A traffic calming scheme for Hillfoot Road is feasible but the appropriateness and effectiveness of such a scheme, on a road characterised by low speeds and low traffic volumes, is questionable. A traffic calming scheme will have no risk reducing effect for the many pedestrians crossing at the south end of Hillfoot Road as no feature could be provided so close to the junction and, in any case, southbound drivers are slowing near the give way lines. Whatever effect traffic calming would have on vehicle speeds, provision of speed humps and cushions will be of no *direct* help to any pedestrian crossing the road.
- 10.3.2 A more precise estimate of costs of such a scheme would follow the detailed design phase. An initial estimate may be in excess of sixty thousand pounds.
- 10.3.3 Doing nothing is an option. The situation will remain as it is.

10.3.4 A school entrance scheme (e.g. build out or refuge) is not feasible for a location directly opposite a junction (Butts Hill). Absence of a footway, on the eastern side of Hillfoot Road, compounds the feasibility issue.

10.3.5 Hillfoot Road would not meet the criteria for provision of a speed camera.

10.3.6 The Hillfoot Road/Butts Hill junction would not meet the criteria for provision of a School Crossing Patrol Warden in terms of pedestrian and vehicle numbers. In addition there would be safety concerns related to a Warden operating within the mouth of a junction. At this location there is no footway on the eastern side of Hillfoot Road. The footway width on Butts Hill is minimal

10.3.7 The Community Assembly could elect to deploy a Speed Indication Device but there would be doubts as to the effectiveness of such a measure at a location with low speeds and low volumes of traffic where a great many of the road users will be familiar with the location.

10.3.8 Appropriate warning signage, indicating children crossing, is in place. Both of these signs are supplemented with a SLOW road marking highlighted by a red surface treatment. Additions to the signage are unlikely to induce changes in driver behaviour. This is especially the case on a road where generally speeds are low and most drivers are familiar with the layout. No configuration of signage will improve the range of visibility for road users.

#### 10.4 **Any Interest Declared or Dispensation Granted**

None.

#### 11. **SOUTH WEST COMMUNITY ASSEMBLY AREA 20 MPH NOMINATION**

11.1 The Community Assembly Manager reported that, in line with a growing number of local authorities, Sheffield City Council had decided that in the interests of road safety, health and social cohesion, roads within suitable residential areas should be subject to a 20 mph speed limit, with the first seven 20 mph schemes to be delivered during 2012/13 and 2013/14; one in each Community Assembly area.

11.2 The report now submitted identified potential 20 mph areas within the South West Community Assembly area, with the Steel Bank Scheme selected as the Assembly's preferred option to be recommended to the Cabinet Highways Committee for approval.

11.3 **RESOLVED:** That the Assembly;

(a) nominates the Steel Bank scheme as the South West Community Assembly first choice priority for implementation of a 20 mph area;

(b) agrees that, should the Steel Bank Scheme not be feasible for delivery, the Dore scheme be nominated as the second priority area, and the Greystones scheme (East and West Combined) be nominated as the third priority area, and

(c) agrees that details of this decision are to be forwarded to the Council's Cabinet Highways Committee for inclusion in a future report.

11.4 **(NOTE:** An alternative resolution was proposed by Councillor Colin Ross and seconded by Councillor Joe Otten to prioritise the potential 20 mph areas as follows;

- (1) Dore
- (2) Steel Bank
- (3) Greystones

Results of this vote were as follows:-

In favour of the amendment: Councillors Joe Otten and Colin Ross

Against the amendment:- Councillors Andrew Sangar, Sue Alston, Penny Baker, Roger Davison, Rob Frost, Geoff Smith and Diana Stimely.

Abstentions:- Councillor Keith Hill

Therefore, the proposed amendment fell.)

## 12. **2012/13 ACTIVITY PROGRAMME**

12.1 Kelly Riley, South West Area Manager for Activity Sheffield, provided an update upon activities available in the local area. She reported that activity planners had been distributed to children and young people across the area to inform them about what was going on. She reported that provision across the area had been doubled, and that an extensive programme was now available.

12.2 Robert Pullin, a member of the public with background and expertise in fairground management, asked a question about the safety of the inflatable football pitches used at Millhouses Park, stating that he believed there may be safety issues regarding the use of the generators. Ms. Riley stated that she would obtain advice upon this and follow up the concerns raised, as a priority issue.

