

APPENDIX 'B'

Blackstock Road/Constable Road

Scheme Description - Widening of the above junction to enable large vehicles to negotiate turning manoeuvres more easily, introduction of a pedestrian refuge and changes to bus stops. The measures require a TRO to enable introduction of associated waiting restrictions (double yellow lines).

The following representations have been received :-

- 3 formal objections to the waiting restrictions, (two of which were from disabled users) on the grounds of removal of on-street parking availability and increased distance to other available on-street parking.

Officer response : Whilst it is acknowledged that residents prefer to park as closely as possible to their homes, the primary purpose of the public highway is the safe and efficient movement of vehicles and non-motorised users. Changes in the highway often require the introduction of parking restrictions along certain lengths of road. However, following discussions with the PTE and Bus Operators, it is proposed to combine two relatively close bus stops into a single stop located between the two existing stops (see dwg no TM-LT109-P2A). This would remove the need for the proposed restrictions previously indicated and it is anticipated the objections will be withdrawn. Although SYPTE and the bus operators have no objections to the proposals, they need to undertake passenger and frontage consultation. This had not been completed when this document was being prepared and the outcome will be reported verbally at the meeting.

- Request to upgrade the bus-stop opposite the Backmoor Road junction where vehicles parking in the bus-layby prevent the bus pulling in to the stop correctly, to the particular detriment of elderly and visually impaired passengers.

Officer response : The proposal outlined above to relocate the stop will satisfactorily address the problem.

- Request to remove the build-outs adjacent to the Co-op store on Constable Road.

Officer response : The build-outs were provided as a means of providing traffic calming and narrowed crossing points on the entrance frontage to the former Hemsworth Primary School, which has since been demolished. The build-outs occasionally cause delays to all traffic, including buses. Large vehicles delivering to the Co-op also encounter difficulties from time to time. Accordingly, it is proposed to remove the build-outs, but the crossing points will be retained.

