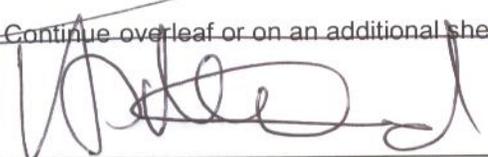


## ED2. EXECUTIVE DECISIONS BY A CABINET MEMBER OR AN OFFICER

<b>A. Report Title:</b> To consider objections to a proposal to implement parking restrictions to the junctions off Branksome Avenue, Stanford-le-Hope	
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<b>C. Decision Maker:</b> Andrew Millard	
<b>D. Position held:</b> Head of Strategic Planning and Delivery	
<b>E. Key decision: YES/NO</b>	<b>F. Delegation ref:</b>
<b>G. Is the decision urgent? YES/NO</b>	
<b>H. If yes, state why.</b>	

<b>I. DECISION (strike out whichever does not apply) :</b>	
1. I agree the recommendations in the attached report for the reasons given in the report; <b>OR</b>	
<del>2. *My decision is:</del>	
*The reason for my decision is:	
* Continue over leaf or on an additional sheet if necessary.	
<b>Signed:</b> 	<b>Date:</b> 18.1.10

### URGENCY

Democratic Services will arrange for the completion of the following:	
<b>J. I confirm that in my opinion a decision on this matter is urgent and cannot reasonably be delayed:</b>	
<b>Signed:</b>	<b>Date:</b>

*To be completed by Democratic Services*

<b>Date decision received by Dem. Services:</b>	<b>Date decision published:</b>
<b>Implementation date:</b>	

<b>AUGUST 2009</b>		<b>ITEM</b>
<b>Delegated Decision Report</b>		
<b>BRANKSOME AVENUE – PARKING RESTRICTIONS</b>		
Portfolio Holder: Cllr Neil Rockliffe – Highways and Transportation		
<b>Wards and communities affected:</b> The Homesteads	<b>Key Decision:</b> No	
Accountable Head of Service: Andrew Millard – Head of Strategic Planning and Delivery		
Accountable Director: Bill Newman - Corporate Director of Sustainable Communities		
This report is Public		
Purpose of Report: To consider objections to a proposal to implement parking restrictions to the junctions off Branksome Avenue, Stanford.		

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

5 Objections have been received to a proposal to implement double yellow lines at each junction off Branksome Avenue, Stanford-le-Hope.

The proposal was made in order to improve sight line visibility for drivers exiting the side roads and to improve safety for mobile scooter users and pedestrians crossing at the junctions.

**1. RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 1.1 It is recommended that the objections are over-ruled and the restrictions are implemented at all the side road junctions off Branksome Avenue as proposed.**

**2. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:**

- 2.1 As part of the 2009/2010 Integrated Transport Programme of works, funding was made available for traffic calming measures to be implemented along Branksome Avenue and Dunstable Road in Stanford-le-Hope.
- 2.2 The measures implemented in these roads were as agreed in the Delegated Decision Report dated July 2008 and consisted of the implementation of Vehicle Activated Signs and centre hatching along the length of the carriageway.

### **3. ISSUES AND/OR OPTIONS:**

- 3.1 As part of the consultation carried out for the aforementioned traffic calming measures, requests were received for double yellow lines to be implemented at each of the junctions along Branksome Avenue to improve the visibility of vehicles exiting from the side roads. The statutory consultation for the parking restrictions began on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2009 and finished on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2009.
- 3.2 During the consultation period, 5 written letters of objection were received. 2 of the objectors misunderstood the proposal and thought the restrictions were proposed for the entire length of Branksome Avenue and thought it was unnecessarily restrictive on residents, 1 objected to the restrictions being implemented at Pugh Place as the resident does not want the restrictions across the front of her drive, 1 objected to the restrictions being implemented at all the junctions between Cameron Close and Northlands Close as he feels nobody ever parks on the junctions in that vicinity. The remaining objector opposes the proposal in general and felt that there is no need for parking restrictions.
- 3.3 The results of the speed survey carried out in 2008 showed that a high number of vehicles were exceeding the speed limit on Branksome Avenue. On-street parking occurs along the length of Branksome Avenue and providing restrictions around the junctions will improve the visibility of the approaching vehicles for drivers exiting the side roads and also for all pedestrians crossing at junctions. One injury accident involving a junction has been recorded along the route within the last 3 years. This was at the junction with Third Avenue.
- 3.4 The cost of implementing the restrictions at all junctions is estimated to be £1,000. There are sufficient funds available to carry out this work from the unspent E1829 9881 T1006 Horndon-on-the-Hill Traffic Management Scheme that was carried forward from the 08/09 Integrated Transport Programme.

### **4. CONSULTATION (including Overview and Scrutiny, if applicable)**

- 4.1 Ward Members were consulted on the content of this report between 28<sup>th</sup> September 2009 and 5<sup>th</sup> October 2009.
- 4.2 Cllr Everett and Cllr Tolson agree with the recommendation and would like to see the restrictions implemented as soon as possible.
- 4.3 Cllr Rockliffe supports the recommendations within this report.

**5. IMPACT ON CORPORATE POLICIES, PRIORITIES, PERFORMANCE AND COMMUNITY IMPACT**

5.1 These actions accord with the Council priorities to create a safer environment

**6. IMPLICATIONS**

**6.1 Financial**

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6.1 There are sufficient funds available to carry out this work from the unspent E1829 9881 T1006 Horndon-on-the-Hill Traffic Management Scheme that was carried forward from the 08/09 Integrated Transport Programme.

**6.2 Legal**

Implications verified by: **Baljit Bhandal**  
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Should the recommendations be approved, the parking restrictions will be subject to the making of a Traffic Regulation Order in accordance with the relevant legislation.

**6.3 Diversity and Equality**

Implications verified by: **Jane Potheary**  
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The provision of parking restrictions at the junctions will improve accessibility and visibility for all pedestrians and will particularly assist wheelchair and motorised scooter users.

**6.4 Other implications (where significant) – i.e. Section 17, Risk Assessment, Health Impact Assessment, Sustainability, IT, Environmental**

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**7. CONCLUSION**

- 7.1 It is recommended that the objections are over-ruled and the restrictions are implemented at all the side road junctions off Branksome Avenue as proposed.

**BACKGROUND PAPERS USED IN PREPARING THIS REPORT:**

- Letters of objection

**APPENDICES TO THIS REPORT:**

- None

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