## 13. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

13.1 It was noted that the next meeting of Assembly would be held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2012 at 7 pm at Banner Cross Methodist Church. A 'Meet the Cabinet'; session would precede the meeting, starting at 5 pm, and all were welcome to attend.



## SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL South West Community Assembly Report

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**Report of:** Director of Development Services

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**Date:** 18<sup>th</sup> October 2012

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**Subject:** South West Community Assembly Highways Update

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**Summary:** The purpose of the report is to update the Assembly with progress on requests for highways work

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### Reasons for Recommendations:

To keep Members and the public informed of progress.

### Recommendations:

That the South West Community assembly note the progress with the various schemes and requests included in this report.

That the South West Community Assembly note that the following will be reported at the next meeting:

- Progress with the SID Programme including speed data;
  - Progress with all agreed carry over schemes for 2011/12 together with progress with all 2012/13 schemes;
  - The Carr Bank Lane Petition outcome;
  - The Dobcroft School petition report;
  - The outcomes from the HGV routes review
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**Background Papers: No**

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**Category of Report:** OPEN

## Statutory and Council Policy Checklist

<b>Financial Implications</b>
NO
<b>Legal Implications</b>
NO
<b>Equality of Opportunity Implications</b>
NO
<b>Tackling Health Inequalities Implications</b>
NO
<b>Human rights Implications</b>
NO
<b>Environmental and Sustainability implications</b>
NO
<b>Economic impact</b>
NO
<b>Community safety implications</b>
YES
<b>Human resources implications</b>
NO
<b>Property implications</b>
NO
<b>Area(s) affected</b>
South West Community Assembly
<b>Relevant Cabinet Portfolio Leader</b>
Cllr Leigh Bramall
<b>Relevant Scrutiny Committee if decision called in</b>
Cabinet Highways Committee
<b>Is the item a matter which is reserved for approval by the City Council?</b>
NO
<b>Press release</b>
NO

## **REPORT TO THE SOUTH WEST COMMUNITY ASSEMBLY**

### **1.0 SUMMARY**

1.1 To update the Assembly with progress on local highways work.

### **2.0 WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR PEOPLE WITHIN THE SOUTH WEST COMMUNITY ASSEMBLY AREA**

2.1 The local highway schemes discussed in this report will assist local people in using pedestrian routes in their area, crossing roads or in the control of vehicles (moving or stationary) in and around their area, adding to improved community safety.

### **3.0 OUTCOME AND SUSTAINABILITY**

3.1 The funding and construction of local highways schemes contributes to meeting the 'Increase mobility and provide safer routes for pedestrians' priority in the South West Community Assembly Plan. It also contributes to the Council's Corporate Plan "Standing Up for Sheffield", particularly the "Great Place to Live" and "Safe and Secure Communities" outcomes.

### **4.0 REPORT**

#### 4.1 Small Highways Schemes 2012/13

4.1.1 Meetings have taken place with Members to prioritise requests, which were followed by site visits to confirm their feasibility. A list of the agreed small schemes will be brought to the next meeting along with a summary of the schemes that have been completed.

#### 4.2 Carr Bank Lane Petitions

4.2.1 A site meeting between all the interested parties has been arranged, the outcome of which will be reported at this meeting.

#### 4.3 Speed Indication Devices (SIDs)

4.3.1 At its meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2012, the South West Community Assembly agreed to commit £8.310 to the ongoing maintenance of SIDs. Within the next two weeks, these are to be relocated to the following locations:

- Abbeydale Road in the new 30mph limit close to the crossing point;
- Redmires Road near the junction with Blackbrook Road; and
- Ringinglow Village

#### 4.4 20mph Speed Limit Programme

- 4.4.1 A report was presented to Cabinet Highways Committee on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2012, in which the preferred choice of the South West Community Assembly, Steel Bank, was approved. Work is programmed for the 2013/14 financial year.

#### 4.5 Ringinglow Road near Bents Green Special School

- 4.5.1 The owners of the sign in the verge have agreed to reduce the height to allow drivers emerging from Folkwood Grove to see over it. The situation will be monitored and further action taken if necessary. Negotiations are underway with the school regarding the on-street parking associated with it.

#### 4.6 Dobcroft School Petition

- 4.6.1 A report is to be brought to the next SWCA meeting. The request for waiting restrictions has been agreed as a priority for the Ecclesall Ward Members and will be treated as a small highways scheme for the 2012/13 financial year.

