Cheshire East Council undertook a public engagement exercise in autumn 2017 on the introduction of highway changes in West Nantwich. Following this exercise a Public Engagement Report was produced in January 2018. This report summarised the feedback received from the engagement exercise undertaken regarding the introduction of these measures.

The conclusions from the public engagement were as follows:

**Scheme: Taylor Drive/Edmund Wright Way new vehicular link**

Overall, respondents supported the new vehicular link with 54% of respondents in favour of the measure.

Respondents in favour of the measure appeared to agree that the link would ease congestion, particularly the traffic generated by recent developments.

Notwithstanding this, it should be acknowledged that a significant number of respondents, predominantly those from Taylor Drive and Edmund Wright Way, expressed a high level of opposition to the measure.

**Scheme: Marsh Lane one way operation**

Overall, respondents supported the one-way operation of Marsh Lane, with 64% of residents in favour of the measure.

Opinions in relation to this measure appeared to be less strong than the other two measures, with many believing the scheme would improve traffic flow and safety, with others suggesting that the Taylor Drive measure should be implemented initially, followed by the one-way scheme on Marsh Lane if this is still considered to be necessary based upon the change in vehicle behaviour. Other respondents expressed concerns over the level of visibility at junctions and the high prevalence of on-street parking.

**Scheme: Welsh Row/ Waterlode/ High Street Junction one way operation**

Overall, respondents opposed the Welsh Row measure, with 64% against the measure.
Some respondents agreed that the restrictions would improve traffic flow and parking levels, however a significant number of reasons were also given against the measures. Such reasons including the potential negative impact to businesses, the potential increase in journey time length, and the recent improvements to signal control at the junction.

Following these results the report recommended ‘Next Steps’ as follows:

1. A planning application is submitted for the Edmund Wright Way/Taylor Drive link. A corresponding Road Safety Audit of the scheme may be needed to address residents’ concerns regarding road safety.

2. A detailed scheme be designed for Marsh Lane which would make the route one way, and which might potentially formalise on-street parking. This could be consulted upon and could be implemented following the implementation of the Edmund Wright Way/Taylor Drive link and the securing of the necessary Traffic Regulation Order/s (TROs).

3. The Welsh Row measure is not implemented due to a significant level of opposition and evidence that the recent improvement at the junction (installation of MOVA control) has addressed previous concerns in relation to delay. This may be kept under review pending the impact of traffic associated with forthcoming committed developments. Prior to this, it is recommended that consideration be given to a detailed local study of parking and vehicle movement on Welsh Row, which may result in alternative measures to enhance the local urban environment.

Cheshire East Council concurs with these recommendations and will implement the actions detailed.

A planning application ref: 18/0319 was submitted in January 2018 and approved in April 2018 to construct a vehicular link between Edmund Wright Way and Taylor Drive. Following completion of this link post opening monitoring will take place informing any further intentions that may be necessary. These interventions may consist of, but not necessary limited to, traffic calming measures and/or waiting restrictions along Taylor Drive; one way operation of Marsh Lane including associated waiting restriction changes.

The proposed scheme to introduce one way operation of Welsh Row will not be taken forward due to the reasons given in (3) above.

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