

MINUTES OF TRO GOVERNING BODY MEETING

3 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)
Transport Policy and Strategy Manager	TP&SM
Project Manager (Strategic Infrastructure)	PM(SI)
Assistant Project Manager	APM
Team Leader (Traffic Engineering)	TL(TE)
Traffic Engineer	TE

1. Apologies

Flood Programme Manager	FPM
Performance Manager	PM
Asset Manager (Highway Asset Team)	AM(HAT)

2. Matters arising

None, the minutes of the last meeting have been circulated and were largely agreed before this meeting (by email).

3. Orders for Consideration

This meeting was arranged as a further special meeting to discuss the outcome of the initial round of informal consultation undertaken for the A646 and A58 Corridor Improvement Schemes (CIP).

Responses had been collated and the following discussions were around the proposed areas that had generated objection comments. The schemes were presented by the PM(SI) supported by TE, objections and alterations were discussed as below:

a) A58 - Ripponden and Rishworth (advertised 31 January 2022 to 21 February 2022)

The proposals as informally advertised for Ripponden were generally received well, it was discussed as follows: -

1. Ripponden Centre (Halifax Road/Oldham Road)

There were no objections received, GB agreed to proceed to proceed to formal consultation

2. Oldham Road (Outside Rishworth School)

There have been representations from the school regarding concerns that the restrictions are too extensive. This will be reconsidered before being discussed again by the Governing Body.

3. Oldham Road (near junction with Dyson Lane)

Representations have been received from the businesses facing onto Oldham Road, just outside of the area consulted on. The situation was discussed and it was agreed that further investigation is required.

The Governing Body agreed that this part be deferred as further consideration is required for these proposals before returning to the GB

Outcome

It was unanimously agreed that the proposals for item 1 above can proceed to formal consultation. The remaining elements (items 2 and 3 above) be deferred for further investigation.

The TRO Governing Body:

- (i) Approves the proposals for item 1 above and the instruction to the Case Manager and the Head of Democratic and Partnership Services to draft the necessary documentation to progress the formal consultation.
- (ii) Defers the discussion for the remaining elements (items 2 and 3 above) pending further investigation

b) A58 - Triangle (advertised 31 January 2022 to 21 February 2022)

The proposals as informally advertised for Triangle were generally received well and without objection. It was agreed by the GB that the proposals as advertised could be progressed to Formal Consultation without further discussion.

Outcome

It was unanimously agreed that this part of the scheme can progress to formal consultation

The TRO Governing Body:

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

c) A646 – Hebden Bridge (advertised 31 January 2022 to 21 February 2022)

The proposals as informally advertised for Hebden Bridge were generally received well, it was discussed as follows: -

1. Crown Street

Some representations have been received for this regarding the length of the detour caused by the right turn ban into New Road. The objections were discussed, but the GB agreed the proposals are not unreasonable and agreed to progress.

2. Market Street

Further objections were received for this regarding loss of parking in Market Street. The GB discussed the responses but noted that this is an Air Quality Management area and so minimising traffic obstructions would be of benefit and also agreed that there is alternative parking in the area

The Governing Body agreed that the proposed changes are acceptable and the proposal can be progressed to formal consultation.

Outcome

It was unanimously agreed that this part of the scheme can progress to formal consultation

The TRO Governing Body:

- (ii) Approves the progression of this element including instruction to the Case Manager and the Head of Democratic and Partnership Services to draft the necessary documentation to progress the formal consultation.

d) A58 – Sowerby Bridge (advertised 3 February 2022 to 24 February 2022)

The proposals as informally advertised for Sowerby Bridge were generally received well, it was discussed as follows: -

1. Water Street/West Street junction

Some representations have been received for this regarding the loss of parking opportunities. The objections were discussed, but the GB agreed that the current parking is inappropriate and there was alternative parking available and so agreed to progress.

2. Water Street traffic loop

There have been objections received regarding the loss of parking. The proposals are concentrating on regularising parking spaces and protecting HGV access to businesses and so it was agreed that the proposals are suitable.

Comments have been received about the pedestrian routes around West Street/Town Hall Street/Sowerby New Road, it was confirmed that the proposed signalised junction will include pedestrian phasing.

3. Holmes Road

There have been objections received regarding the loss of parking. The proposals are considered reasonable in protecting against parking on the footways and the GB agreed that the current proposal can progress although discussions will continue with affected businesses. The project team will also undertake a further site visit as part of this.

4. Bolton Brow

Some representations have been received for this regarding the requirement for and the length of the time restriction of the parking restrictions proposed. The GB discussed the site and concluded that the restriction will be reviewed.

The Governing Body agreed that the proposed changes are acceptable for items 1 to 3 above. It was also agreed that the proposals for Bolton Brow be revisited.

Outcome

It was unanimously agreed that the proposals for items 1 to 3 above can proceed to formal consultation. The remaining element be deferred for further investigation.

The TRO Governing Body:

- (iii) Approves the proposals for items 1 above and the instruction to the Case Manager and the Head of Democratic and Partnership Services to draft the necessary documentation to progress the formal consultation.
- (iv) Defers the discussion for item 4 pending further investigation

e) A58 – Sowerby Bridge Central (advertised 2 February 2022 to 24 February 2022)

The proposals as informally advertised for Sowerby Bridge Central were generally received well. The following element received objections and were discussed as follows: -

1. Wharf Street

A request for clarification was received and resolved, but no objections. The proposal was discussed, and the GB agreed that the proposal is appropriate and so agreed to progress.

2. Tuel Lane

There were no objections about the proposal for the lower end of Tuel Lane and the GB agreed that the proposal is appropriate and so agreed to progress.

3. Junction of Hollins Lane/Tuel Lane

An objection was received regarding the introduction of parking restrictions, with concerns that they would affect the Church. The objection was discussed and it was confirmed that attempts had been made to clarify the minimal effect on the Church without response to date. The GB agreed that the proposal is appropriate and so agreed to progress to formal consultation.

The Governing Body agreed that the proposed changes are acceptable and the proposal can be progressed to formal consultation.

Outcome

It was unanimously agreed that the proposals can proceed to formal consultation.

The TRO Governing Body:

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

f) A58 – Pye Nest (advertised 31 January 2022 to 21 February 2022)

The proposals as informally advertised for Sowerby Bridge Central were presented more objections. The following elements received objections and were discussed as follows: -

1. Pye Nest Road

There were comments that the proposed restrictions on Pye Nest Road restrictions would not encourage cyclists. The GB discussed this but agreed that the proposal assisted cyclists and was therefore considered appropriate and so agreed to progress to formal consultation.

There were also complaints received about the effect on businesses at the lower end of Pye Nest Rd. The issues were discussed and it was agreed that the lack of restrictions on the other side of the road should minimise any impact on the businesses and therefore it was agreed to progress to formal consultation.

2. A58 Rochdale Road

There have been numerous objections relating to the loss of residential parking. The objections were discussed and as parking is still available on the other side of the road (we do not have to provide parking outside resident's houses) the proposal is considered suitable. It was noted that the A58 is a key road and traffic flow needs to be maintained, a priority of the CIP scheme.

The Governing Body agreed that the proposals are acceptable and can be progressed to formal consultation.

Outcome

It was unanimously agreed that the proposals can proceed to formal consultation.

The TRO Governing Body:

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

4. Any other business

a) Old Lane Cycle Route

This was discussed at the previous meeting and did not need further discussion at this point.

5. Date of Next Meeting

The next routine meeting is due to be held on 16 March 2022