#### 4.7 Hangram Lane

- 4.7.1 The blocked gullies have been reported to the Streets Ahead contractor and the speeding driver concerns were reported to the Police.

#### 4.8 Millhouses Traders

- 4.8.1 A request was received to use the old Abbey Grange School site as a temporary Christmas car park, unfortunately this is not feasible.

#### 4.9 Highways Coordinator

- 4.9.1 Short listing is underway, the outcome of which will be reported at the meeting.

#### 4.10 City Wide HGV Routes Review

- 4.10.1 The Council's review of HGV routing is almost complete. The outstanding item relates to consultation with the South Community Assembly, before taking the report to the next Cabinet Highways Committee.

### **5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 There are no financial implications associated with this report.

### **6.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**



6.1 There are no legal implications associated with this report.

## **7.0 EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY IMPLICATIONS**

7.1 There are no equality of opportunity implications associated with this report.

## **8.0 HUMAN RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

8.1 No significant implications are identified

## **9.0 ENVIRONMENTAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 There are no environmental and sustainability implications associated with this report

## **10.0 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

10.1 To keep Members and the public informed of progress.

## **11.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

11.1 That the South West Community assembly note the progress with the various schemes and requests included in this report.

11.2 That the South West Community Assembly note that the following will be reported at the next meeting:

- Progress with the SID Programme including speed data;
- Progress with all agreed carry over schemes for 2011/12 together with progress with all 2012/13 schemes;
- The Carr Bank Lane Petition outcome;
- The Dobcroft School petition report;
- The outcomes from the HGV routes review

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## SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL South West Community Assembly Report

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**Report of:** Director of Development Services

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**Date:** 18<sup>th</sup> October 2012

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**Subject:** Petition requesting waiting restrictions on Hallam Grange Crescent near Hallam Grange Primary School

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**Summary:** The purpose of the report is to assist the Assembly in order to provide a reply to the petitioners

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### Reasons for Recommendations:

The provision of waiting restrictions around the junction between Hallam Grange Crescent and Hallam Grange Croft would improve safety for pupils on their school journey.

The introduction of a Traffic Regulation Order on the school keep clear markings on Hallam Grange Crescent around the entrance to Hallam Primary School would keep them clear of any displaced vehicles resulting from the provision of waiting restrictions around the junction between Hallam Grange Crescent and Hallam Grange Croft.

### Recommendations:

That the petitioners are thanked for bringing their concerns to the attention of the Council.

That members approve the scheme for waiting restriction around the junction of Hallam Grange Croft

That the South West Community Assembly recommends that a Traffic Regulation Order is introduced on the school keep clear markings on Hallam Grange Crescent around the entrance to Hallam Primary School.

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**Background Papers: No**

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**Category of Report:** OPEN

## Statutory and Council Policy Checklist

<b>Financial Implications</b>
YES
<b>Legal Implications</b>
YES
<b>Equality of Opportunity Implications</b>
NO
<b>Tackling Health Inequalities Implications</b>
NO
<b>Human rights Implications</b>
NO
<b>Environmental and Sustainability implications</b>
YES
<b>Economic impact</b>
NO
<b>Community safety implications</b>
YES
<b>Human resources implications</b>
NO
<b>Property implications</b>
NO
<b>Area(s) affected</b>
South West Community Assembly
<b>Relevant Cabinet Portfolio Leader</b>
Cllr Leigh Bramall
<b>Relevant Scrutiny Committee if decision called in</b>
Cabinet Highways Committee
<b>Is the item a matter which is reserved for approval by the City Council?</b>
Yes
<b>Press release</b>
NO

## REPORT TO THE SOUTH WEST COMMUNITY ASSEMBLY

### 1.0 SUMMARY

- 1.1 To respond to petitioners requesting waiting restrictions on Hallam Grange Crescent near Hallam Grange Primary School

### 2.0 WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR PEOPLE WITHIN THE SOUTH WEST COMMUNITY ASSEMBLY AREA

- 2.1 If an option to promote measures is adopted by the Community Assembly the local highway scheme now proposed will assist local people in using pedestrian routes in their area, crossing roads or in the control of vehicles (moving or stationary) in and around their area, adding to improved community safety.

