

APPENDIX 'D'

Richards Road

Scheme description – Widening of Richards Road on the southwest side to provide adequate width of carriageway to accommodate a lay-by for residents parking on the opposite side and enable unimpeded movement of traffic on Richards Road. The proposals require a strip of land approx. 2m wide from land under the control of Sheffield Housing Services and from the playing field of Ann's Grove Primary School. The required school land does not form part of the pitches etc but forms an earth bund supporting a screening belt of young trees/bushes. Accommodation works (in full discussion with the school) will be undertaken in respect of the security fence and all landscaping issues. A TRO is required to introduce parking restrictions along the frontage to be widened. An existing bus stop is proposed to be re-located to maximise parking availability in the lay-by.

Representations about the scheme from the School, Heeley City Farm and the Cyclist's Touring Club are included at Appendix F. In addition to these the following representations were received from residents :-

- 3 residents in full support of the proposals
- Objection from the nearby Dental Surgery to the position of the re-located bus stop – will create difficulties for ambulances that need to access the premises from time-to-time.

Officer response : The bus stop has been moved to a new position to the satisfaction of the objector.

- Objection from a resident of Richards Road about re-locating the bus stop from the lay-by onto the main carriageway where it will impede traffic movement whilst waiting at the stop, resulting in an increase in noise and air pollution.

Officer response : If the stop was to remain in its current location, some 5 or 6 parking spaces would be lost due to the introduction of a standard bus box which is 27m long and is necessary to enable buses to pull in to the stop and 'dock' correctly at the boarding point without being impeded. The new location of the stop (in 'live' carriageway) is not a 'timing point' and is not expected to delay traffic to any significant degree whilst passengers board or alight. Location of the stop in the running carriageway here is no different to the vast majority of bus stops throughout Sheffield.

- Concerns expressed about the impact of the widening on trees (other than those affected along the School frontage) and the potential for increased speeds on this length of Richards Road.

Officer response : It's highly unlikely the trees referred to will be affected by the proposals. However, prior to works commencing, advice will be sought from

Arboriculturist colleagues with particular regard to potential damage to the rooting system of the trees. Any trees identified to be removed will be replaced within the scope of the scheme. Introduction of additional calming measures is under consideration to address the potential for increased vehicular speeds.