

**WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**TO: DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - 19<sup>TH</sup> JULY 1999**

**SUBJECT: BIRMINGHAM ROAD SERVICE ROAD ACCESS, WARWICK -  
PROPOSED PROHIBITION OF VEHICLES**

**FROM: ENGINEERING**

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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1\_ To consider proposals by Warwickshire County Council for a proposed prohibition of vehicles through the existing gap between Birmingham Road and the service road fronting the main access to IBM in Warwick.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2.1 Warwickshire County Council have been approached by IBM Limited to provide a scheme which will solve the traffic problems that are occurring at the main access to IBM in Birmingham Road, Warwick. Problems are being experienced due to traffic attempting to turn right into Birmingham Road despite the measures currently in place to prevent it.

2.2 As part of the initial informal consultation with officers of the District Council and the Police, Warwickshire County Council agreed to consult with the residents that front on to the service road in Birmingham Road, Warwick with regard to their loss of access on to the Birmingham Road at this location. This consultation has been carried out and the majority of residents are in favour of the gap being closed.

2.3 The County Council now wish to formally consult the District Council regarding the traffic management proposals at this location and a copy of their letter of consultation and associated plan is included in Appendix 1 to this report. The details of the proposals together with the location of proposed prohibition of vehicles (i.e. the closing of the existing gap between Birmingham Road and the service road) are fully explained within the letter.

2.4 It is considered that the County Council's proposals provide a good solution to the problems being experienced.

2.5 The Traffic Regulation Order for this scheme will be prepared by Warwickshire County Council because they have designed the scheme. The District Council's role in this case is that of a consultee.

3. KEY ISSUES

3.1 The proposals concord with the general transportation policies within the Key Issues Strategies.

4. **RECOMMENDATION**

- 4.1 It is RECOMMENDED that the proposals be approved and that the Director of Planning, Transport and Economic Strategy for Warwickshire County Council be made aware of the views of the District Council in support of the proposals.

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**Background Papers - Nil**

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Dear Mr Jermond,

**BIRMINGHAM ROAD SERVICE ROAD ACCESS, WARWICK  
 PROPOSED PROHIBITION OF VEHICLES**

I refer to my recent discussions with Mr Smith and attach for your information a copy of Plan No TM 5147 showing details of the above proposal. I confirm that arrangements are in hand for the proposal to be advertised in the fairly near future.

As discussed, the background to this matter is that IBM Ltd is prepared to finance measures to improve the road safety situation near to its Birmingham Road access/exit. This has been investigated by our Safety Engineering section.

There is particular concern about people making right turns out of the IBM premises. The central reservation on the IBM exit is designed to make drivers turn left. Those drivers heading for destinations to the right of the exit are able to "U" turn at Wedgenock Roundabout. However, rather than using the roundabout, some drivers choose to turn immediately right into Eastley Crescent on leaving IBM's exit and then either "U" turn in the mouth of the junction or use the Birmingham Road service road. It is felt that this is detrimental to the road safety situation and it proposed therefore to close the western access/exit from the service road to prevent this manoeuvre. It is also proposed to install a bollard island at the Eastley Crescent/Birmingham Road junction which will make it harder for drivers to "U" turn at this point. A survey of residents has been carried out which shows support for the proposals.

I should be grateful for your council's comments on the proposals please.

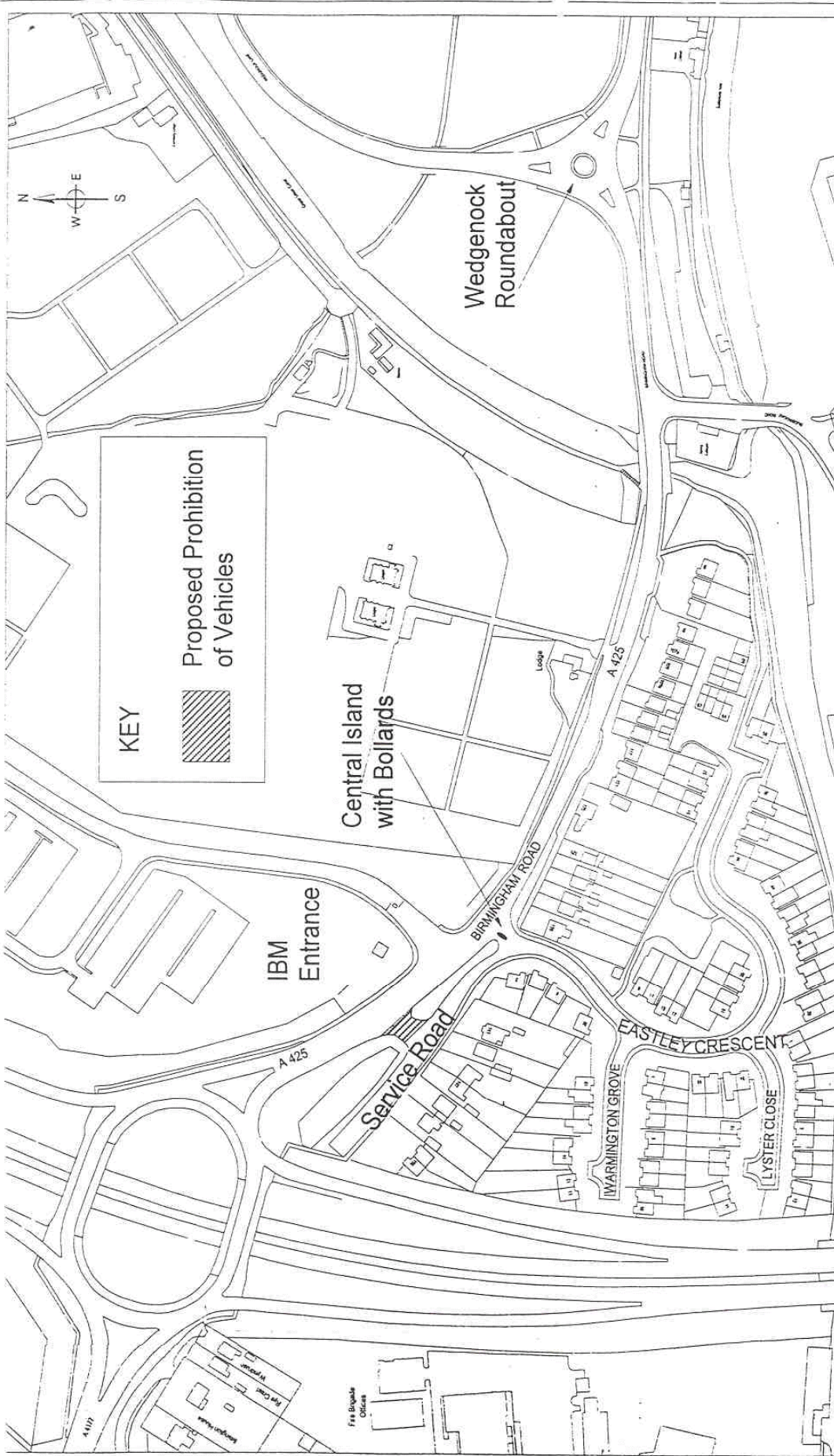
Yours sincerely

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 Road Access, Warwick

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Proposed Prohibition of Vehicles

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