### 3.0 OUTCOME AND SUSTAINABILITY

- 3.1 The funding and construction of local highways schemes contributes to meeting the 'Increase mobility and provide safer routes for pedestrians' priority in the South West Community Assembly Plan. It also contributes to the Council's Corporate Plan "Standing Up for Sheffield", particularly the "Great Place to Live" and "Safe and Secure Communities" outcomes.

### 4.0 REPORT

- 4.1 A petition, containing 25 signatures was received by the Cabinet Highways Committee in March 2012. Subsequently the petition was referred to the South West Community Assembly.

The petition has the headed:

*"We the undersigned demand that Sheffield City Council improve the safety of pedestrians on the roads surrounding Hallam Grange Primary School. We call upon the Council to provide restrictions on parking including double yellow lines around driveways and junctions to allow safe crossing."*

- 4.2 Officers met with the petition organiser together with a resident of Hallam Grange Croft to clarify the details of the request. The issue is focussed around the junction between Hallam Grange Crescent and Hallam Grange Croft and stems from the risks to children on their school journey created by irresponsible parking.
- 4.3 Hallam Grange Crescent, together with Hallam Grange Croft are residential roads with narrow grass verges and highway trees. There is a sharp bend at the junction. The speed limit is 30mph and the road is not a bus route. The entrance to Hallam Primary School is off Hallam Grange Crescent, some 50m from the junction with Hallam Grange Croft. A location plan is included in Appendix A.
- 4.4 Hallam Primary School was one of the first schools in Sheffield to have a school travel plan. A number of walking and cycling

initiatives are enjoyed by the school and a cycle storage facility has been installed. Although the majority of the pupils live within walking distance there is a culture amongst some parents to drive to school.

- 4.5 There have been no recorded injury accidents in the past five years. However, at the meeting with the petition organiser a number of damage-only crashes were discussed together with a number of near misses involving school pupils. Unfortunately, such incidents are not included in Police records.
- 4.6 The petition organiser has met the residents affected by the proposed waiting restrictions and agreed the extents of the double yellow lines. These are shown on the plan in Appendix A. It follows that objections to the associated traffic regulation Order (TRO) are unlikely.
- 4.7 One area of concern is where the vehicles (about seven) that currently park around the junction would be displaced to. At present, the school “keep clear” markings are known to be observed by most parents, however, the reduced parking opportunities near the school may lead to abuse of them. It is recommended that if the waiting restrictions around the junction are approved, then the traffic regulation Order should include the “keep” clear markings around the school entrance. There would be a cost for the associated signage and any amendments needed to bring the road markings to the appropriate standard.

## **5.0 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 5.1 The introduction of a one-way system on Hallam Grange Crescent has been raised before. This would lead to increased driver speeds past the school entrance and would not be recommended.
- 5.2 There may be a case to do nothing and the situation would remain as it is. However, the benefits and relatively modest costs associated with the request for waiting restrictions make it a viable solution for consideration as a small highway scheme.

## **6.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 At its meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> July 2012, the South West Community Assembly approved a process for allocating its £40,000 allocation of highways funding. It is recommended this scheme is funded from this highways allocation, including:
- Double yellow lines around the junction - £900 plus a percentage of a bundled TRO.
  - TRO on school keep clear markings - £2000 plus a percentage of a bundled TRO.
- 6.2 All the above are estimates and include a commuted sum.

## **7.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 The Council has a statutory duty to promote road safety and to ensure that any measures it promotes and implements are reasonably safe for all road users. In reaching decisions of this nature Members must clearly take into account any road safety issues that may arise and follow the relevant legislation and guidance. Providing that it does so, it is acting lawfully, as it is doing in this case.

## **8.0 EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 8.1 The waiting restrictions to keep the junction clear of parked vehicles would benefit vulnerable pedestrians such as the young, elderly, disabled and also carers.

## **9.0 HUMAN RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

- 9.1 No significant implications are identified.

## **10.0 ENVIRONMENTAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 10.1 Implementation of waiting restrictions would have only a very minimal detrimental visual effect at this residential location. The cost of the signs and lines would include a commuted sum to cover the maintenance of them for the 25 year life of the Highways Maintenance PFI project.

