

# MINUTES OF TRO GOVERNING BODY MEETING

16 March 2022

## **Attendees:**

Assistant Director of Strategic Infrastructure	ADoSI
Highways and Planning Solicitor	H&PS
Corporate Lead (Design & Asset Management)	CL(DAM)
Corporate Lead (Green Space & Street Scene)	CL(GS&SS)
Corporate Lead (Transportation)	CL(T)
Team Leader (Traffic Engineering)	TL(TE)
Traffic Engineer	TE

## **1. Apologies**

Flood Programme Manager	FPM
Performance Manager	PM

## **2. Matters arising**

None, the minutes of the last meeting (3 March) will be circulated by email and will be agreed before publication on the website.

## **3. Orders for Consideration**

### **a) A672 Oldham Road, Rishworth SLO**

This scheme was advertised in September 2021. We received an objection to the proposal which was discussed at the Governing Body meeting on 4 November 2021, the outcome being that the proposal be deferred for further investigations and the proposal be re-advertised with clarifications.

Further speed surveys have been undertaken in the area around the M62 Junction. It was noted that the readings could not be obtained in free flow conditions due to the location of the junctions, but they remain indicative of speeds through the area. The mean speeds recorded were:

- 42.5mph Northbound
- 39.5mph Southbound

In considering the context of setting the appropriate speed limit, the length of road concerned is rural. Section 7 of circular 01/2013 (setting local speed limits) recommends that in rural areas where mean speeds are recorded at <50mph, a speed limit of 50mph is suitable (note that this matches with Oldham Council's view of the road beyond). Whilst a higher speed limit of 60 mph could also be applied to strategic A roads with few junctions/accesses such as this could be applied here, however, the concentration of junctions at this location suggests to us that the lower 50mph speed limit would be more appropriate. Therefore, the further investigations correspond with the initially proposed speed limit.

The proposal plan has been revised to reflect the comments regarding ambiguity of the existing speed limits and it is proposed to be readvertised so that the public may consider the proposed speed limit in this context of uncertainty and that the proposed Order may result in an increase or decrease to what they may anticipate the present limit to be and make

representations accordingly. Regardless of that ambiguity, officers are satisfied that the proposed new speed limit is the appropriate one for this section of road.

The Governing Body unanimously agreed that for clarity, the proposal should be readvertised at the proposed speed limit.

### **Outcome**

It was unanimously agreed that the formal consultation should be repeated with the new evidence and plans.

The TRO Governing Body:

- (i) Approves the instruction to the Case Manager and the Head of Democratic and Partnership Services to draft the necessary documentation to progress the formal consultation.

### **b) Park Road, Elland TRO**

TL(TE) explained the scheme (last presented to the GB on 6 January 2022).

The formal consultation has commenced (due to close 24 March 2022), to date the proposal has been well supported. Within the responses, there have been several requests for the proposed restrictions to be extended towards the car park entrance into the Valley Mill complex.

H&PS confirmed that a change to the proposal at this point in the consultation would need to be readvertised. The impact on the current issue was discussed and it was agreed that due to the urgency of the issue closest to the bridge it was preferable to continue with the initial issue and follow up with the extended section immediately after.

The Governing Body agreed that the formal consultation should continue as advertised and a new informal consultation be commenced for the extended section.

### **Outcome**

It was unanimously agreed that the currently consulted scheme should continue and the extension be progressed to informal consultation

The TRO Governing Body:

- (i) Approves the instruction to the Case Manager and the Head of Democratic and Partnership Services to draft the necessary documentation to progress the informal consultation.

### **c) School Streets ETROs**

Since the start of Covid 19 restrictions, we have introduced several Experimental traffic Regulation Orders (ETROs) to trial changes to the highway to improve the environment around schools. These have largely been the introduction of "School Streets" to remove traffic from the immediate vicinity of schools at the start and end of the day, improving safety giving more space for people to negotiate busy areas and improves air quality.

These schemes are approaching the end of the experimental element and the meeting discussed how these would be taken forward as Appendix A below.

The Governing Body unanimously agreed the proposals as listed in the Appendix.

### **Outcome**

It was unanimously agreed that the schemes to be made permanent as detailed in Appendix A.

The TRO Governing Body:

- (i) Approves the making and implementation of the orders as proposed in Appendix A.

#### **d) Church Lane, Hebden Bridge TRO**

The scheme was previously presented to the GB on 6 January 2022 reporting on the objections received following the formal consultation period. It was agreed that the received objections merit further consideration and the proposal should be reconsidered, including whether the extent of parking and operating times can be investigated further.

Further review of the site, the history of the reported issues and the responses it was confirmed that there were no proposals to take forward that would be helpful or acceptable. During the design process it had been noticed that a short length of restrictions at the southern end of the road were not supported by an Order, so it was proposed to reduce the proposal to just dealing with this outstanding issue.

It was agreed that the views of affected Councillors should be sought before progressing.

#### **Outcome**

It was unanimously agreed that following consultation with Councillors, the revised scheme can progress to design, and the informal consultation be progressed when suitable.

#### **4. Any other business**

##### **a) Trooper Lane, Halifax ETRO**

ADoSI updated the meeting on progress with the proposed ETRO to prevent inappropriate parking that was reportedly blocking access for larger vehicles and reports of parking on the footway.

