

31 October 2013**Agenda Item: 11****REPORT OF SERVICE DIRECTOR, HIGHWAYS****THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (CHESTERFIELD ROAD,
HUTHWAITE) (WEIGHT RESTRICTION) TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER
2013 (4129)****CONSIDERATION OF OBJECTIONS****Purpose of the Report**

1. To consider the objections received in respect of a proposed Environmental Weight Restriction for Chesterfield Road, Huthwaite.

Information and Advice

2. The County Council is implementing a programme of environmental weight restrictions to remove through HGV traffic from inappropriate routes, reducing damage to the County road network and improving the environment for residents in towns and villages.
3. The previous local County Councillor and local MP received complaints from residents of Chesterfield Road and others in Huthwaite regarding the number and size of Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs) that are using the route. Chesterfield Road is a 'C' class road running between the Market Place in Huthwaite and the eastern side of Tibshelf near the border with Derbyshire on the junction with B6014 Wild Hill. The route is split into two halves with the southern end passing through a residential area of Huthwaite while the northern half travels through open fields with two sharp bends and a narrowed section of road on the approach to the railway over bridge near to the Woodend public house.
4. The proposal, which can be seen on the enclosed drawing NJG/HuthEWL, was consulted on and publicly advertised between June and July 2013. Four responses were received, all of which are objections to the proposal. Likely alternative routes are shown on the enclosed drawing NJG/HuthEWL/02.

Objections Received

5. Objection 1
The objection was received from Derbyshire County Council regarding concerns that the proposal will result in an increased number of HGVs using Newton Wood Lane. This road has a junction with Chesterfield Road and it leads to Newton

village passing over a narrow bridge with a 13 tonne structural weight limit. Derbyshire County Council is of the opinion that HGVs will contravene the Structural Weight limit on its bridge to avoid contravening the Environmental Weight Limit on Chesterfield Road.

Response

The weight limit on Chesterfield Road will be well signed at its terminals and on all routes in advance, to ensure that drivers are informed early enough to follow an alternative route.

6. Objection 2

The objection from Tibshelf Parish Council in Derbyshire was that this proposal will result in the nearby less suitable routes through the village of Tibshelf being used by H.G.Vs to access the industrial estate.

Response

The likely route that will be used to access the industrial estate is High Street and Mansfield Road which are both 'B' class roads and are therefore of a higher standard than Chesterfield Road and more suited to carrying H.G.Vs.

7. Objection 3

Blackwell Parish Council, in Derbyshire objection was that this proposal would lead to an increase in H.G.Vs using roads through that Parish. The likely route would be to and from the A38 and Tibshelf Industrial estates, via New Lane, Hilcote, Cragg Lane, Newton and High Street, Tibshelf.

Response

Likely routes that will be used are 'B' class and are therefore more suited to carrying H.G.Vs than Chesterfield Road.

8. Objection 4

Ashfield District Council (ADC) objects on the grounds that its refuse collection vehicles use Chesterfield Road as a route between Huthwaite and the B6014 Wild Hill to avoid using the longer, but more appropriate, route through Sutton-in-Ashfield and Stanton Hill. This route is taken due to concerns about turning vehicles on the B6014 Wild Hill or via other smaller roads within the Ashfield District.

Response

Use of Chesterfield Road by H.G.Vs merely as a short cut is part of the problem that the proposal is intended to prevent. Alternative route planning by the District Council to incorporate waste collection servicing properties on Fackley Road, Terversal or Wild Hill as well as properties in Huthwaite would allow use of the route legitimately.

Other Options Considered

9. Consideration was given to covering the whole length of Chesterfield Road including the section to the north of Newton Wood Lane (as suggested by Derbyshire County Council). Newton Wood Lane has access points to Tibshelf

Services on the M1, a bridge over the motorway, two farms and a water storage facility. Any HGVs accessing these sites would either have to contravene the Structural Weight limit in Derbyshire or the Environmental Weight limit on Chesterfield Road. Not restricting the section of Chesterfield Road between Newton Wood Lane and Wild Hill is the only option to maintain legal access to the sites on Newton Wood Lane.

Comments from Local Members

10. The local members for Sutton in Ashfield West and Sutton in Ashfield North are in support of the proposal.

Reasons for Recommendations

11. The Environmental Weight Limit is being proposed to prevent use of an unsuitable route by Heavy Goods Vehicles.

Statutory and Policy Implications

12. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (Public Health only), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, service users, sustainability and the environment and ways of working and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Financial Implications

13. The scheme is being funded from the 2013/14 Integrated Transport Measures Environmental Weight Limit budget with the sum of £20,000.

Crime and Disorder Implications

14. Nottinghamshire Police have made no comments on the proposals.

RECOMMENDATION/S

It is recommended that

The Nottinghamshire County Council (Chesterfield Road, Huthwaite) (7.5 tonne Environmental Weight Restriction) Traffic Regulation Order 2013 (4129) is made as advertised and the objectors informed accordingly.

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Constitutional Comments (SHB 10/10/2013)

15. Committee have power to decide the Recommendation.

Financial Comments (TMR 08/10/2013)

16. The financial implications are set out in paragraph 13 of the report

Background Papers

All relevant documents for the proposed scheme are contained within the scheme file which can be found in the Major Projects and Improvements Team at Bevercotes House, Ollerton.

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.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

Councillor Tom Hollis	-	Sutton in Ashfield West
Councillor Jason Zadrozny	-	Sutton in Ashfield North