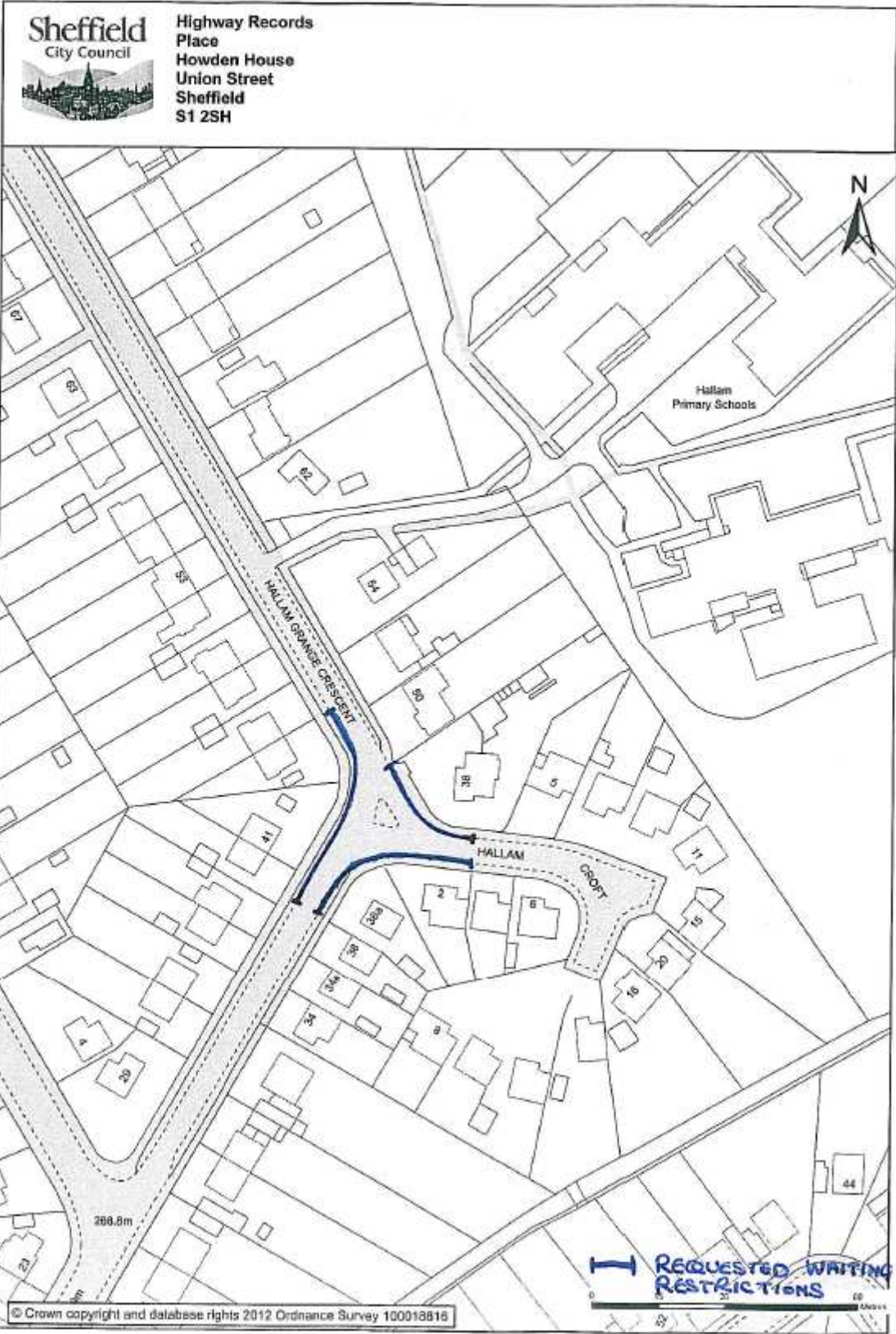
## **11.0 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 11.1 The provision of waiting restrictions around the junction between Hallam Grange Crescent and Hallam Grange Croft would improve safety for pupils on their school journey.
- 11.2 The introduction of a Traffic Regulation Order on the school keep clear markings on Hallam Grange Crescent around the entrance to Hallam Primary School would keep them clear of any displaced vehicles resulting from the provision of waiting restrictions around the junction between Hallam Grange Crescent and Hallam Grange Croft.

## **12.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 12.1 That the petitioners are thanked for bringing their concerns to the attention of the Council.
- 12.2 That members approve the scheme for waiting restriction around the junction of Hallam Grange Croft
- 12.3 That the South West Community Assembly recommends that a Traffic Regulation Order is introduced on the school keep clear markings on Hallam Grange Crescent around the entrance to Hallam Primary School.





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