

Cabinet

7 November 2017

Public Questions (1)

1.	Question from Peter Sayers to the Cabinet Member Development and Safety, Councillor Andrew McKinlay
	<p>I understand, from Cllr B Fisher, that a TRO is being prepared to make traffic on the South side of Clarence Square one-way. There may very well be better solutions to the traffic issues of St Pauls Road/Clarence Square and any change will affect many residents. Would it not be sensible for this Council to consult with the residents of Clarence Square PRIOR to a formal TRO consultation, even if this is 'devolved' to County?</p>
	Response from Cabinet Member
	<p>For clarification traffic regulation orders are devolved to Gloucestershire County Council; they are the highways authority and as such responsible for all matters relating to the highway.</p> <p>I have sought information from colleagues at GCC and they have advised as follows.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are no proposals to change the traffic flow in Clarence Square. • Current state is that there is a possible solution to a perceived safety issue where the road narrows at the end of Saint Pauls Road with Clarence Road. Whilst there are no vehicular accidents reported at the junction with St Pauls Road, it is on the hot spot list for Cheltenham with cycle and pedestrian injury accidents. • The idea being to prevent cars heading west from Clarence Road turning right and then left into St Pauls Road by making the short section one-way. • Whilst both of the roads concerned lie within Councillor Fisher's area they border with Councillor Payne (County) and Councillor Lillywhite (Borough) areas. We understand that Councillor Fisher has told St Pauls Residents Association about the idea and the requirement for a TRO. However GCC have not started a process other than informal discussions internally. GCC have spoken to both Councillors Lillywhite and Payne some time ago and it was agreed that we would set up a meeting to talk about other local residents concerns. We have as yet not done this. • The main concern as we understand it, seems to be that residents of Clarence Square will not be able to use St Pauls Road as a rat run to avoid the A4019. • In summation, initial discussions have taken place between County Council Member and highways officers regarding a possible change to traffic flow in St Pauls Road at its junction with Clarence Square and Monson Avenue. Consultation has taken place with Saint Pauls Residents Association and the next step is to talk to adjoining County and Borough Members to understand any wider issues. Once this has been done further informal and formal consultation will take place as required should a TRO be considered the most appropriate course of action"

	I trust that this clarifies the matter but should further information be required I would suggest direct contact with GCC.