

COMMITTEE: SOUTH LUTON AREA BOARD

DATE: 23RD JUNE 2014

SUBJECT: PETITION – ROTHERAM AVENUE TO BE TURNED INTO A ONE WAY SYSTEM

REPORT BY: HEAD OF ENGINEERING & STREET SERVICES

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IMPLICATIONS:

LEGAL	COMMUNITY SAFETY
EQUALITIES	ENVIRONMENT
FINANCIAL	CONSULTATIONS
STAFFING	OTHER

WARDS AFFECTED: FARLEY

PURPOSE

1. To report to the South Luton Area Board results of a public consultation calling for Rotheram Avenue to be made part-time one-way.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

2. That the South Luton Area Board is recommended:-
 - (i) to note that a Council consultation has been issued to the residents of Rotheram Avenue, Tinsley Close and Friars Way on the introduction of a part-time 'no left turn' from Friars Way onto Rotheram Avenue effectively making the majority of Rotheram Avenue one-way, operational only during the school-run the results of which can be found as Appendix A of this report and.

- (ii) that in the light of the results of the Council consultation the Area Board determine whether or not to introduce a part-time 'no left turn' from Friars Way onto Rotheram Avenue effectively making the majority of Rotheram Avenue one-way, operational only during the school-run..

BACKGROUND

3. Rotheram Avenue currently operates part one-way in the direction of Friars Way towards South Drift Way; this was instigated in September 2009 before the opening of the Barnfield South Academy in order to ease traffic congestion outside St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Primary School. Discussions were held at the time that this may need to be extended to cover all of Rotheram Avenue when the new Academy was fully operational.
4. A Petition consisting of approximately 64 signatures was received in 2013 stating 'We the Residents of Tinsley Close/Rotheram Avenue and Friars Way are signing this petition to get Rotheram Avenue turned into a one-way system to ease traffic congestion'. On the basis of this Petition a Council consultation was carried out with the residents.
5. The results of the standard Council consultation carried out in January 2014 demonstrated that 62% of the residents that responded opposed turning the entire length of Rotheram Avenue one-way.

Road Name	No. of Properties Contacted	No. of Responses	Percentage Responses	Are you in favour of making the entire length of Rotherham Ave one-way?	
				YES	NO
Friars Way	16	14	88%	3	11
Rotheram Avenue	51	44	86%	19	25
Tinsley Close	61	24	40%	9	15
Totals	128	82	64%	31	51
				37%	62%

6. During the Council consultation; a counter-petition was organised by the residents of Rotheram Avenue opposing the proposal to make the entire length of Rotheram Avenue one-way. The crux of the objection was that congestion is only an issue due to the School and therefore issues are only prevalent during the school runs.
7. Based on a more detailed analysis of the results, the Area Board on 11th March 2014 requested that a further Council consultation be carried out with the residents and the School as to whether to introduce a part-time

'no left turn' from Friars Way onto Rotheram Avenue effectively making the majority of Rotheram Avenue one-way, operational only during the school-run.

REPORT

8. In accordance with the Area Board's request a further Council consultation was commissioned asking the residents of Rotheram Avenue, Tinsley Close and Friars Way and the School for their views on the introduction of a part-time 'no left turn' from Friars Way onto Rotheram Avenue effectively making the majority of Rotheram Avenue one-way, operational only during the school-run.
9. The deadline for all submissions to the Council consultation is the 23rd June 2014 and can be found as an Appendix to this report. Early indications are that residents are **not** in favour of the introduction of a part-time 'no left turn' from Friars Way onto Rotheram Avenue effectively making the majority of Rotheram Avenue one-way, operational only during the school-run; however this is subject to change as the results become clear.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

10. There are no direct legal implications at this stage; however should the recommendations be progressed then a part-time no left turn banning order will be needed. This Report was agreed by J. Newman in Legal Services on 9 June 2014.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

11. There is an allocated budget of £15,000:00 set aside within the Engineering & Street Services approved capital programme for 2014/15.

APPENDIX

To follow