



8 October 2015

Agenda Item: 9

REPORT OF THE INTERIM SERVICE DIRECTOR, HIGHWAYS

**WEIGHT RESTRICTION ORDER PINXTON LANE, PINXTON,
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE**

Purpose of the Report

1. To consider a proposal from Derbyshire County Council that a 7.5 tonne Environmental Weight Restriction for operational reasons extend into Nottinghamshire County Council Highway.

Background

2. Derbyshire County Council is proposing to introduce and wholly fund a 7.5 tonnes Environmental Weight Restriction on Pinxton Lane and Brookhill Lane in Pinxton which will span the county boundary into Nottinghamshire. The restriction cannot terminate at the county boundary as HGVs would not be able to turn around at that point. The preferred terminating point in Nottinghamshire is the Castlewood Business Park roundabout (Farmwell Ln/Pinxton Ln junction) where HGVs will easily be able to turn back to the A38.
3. The restriction is being proposed in response to surveys showing a gradual rise in HGV use along the route which includes a section of Brookhill Lane which has sharp bends and a steep gradient. The surveys taken in 2010 and again in 2014 show a rise in general traffic from 2,399 vehicles to 3,320 vehicles, with HGVs rising from 130 to 216 over the 7 day period monitored.
4. During an initial consultation in August 2014, both Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Police expressed concerns that the weight limit would not have a large degree of self-enforcement.
5. The proposals were advertised on site (in Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire) and in the local press (Chad) from 11 December 2014 to 9 January 2015. Additional details are contained in the report of the Derbyshire County Council Strategic Director to Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Infrastructure (attached). An objection was received from Nottinghamshire County Councillor, Rachel Madden, concerned about possible displacement of HGVs along B6018 (Church Hill/Church Street/ Sutton Rd) It was also claimed that the B6018 already suffers from a high volume of HGVs causing damage to carriageways and footways, noise and air pollution and congestion problems through to the A38. Councillor Madden has requested details of possible safeguards that could be put in

place to mitigate these concerns. However the most likely route that will be used by HGVs is the A38, which is more suitable for carrying HGVs than Brookhill Lane or Pinxton Lane.

6. The weight limit, as shown on the plan, keeps signing to a minimum on both Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire's road networks, but additional signing of the weight limit can be provided in advance of the Castlewood Business Park roundabout (on two arms not affected by the weight limit) to improve compliance. All costs, design and construction works will be borne and organised by Derbyshire County Council.

RECOMMENDATION/S

7. To approve the proposed Environmental Weight Restriction.

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Constitutional Comments (SLB 01/09/2015)

8. Transport and Highways Committee is the appropriate body to consider the content of this report.

Financial Comments (IC 01/09/2015)

9. There are no direct financial implications arising from the contents of this report.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

None.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- Nottinghamshire County Councillor Madden supports this scheme