

WRITTEN STATEMENT OF A KEY DECISION CABINET

ITEM:	WIDEMARSH STREET, HEREFORD - PROPOSED EXPERIMENTAL PEDESTRIANISATION SCHEME
Members Present:	Councillors RJ Phillips (Leader), GV Hyde, Mrs LO Barnett, PJ Edwards, Mrs JP French, DB Wilcox, RM Wilson
Date of Decision:	28 April 2005
This is a key decision because it is likely to have a significant effect on communities living or working in Herefordshire in an area comprising one or more wards.	
The item was not included on the Forward Plan. A Notice in accordance with Section 15 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements)(Access to Information) Regulations 2000 was sent to the Chairman of the Environment Scrutiny Committee.	
Purpose:	To agree the implementation of an experimental traffic scheme to achieve partial pedestrianisation and an improved pedestrian environment in Widemarsh Street and High Street.
Decision:	<p>THAT the following experimental Traffic Regulation Orders be introduced during the summer of 2005, immediately following conclusion of the High Street element of the Eign Gate enhancement works, for a minimum period until at least 31st December 2005:</p> <p>a) Prohibition of Driving Order</p> <p>the effect of which would be to prohibit the driving of any vehicles between the hours of 10.30am and 4.30pm daily as follows:</p> <p>i) Widemarsh Street (U80000)</p> <p>from its junction with the A438 Newmarket Street in a southerly direction to its junction with the High Street.</p> <p>ii) High Street (U8000)</p> <p>From its junction with the U80000 Widemarsh Street in a westerly direction for its whole length to its junction with the U80000 Broad Street.</p> <p>iii) Exemptions will be included for emergency services vehicles and for vehicles that have legitimately entered Bewell Street.</p>

	<p>b) 20 mph Speed Limit</p> <p>the effect of which would be to impose a maximum speed of twenty miles per hour on the U8000 Widemarsh Street and High Street from its junction with A438 Newmarket Street to its junction with Broad Street.</p> <p>c) Berrington Street/West Street/Aubrey Street</p> <p>further investigation and appropriate consultation to see if traffic management measures are needed to address concerns of potential congestion of pedestrianising Widemarsh Street.</p>
<p>Reasons for the Decision:</p>	<p>The implementation of this scheme as proposed will improve the amenities of the area by creating a safer and more convenient environment for pedestrians in Hereford City Centre, whilst still permitting vehicular access between the hours of 4.30pm and 10.30am.</p>
<p>Options Considered:</p>	<p>As described in the report.</p>
<p>Declaration of Interest:</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>Date the key decision is due to take effect:</p>	<p>6 May 2005</p>

<p>COUNCILLOR RJ PHILLIPS..... Date:..... LEADER OF THE COUNCIL</p>
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To be completed by officer:	
Date consent received from Chairman of Scrutiny Committee:	
Subject to Call-in:	No
If yes was the decision modified?	
If yes Cabinet Member (.....) decision reference:	
Date original decision took effect:	6 May 2005