



LEIGHTON-LINSLADE TOWN COUNCIL

Culture and Economic Services Committee

Date: 7 December 2020

Purpose of the Report: Update on Hockliffe and Lake Streets feedback on pedestrianisation

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Corporate Objective/s	Vibrancy and Vitality of Town and Town Centre - To continue to support a vibrant town through partnership working and initiatives including management of the street market, support for local businesses, town and community promotions and town centre enhancements.	
Implications:		
Financial		
Human Resources		
Operational/Service delivery	Yes	Update
Procedural/Legal		
Risk/Health and Safety		

1. RECOMMENDATION

Should members be minded, the recommendation is:

1.1 To note the report.

2. INFORMATION

- 2.1 In June of this year, Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC) introduced an Experimental Temporary Traffic Road Order (TTRO) for the town centre.
- 2.2 CBC officers received feedback from businesses in Hockliffe and Lake Streets about the impact of the localised traffic management schemes on their businesses. Following this, CBC officers invited the Town Council to explore these businesses' thoughts on pedestrianising their streets.
- 2.3 The idea being that if sufficient interest were shown, the Town Council could request CBC to trial a scheme in either Hockliffe or Lake Streets and assist CBC financially towards traffic management costs for a trial. CBC officers were highly occupied, and funds were focused on initiating the fundamental aspects of the TTRO.
- 2.4 Anticipating the potential outcome that officers may need to ask CBC to

consider such a scheme, a report was drafted and for the Community Safety Committee to consider using funds from Dodford as there would be links with safety - night time economy linked issues for instance. Its meeting date was also timely in terms of moving work forward and avoid unhelpful delays for the businesses.

- 2.5 Committee requested more research was undertaken prior to receiving a report. The report was therefore withdrawn.
- 2.6 An officer visited and called businesses in Hockliffe and Lake Streets and Peacock Mews and asked for general feedback and whether they had any thoughts about pedestrianisation, without the officer specifically suggesting any time of the day.
- 2.7 The results were mixed, and the Officer could not identify a consensus. A full record of the feedback received was shared with CBC's Traffic Management Team. The Traffic Management team concluded the same from the feedback and confirmed that Hockliffe St. would not be pedestrianised as it was required for movement of traffic.
- 2.8 The officer gave verbal feedback to the businesses that there would be no pedestrianisation.
- 2.9 CBC continued to lead work, e.g. 'wand' bollards were subsequently installed (replacing the original temporary barriers) under emergency Covid powers, on social distancing grounds.

3. CONCLUSION

- 3.1 The original report is now withdrawn permanently, and the subject remains in the hands of Central Bedfordshire Council who continue to lead all activities relating to the Experimental TTRO.

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