

STATEMENT OF THE COUNCILS REASONS FOR PROPOSING TO MAKE THE ORDER

LEGAL POWERS AND DUTIES:

Under Section 1(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 the County Council, as traffic authority for North Yorkshire, has powers to make a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) where it appears expedient to make it on one or more of the following grounds:-

- (a) for avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road or any other road or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising, or
- (b) for preventing damage to the road or to any building on or near the road, or
- (c) for facilitating the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians), or
- (d) for preventing the use of the road by vehicular traffic of a kind which, or its use by vehicular traffic in a manner which, is unsuitable having regard to the existing character of the road or adjoining property, or
- (e) (without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (d) above) for preserving the character of the road in a case where it is specially suitable for use by persons on horseback or on foot, or
- (f) for preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the road runs; or
- (g) for any of the purposes specified in paragraphs (a) to (c) of subsection (1) of Section 87 of the Environment Act 1995 (air quality).

Section 122(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 also provides that it shall be the duty of every local authority upon whom functions are conferred by or under the 1984 Act so to exercise those functions as to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians) and the provision of suitable and adequate parking facilities on and off the highway.

<p>REASONS FOR MAKING THE ORDER</p>	<p>The County Council considers that it is expedient to make this TRO on grounds (a), (c) and (f) above, having taken into account its duty under Section 122(1) of the 1984 Act, for the following reasons:-</p> <p>Introduction of Prohibition of Driving restrictions at two locations on Beech Grove and Lancaster Road to reduce through vehicular traffic on residential roads in order to improve road safety, reduce air pollution and encourage active travel (walking and cycling) on a key route linking the new Otley Road cycle path (construction commencing spring 2021) and proposed town centre improvements to cycling and walking infrastructure to be delivered as part of a raft of improvements funded by various projects/ Department for Transport grants.</p> <p>During consultation with the emergency services, the Yorkshire Ambulance Service identified Beech Grove as being a standby location for ambulances to attend emergencies in the town centre and west of Harrogate. An additional proposal has therefore been included within the Order to introduce a designated 'Ambulance' bay on Trinity Road at the junction of Otley Road to enable Ambulances fast response in all directions from the B6162 Otley Road.</p> <p>The Order is being introduced as an experimental Order initially so that its effect can be assessed before consideration and decisions are made about whether to introduce the measures permanently.</p>
<p>LOCATIONS(S) OF PROPOSED ORDER/ OTHER COMMENTS:</p>	<p><u>DIVISION; HARROGATE CENTRAL</u></p> <p>Proposal location: Beech Grove/ Lancaster Road, Harrogate</p> <p>(Plan A6-TM-BGLTN-GA1)</p> <p>Introduction of restrictions prohibiting the movement of motor vehicles at two junctions on an initial experimental basis by means of signage and wooden planters/ bollards, maintain through access for active travel (including cycling and walking).</p> <p>Proposal location: Trinity Road, Harrogate</p> <p>(Plan A6-TM-BGLTN-AMB1)</p> <p>Introduction of restriction prohibiting stopping by any vehicle except Ambulances to enable an emergency Ambulance standby bay to serve the town centre/ western side of Harrogate enabling appropriate response times by the Yorkshire Ambulance Service.</p>

CONSIDERATION OF OBJECTIONS

Under the County Council's Constitution, the consideration of objections to a proposed TRO is delegated to the Corporate Director - Business and Environmental Services (BES) in consultation with the BES Executive Members. For each TRO where there are objections, it will be necessary to bring a report to the Corporate Director - BES and the BES Executive Members seeking a decision on the consideration of the objections. The report will include the views of the relevant local member who will also be invited to the meeting that considers the report. The Corporate Director - BES may wish to refer the matter to the Council's Executive for a final decision.

A report to the relevant Area Committee will only be necessary when there are objections to a wide area impact TRO.

A wide area impact TRO is defined as a proposal satisfying all of the three criteria set out below:

- The proposal affects more than one street or road and,
- The proposal affects more than one community and,
- The proposal is located within the ward of more than one County Councillor

The report will seek the views of the Area Committee and these views will then be included in a report to the Corporate Director - BES and the BES Executive Members seeking a decision on the consideration of the objections. The Corporate Director - BES may wish to refer the matter to the Executive for a final decision.

The existing arrangements for members of the public wishing to attend or speak at committee meetings will apply and it may be appropriate for the Corporate Director - BES to have his decision making meetings open to the public, so that the public and in particular those with objections, have the opportunity to put their views across directly.

N.B. The Corporate Director - BES has delegated powers to make decisions on TROs where there are no objections.

SCHEDULE 1

PROHIBITION OF MOTOR VEHICLES

<u>Column 1 Item</u>	<u>Column 2 Road</u>	<u>Column 3 Length</u>
1.	Beech Grove (U61), Harrogate	From a point 22 metres south west of the intersection point of the projected north east boundary line of No.12 Beech Grove with the north west kerb line of Beech Grove to a point 24 metres south west of the intersection point of the projected north east boundary line of No.12 Beech Grove with the north west kerb line of Beech Grove.
2.	Lancaster Road (U438), Harrogate	From a point 7 metres east of the projected centre line of Victoria Road to a point 9 metres east of the projected centre line of Victoria Road.

SCHEDULE 2

PROHIBITION OF STOPPING EXCEPT AMBULANCES AT ALL TIMES

<u>Column 1 Item</u>	<u>Column 2 Road</u>	<u>Column 3 Length</u>
1.	Trinity Road (U790), Harrogate	From a point 9.6 metres south east of its intersection point with the south east kerb line of Otley Road (B6162) for a distance of 7.8 metres in a south easterly direction.