

A2100 London Road, Battle. Proposed Traffic Regulation Order

	Agenda Item No.
Committee:	Regulatory Planning Committee
Date:	25th July 2018
Report by:	Director of Communities, Economy and Transport
Title of Report	Traffic Regulation Order – A2100 London Road, Battle
Purpose of Report	To consider the objections received in response to the formal consultation on the draft Traffic Regulation Order associated with the development of Lilybank Farm, London Road, Battle.
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Local Member:	Councillor Field

RECOMMENDATION

The Planning Committee is recommended to:

- 1. Not uphold the objections to the draft Order as set out in Appendix 2 of this report**
 - 2. Recommend to the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport that the draft Traffic Regulation Order be made as advertised.**
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CONSIDERATION BY DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITIES, ECONOMY AND TRANSPORT.

1. Introduction

1.1 Planning permission at Land to the west of Lilybank Farm, Wattles Wish, TN33 0JG (a residential development of 50 dwellings) under RR/2016/725/P was granted by the Rother District Council Planning Committee in May 2017, subject to the inclusion of a Legal Agreement or Undertaking to provide a contribution of £5000 towards amendments to the Traffic Regulation Order procedure for the reduction of a National speed limit to a 40mph speed limit. The Section 106 Agreement was signed on the 8 November 2017. The proposed speed limit is intended to reduce vehicle speeds at the approach to the new junction, minimising potential for collisions at the proposed site entrance.

1.2 Meetings were held with East Sussex County Council's Road Safety Team, Sussex Police and an officer from the County Council in its capacity as the local Highway Authority to devise a scheme that would ensure highway safety is maintained at the proposed access.

Appendix B

1.3 On the 25th May 2018, the County Council gave notice under the relevant section of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, (as amended), that it was proposing to amend the existing Traffic Regulation Order. A copy of the draft Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) is included in Appendix 1. Copies of the advertised Notice of proposals were placed on posts at the junction with Virgins Lane and London Road and opposite on London Road; a copy of the proposals was also placed on deposit in County Hall reception and at Battle Library for viewing by any member of public. The formal period for representations to be made ended on 19 June 2018.

1.4 Prior to the advertisement of the draft Traffic Regulation Order, copies of the proposals were sent to the relevant District Councillor, County Councillor and statutory consultees including the emergency services. Any objections received during this period were resolved and are reflected in the draft Traffic Regulation Order proposed today.

1.5 The proposals are as follows:

- To extend the 40mph speed limit in the following length of road: A2100 London Road – from a point 203.5 metres north of its junction with Virgins Lane, southwards for a distance of 177 metres.
- The existing 40mph speed limit will remain in force as specified in the Order.

2. Comments and Appraisal

2.1 During the formal consultation period, one item of correspondence was received objecting to the proposals. A full copy of the objection can be found in Appendix 2.

2.2 The grounds for the objection are that:

- The proposal does not extend far enough to the north to include other properties on London Road.
- The footway alongside the northbound carriageway of London Road is narrow and can feel unsafe when cars pass at higher speeds.
- Residents accessing their properties on London Road are overtaken when indicating to leave the highway.
- Exiting properties can be difficult when there is a high volume of traffic using London Road.

2.3 With regard to the public consultation, copies of the public Notice were placed on the affected roads and any affected residents would have been able to view these notices. In addition, the public Notice was advertised in the local newspaper (The Observer) on 25 May 2018. Copies of the proposal were also placed on deposit in County Hall reception and at Battle Library for any member of public to view.

2.4 It is not considered that the objections provide sufficient grounds to warrant the modification or withdrawal of the proposals. A number of concerns were raised on the original planning application with regard to highway safety at the proposed access point. The proposed extension to the 40mph speed limit will, therefore, maintain highway safety and ensure that the access point is policy compliant.

3. Conclusion and reasons for recommendation

3.1 The approach in trying to resolve objection to the Order has been to appraise the concern raised by the objector, balancing this against the need to ensure compliance with the speed limit. On balance, it is felt that the concerns raised by the objector should not be upheld and the proposals should proceed as per the advertised TRO.

3.2 It is therefore recommended for the reasons set out in this report, that the Planning Committee does not uphold the objections, and to recommend to the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport that the draft Order be made as advertised.

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Director of Communities, Economy and Transport

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

None