

## **DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL– 21 MARCH 2013**

### **PROPOSED PERMANENT CLOSURE TO MOTOR VEHICLES OF TOLLGATE COTTAGE ROAD AT THE JUNCTION WITH THE A361 AT WILLIAMSCOT**

**Report by Deputy Director for Environment & Economy (Commercial)**

#### **Introduction**

1. This report presents an objection and other comments received to a formal consultation on the proposed permanent closure to motor vehicles of the junction of Tollgate Cottage Road with the A361 at Williamscot, in Wardington parish. The location of the proposed closure is shown on the plan at Annex 1.

#### **Background**

2. The closure has been requested by Wardington Parish Council in response to a history of road accidents over the last 5 years at the junction, including 1 fatal, 2 serious and 3 slight and also concerns over the dangers posed by non-local traffic using the narrow Tollgate Cottage Road, in preference to a more suitable nearby route. The principle of the closure on safety grounds is supported by Thames Valley Police.

#### **Consultation**

3. A formal consultation on the proposed closure was carried out between 24 January and 22 February 2013.

#### **Objection**

4. Residents of one property in Tollgate Cottage Road have written to express concerns that the proposed closure will hinder access to their own and neighbouring properties by large vehicles, such as those used for refuse collection and fuel deliveries, although otherwise they support the proposal.
5. In response to the above concerns, it should be noted that in putting forward the proposed closure Wardington Parish Council have negotiated with Cherwell District Council the use of a smaller refuse collection vehicle and will also enlarge an existing turning area close to the property in question. These measures are considered sufficient to address the concerns raised.

#### **How the Project supports LTP3 Objectives**

6. The proposed closure will improve road safety at this location.

## **Financial and Staff Implications (including Revenue)**

7. The cost of the work if approved will be met from County Councillor George Reynold's area stewardship fund allocation together with other funding secured by Wardington Parish Council. .
8. Design and consultation has been undertaken by Environment & Economy officers as part of their normal duties.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

9. **The Deputy Leader of the Council is RECOMMENDED to approve the closure of Tollgate Cottage Road to motor vehicles at its junction with the A361 as advertised.**

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Background papers:                      Consultation documentation

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Annex 1 - Plan showing location of proposed road closure

