Report for Resolution

Report to	Norwich Highways Agency Committee 22 May 2008	^{Item}	
Report of	Head of Transportation and Landscape	10	
Subject	Dbjections to advertised TROs relating to Crome Road and Southalls Way (Former Startrite Factory)		

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to consider objections to proposed Traffic Regulation Orders relating to a new residential development on Crome Road and Southalls Way.

Recommendations

Members are recommended to ask the Head of Transportation and Landscape and the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to complete the statutory processes associated with changing the following TROs, all of which are shown on plan number:-

- (1) Introduce a 20mph Zone on Churchill Road (between Silver Road and Crome Road), Dibden Road, Crome Road (from just south of its junction with Dibden Road), Romany Road and Southalls Way
- (2) Introduce a pedestrian Zone within the newly constructed parts of Crome Road and Southalls Way (within the development of the former Startrite Shoe factory)
- (3) prohibit all on-street parking in the new estate road (the newly constructed parts of Crome Road and Southalls Way) except in the designated spaces constructed for the purpose.

Financial Consequences

Both these Traffic Regulation Orders are consequent on nearby development, and have been funded by the respective developers

Corporate Objective/Service Plan Priority

The report helps to achieve the corporate objective to ensure the City has a clean, healthy and sustainable environment, and the service plan priority of improving safety on the roads.

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Background Documents

Consultation Responses

Background

 Crome Road/Southalls Way comprises a new residential development on a former Start Rite Factory in the vicinity of Romany Road. It is not within a Controlled Parking Zone but in accordance with good practice in new residential street layouts and traffic management the scheme is proposed to have a 20mph zone treatment comprising of speed reducing tables and a pedestrian zone treatment that requires parked cars to be in designated bays to avoid unrestrained "fly-parking". These measures are facilitated by the advertised Traffic Regulation Orders.

Consultation

2. There has been one response from a resident of Crome Road, which is summarised in Appendix 1, along with officers' comments. The primary concern relates to the loss of existing on street parking on Crome Road associated with the pedestrian zone.

Discussion

- 3. Crome Road/Southalls Way has been comprehensively planned to manage the demand for car parking and create an attractive and safe residential area.
- 4. The resident of Number 5 Crome Road is adjacent to the development and the proposed 20mph zone, the resident will continue to be able to park outside their property as there is no waiting restriction proposed outside of the development area. However Officers accept that with any new development outside of CPZ's there may be some overspill of resident parking, however many parking bays are provided on site for the use of residents.
- 5. Drawing Number 11715-2080 P7 (see Appendix 2) shows the extent of the Pedestrian Zone, which will be for access only, with no waiting at any time
- 6. The plan in Appendix 3 illustrates the location of Number 5 Crome Road in relation to the development site and existing waiting restrictions.

Appendix 1 – Responses Crome Road/Southall Way

Respondent	Comment	Officer response
Respondent Resident, 5, Crome Road	CommentConcerned over loss of on street parking at northern end of Crome Road.There is an existing high demand for on street parking in the area and little provision of off road parking. New developments in the 	Officer response Comments noted Number 5 Crome Road is adjacent to the development site. There are no waiting restrictions currently in force or proposed directly outside their property. The potential still remains for the resident to park on street. On street parking is potentially available on any part of the remainder of Crome Road. Officers accept that despite parking provision onsite, new developments may sometimes increase the demand for parking off site but this is impossible to prevent outside of CPZs. There is the potential for future extension of the Northern Controlled Parking Zone into Crome Road, the new development would not be eligible for permits. However there are no plans at present extend the CPZ. The no waiting restriction proposed as part of the pedestrian zone within the development site will disallow parking on this Crome Road to the north of Number 5. This is necessary in the interests of enabling unobstructed access to the site by residents vehicles and larger vehicles such as refuse collection and emergency vehicles.
		The provision of a pedestrian zone has a number of benefits for new developments as these can help to control the availability of parking and thus reduce car use and help to promote more pedestrian and cycle friendly residential areas. The recommendation is not to change the proposed TROs.



Appendix 2 – Crome Road/Southall Way Plan

Appendix 2

Location of Number 5 Crome Road in relation to development site