A consultation was undertaken before the ETRO process commenced and there was a very mixed response. The reasons behind the proposal was revisited and more recent data suggests that the previously reported issues were not currently too significant, therefore the consultation was suspended and the proposal withdrawn.

There are still comments being received from the consultees, so the concepts of the proposal are being revisited.

#### **5. Date of Next Meeting**

The next routine meeting is due to be held on 28 April 2022

## Appendix A

School	End date of ETRO	School response	Proposed action	GB decision
<b>Experiments approaching closure</b>				
Abbey Park	16/04/2022	Response Awaited	<p>There have not been any objections received.</p> <p>However, because of the staffing requirements in supervising the barriers used to support the closures, the school has halted using the closure and are not thought to be keen to keep using it under the current arrangements.</p> <p>Despite the school's likely response, it is proposed that we make the School Street Order permanent even if the school is not using it with the barriers. With the signage in place, it could still influence traffic behaviour and the Police can still enforce if required. In the longer term, if we retain it in place and we get Traffic Management Act (Part 6) powers, we may have the opportunity to enforce by CCTV.</p>	Make Permanent
Akroydon	Not commenced	Not wanted	The closure was not started because of the impact on local businesses and the school changed which entrance they were using. There is not seen to be any benefit in retaining it.	Reject
Burnley Rd	16/04/2022	Wanted	<p>The school has been very happy with this and there have been no objections</p> <p>Propose to make the ETRO permanent</p>	Make Permanent
Longroyde	16/04/2022	Wanted	<p>The school has been very happy with this and there have been no objections</p> <p>Propose to make the ETRO permanent</p>	Make Permanent
Northowram	16/04/2022	Wanted	<p>The school has been very happy with this and there have been no objections</p> <p>Propose to make the ETRO permanent</p>	Make Permanent

School	End date of ETRO	School response	Proposed action	GB decision
Salterhebble	Not commenced	Not wanted	This scheme did not commence due to difficulties regarding where parking would be displaced to. There is not seen to be any benefit in progressing this. If a solution is found a new ETRO could be considered.	Reject current ETRO
St Joseph's Halifax	16/04/2022	Response Awaited	<p>There have been some difficulties with this one from the start. We have tried 2 variations so far and a third option is currently in the ETRO (although the school isn't currently using it)</p> <p>We need to confirm with the school what they think the future is.</p> <p>This is complicated by the timing of the third change to the ETRO was too late to allow the continuing 6-month consultation and therefore this cannot be automatically progressed to TRO. Should an appropriate proposal be agreed, a further ETRO can be commenced.</p>	Reject current ETRO
St Malachys	16/04/2022	Wanted	<p>There have not been any objections received by us and the school have confirmed they are happy with the scheme and would like it made permanent.</p> <p>Nb the timing of the variation to the ETRO was too late to allow the normal 6-month consultation and therefore this ETRO cannot be automatically progressed to a TRO. Work will commence on a replacement TRO asap.</p>	Current ETRO will lapse, to be replaced by a new TRO
St Marys and Holy Trinity, Halifax	16/04/2022	Ongoing	<p>The school have been very happy with the outcome but are unable to provide the staffing needed (Swires Road is too busy to close without barriers in place and staffing is not available). Discussions are ongoing with the schools to see if we can assist.</p> <p>Despite the school's response, it is proposed that we make the School Street Order permanent even if the school is not using it (not using barriers), as mentioned in Abbey Park above</p>	Make Permanent
Withinfields	16/04/2022	Wanted	<p>The school has been very happy with this and there have been no objections</p> <p>Propose to make the ETRO permanent</p>	Make Permanent

School	End date of ETRO	School response	Proposed action	GB decision
Warley Rd	05/05/2022	No	The school have issues with the staff resources needed and are not keen to keep this running (outside of Covid restrictions). Despite the school's response, it is proposed that we make the School Street Order permanent even if the school is not using it (not using barriers), as mentioned in Abbey Park above	Make Permanent
Shade	26/05/2022	Wanted	The school has been very happy with this and there have been no objections Propose to make the ETRO permanent	Make Permanent
<b>Ongoing Experiments</b>				
Sowerby Trinity Grammar	28/12/2022	Ongoing	Discussions are still ongoing with the school. Like many others they have issues with the level of staff input needed.	Too early for decision
Lee Mount	06/03/2023	Ongoing	Discussions are still ongoing with the school. Like many others they have issues with the level of staff input needed.	Too early for decision
Beech hill	TBA	To Commence		
Saville Park	TBA	To Commence		
Heptonstall	TBA	To Commence		
Wainstalls	TBA	To Commence		
<b>Other Experiments</b>				
Bowling Green School	16/04/2022	Not wanted	No longer needed, was introduced to provide additional mixing space which is no longer needed.	

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Todmorden C of E - DYLs	03/12/2022	Wanted	<p>The ETRO was required to restrict parking adjacent to the school after a footway widening was introduced. The school has been very happy with this and there have been no objections received.</p> <p>The consultation period has closed and although there is soe time before the experiment closes, it is thought appropriate to make this permanent now.</p>	Make Permanent