

NON-KEY DECISION TAKEN BY A CABINET MEMBER

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1. Title of report and reason for exemption (if any)

Balfour Road Experimental Road Closure

2. Decision maker

Councillor Martin Whelton, the Cabinet Member for Regeneration Environment & Housing

3. Date of Decision

19 September 2016

4. Date report made available to decision maker

12 September 2016

5. Date report made available to the Chairs of the Overview and Scrutiny Commission and of any relevant scrutiny panel

N/A

6. Decision

- 1) Having considered the results of the consultation, I have decided not to proceed with the experimental closure of Balfour Road near its junction with Merton Road.
- 2) To reduce rat running and address the concerns expressed by residents, to consult on an experimental order ban the left turn from Balfour Road into Merton Road given that 67% of all vehicle movements turned left.

7. Reason for decision

A majority of responses against the proposal to close Balfour Road as expressed in the consultation carried out between 15th January and 13th February 2015. Concern about the results of the independent safety audit would have on the delivery and refuse vehicles as a result of manoeuvres. The displacement implications a closure would have neighbouring roads. Removing the left turn from Balfour Road into Merton Road would help mitigate the problems and reduce traffic flow.

8. Alternative options considered and why rejected

Introduce a road closure on an experimental basis under an Experimental Order. This would go against the views expressed in the consultation and issues that have arose in the safety audit.

Not to do anything would do nothing to address the issues raised by residents of Balfour Road in the consultation

9. Documents relied on in addition to officer report

None

10. Declarations of Interest

None

11. Publication of this decision and call in provision

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Cllr Martin Whelton

Cabinet member for Regeneration, Environment and Housing

19 September 2016