

**9<sup>th</sup> January 2014**

**Agenda Item:**

## **REPORT OF SERVICE DIRECTOR, HIGHWAYS**

### **THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (CALVERTON, LAMBLEY AND WOODBOROUGH AREA) (WEIGHT RESTRICTION) TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER 2013 (7153)**

## **CONSIDERATION OF OBJECTIONS**

### **Purpose of the Report**

1. To consider the objections received in respect of the above Traffic Regulation Order.

### **Information and Advice**

2. The County Council is implementing a programme of environmental weight limits (EWLs) to remove Heavy Goods Vehicle (HGV) traffic from inappropriate routes, therefore reducing damage to the County road network and improving the environment for residents in towns and villages.
3. The area-wide proposal for Calverton, Lambley and Woodborough was included in the programme of EWLs following a review of requests in 2012. The area was identified as being at potential risk of significant HGV intrusion based on its location with regard to the strategic highway network. Local councillors had also been reporting concerns about on-going problems from HGVs that local signing in the area had not resolved.
4. An initial consultation was sent on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2013 to statutory consultees including local Parish Councils and also affected businesses in the industrial areas of Calverton.
5. During this consultation a resident of Old Epperstone Road near Lowdham requested this road to be included within the weight limit boundary. This request was incorporated in the design and the proposal, which can be seen on the enclosed drawing H/04078/1935/15, was publicly advertised and consulted on between 7<sup>th</sup> August and 16<sup>th</sup> September 2013.
6. During the statutory consultation process there were 16 responses received, five of which are considered as objections. One objection was from Calverton Parish Council. The other two parishes of Woodborough and Lambley supported the scheme.



## Objections Received

### 7. Objections 1, 2, 3 and 4

These objectors consider that the implementation of the EWL as proposed will result in an increase of HGV movements along Mansfield Lane in Calverton. This is due to this becoming the only permitted route into the industrial areas on Park Road via the B6386 and then Mansfield Lane as a result of the proposals. Preferred access to all industrial units on Park Road is to be via Hoyle Road. The objectors suggest that Mansfield Lane is included in the area wide EWL and this view is supported by Calverton Parish Council.

#### Response

It is not considered that the introduction of the weight limit will significantly increase the numbers of HGVs using Mansfield Lane as this is already the current signed lorry route off the B6386 linking movements from the A614 or A6097 and providing the most direct route from the B6386 to Park Road.

The proposal means that all HGVs requiring access to units on Park Road will have to come in via the B6386 Oxtan Road, Flatts Lane, Mansfield Lane and then right onto Park Road. Leaving the units would also be via the same route. If the route off the B6386 (Flatts Lane, Mansfield Lane and Park Road) were included in the weight limit then any overweight vehicles requiring access to this area could do so via any route within the area wide restriction including through Calverton village centre. This is because any vehicle with legitimate access to visit a property or business within the weight limit boundary is exempt from the order.

There is no physical link between businesses on Park Road and the end of Hoyle Road; there is no possibility of this being established in the future due to established business units at the end of Hoyle Road.

### 8. Objection 5

The objector feels that Mansfield Lane should be widened to make it wide enough for residents to park on street and for two HGVs to pass each other, the speed limit lowered to 20mph and road resurfaced to improve the drainage. This is on the basis the road is currently in poor condition and the increase in traffic, especially from HGVs will significantly increase the damage to the road. The speed of traffic travelling along Mansfield Lane was also raised by another objector.

#### Response

Mansfield Lane is currently inspected monthly as part of routes safety inspection carried out by the county council's highway inspectors. Concerns regarding the overall condition of the road will be raised with the area maintenance team for monitoring. Most properties along this section of road have off street parking and the current road layout has not caused any known issues. Mansfield Lane is being considered for the installation of an interactive speed sign.

## Other Options Considered

9. The option of including Mansfield Lane and Park Road within the boundary of the EWL was considered. This was excluded on the basis that this is the current signed lorry route for the industrial area and provides the most direct route off the B6386 to Park Road (via Flatts Lane and Mansfield Lane). It would also open up permitted travel for overweight vehicles accessing businesses on Park Road to travel through the village centre.

## **Comments from Local Members**

10. The County Councillors affected did not raise any objection to the proposals.

## **Reasons for Recommendations**

11. The EWL is being proposed to prevent the use of unsuitable routes by HGVs. The weight limit will stop unnecessary journeys (including intrusion of HGVs diverting from strategic route network) through the village centres of Calverton, Lambley and Woodborough.

## **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 by the Integrated Transport Measures – Environmental Weight Limit budget for 2013-14. The cost of implementing the scheme and associated works will be in the region of £20,000.

## **Crime and Disorder Implications**

14. Nottinghamshire Police raised no objections to the proposal.

## **RECOMMENDATION/S**

It is recommended that

The Nottinghamshire County Council (Calverton, Lambley and Woodborough Area) (Weight Restriction) Traffic Regulation Order 2013 (7153) is made as advertised and the objectors informed accordingly.

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**Constitutional Comments (SHB)**

15. Committee have power to decide the Recommendation.

**Financial Comments (TMR)**

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

**Background Papers**

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.

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.

**Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected**

Arnold North	Councillor Pauline Allan
Arnold North	Councillor Michael Payne
Calverton	Councillor Boyd Elliott
Carlton East	Councillor Nikki Brooks
Carlton East	Councillor John Clarke
Farnsfield and Lowdham	Councillor Roger Jackson