

Appendix A – All Responses to Consultation

Adam Thomas - Objection, City Link Road Hereford Prohibition of Right Hand Turn Order

5th Dec 2017

Balfour Beatty Living Places,
Unit 3,
Thorn Business Park,
Rotherwas Industrial Estate
Hereford,
HR2 6JT

Objection to: CITY LINK ROAD, HEREFORD) PROHIBITION OF RIGHT HAND TURN ORDER 2017

Dear Balfour Beatty

This letter is an objection to the prohibition of right hand turn order that is proposed to be implemented to the new city link road.

It is important that the flow of traffic is maintained into (and out of) Hereford City Centre, specifically during busy periods throughout the day. Traffic congestion can be very slow during 'rush hour' around the north of Hereford city Centre and by creating an additional 'urban village', this will increase the population of the area and as such increase traffic congestion.

A link road could assist with the flow of traffic, but if this implemented without an understanding of the implications of how traffic will flow, then this is likely to result in additional delays.

I believe by restricting the traffic from flowing right out of the link road, it will either:

- Direct a needless amount of traffic towards the city Centre, that might otherwise have needed to travel north. The consequences of this will be additional traffic congestion at peak times of the day.
- Encourage motorists not to use the new city link road and thus negate the benefits of implementing this costly initiative.

In summary, if the link road is implemented with due consideration to the flow of traffic, then this could be an asset to the city. However poorly executed, the link road is likely to increase congestion at peak times of the day, causing misery to the residents of Hereford and drive away visitors to the city.

Sincerely,

Adam Thomas

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Hazel Philpotts - Objection City Link Road Hereford Prohibition of Right Hand Turn Order

To Herefordshire Council via Balfour Beatty:

I would like to register an objection to the in appropriate traffic regulation order (TRO) that prohibits turning right from the new city link road at the junction with Edgar Street (C-113). This will increase the volume of traffic travelling through Newtown Road. Newtown Road is a residential B road with parking on one side only, the increase in traffic this TRO will generate will be greatly detrimental to homes in this area, and will increase danger to residents trying to park and access their vehicles and homes. How has this TRO been decided ? Using what modelling? What options were considered? And what were the pros and cons of all the options? What is the forecasted volume and mix of traffic for Newtown Road after the opening of the link road? I would like a copy of the analysis which led to the decision to prevent traffic turning right onto Edgar street from the link road forcing an alternative route along Newtown road.

I am concerned that this change to traffic will radically change the nature of the road I live in (Newtown Road), and will have an impact on my health and the health of residents particularly as air quality will be affected and our safety will be put at greatly increased risk. The enjoyment of our properties and environment is going to be negatively impacted.

Newtown road is completely unsuitable for large vehicles and lorises etc, has any consideration been given to this? I am a cyclist and am worried that accessing my home is going to be very hazardous.

This statutory consultation has been instigated at the last moment possible and work has continued to mark out the turning restrictions and lanes etc. If we hadn't had snow the road would have actually opened before the completion of the consultation. How do Balfour Beatty and Herefordshire Council propose to respond to the findings of the survey? Should this consultation not have been many months ago when local people would have had a reasonable chance to influence the changes being imposed, or has it been held back until now to discourage people from responding as it certainly feels like our opinions really don't count and it is a done deal. At what stage should this statutory consultation have been carried out? The way the information has been published has made it difficult to find and understand, and little effort has been made to encourage consultation responses. Please may I have information on how the responses to this consultation will be assessed and local opinion taken into account.

The information requested in this email should be treated as a request under the freedom of information legislation in addition to a response to the statutory consultation.

Hazel Philpotts

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Hereford Baptist Church - Representation City Link Road Hereford Prohibition of Right Hand Turn Order

From: ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
Sent: Saturday, December 09, 2017 3:36 PM
To: CityLinkRoad@balfourbeatty.com
Subject: Prohibition of right hand turn from City Link Road on to Widemarsh street

Dear Sir,

I have received your 2 undated letters sent to the Service Manager, Hereford Baptist Church. Thank you for these. These have led me to understand a number of things – unfortunately the information seems to be different to some information I have found elsewhere. (Hereford times website) Also I have now seen some drawings of Commercial road and Blueschool street which seem to differ from what has been explained to me at the start of the process when I was invited to the starlight rooms at Hereford Football club.

1. “Prohibition of right hand turn from the City link road on to Widemarsh Street.”

You have written in your letter to me the above statement – so if you are travelling from the railway station or Aylestone hill along the city link road it is not possible to turn right onto Widemarsh st, nor is it possible to turn right onto Edgar street (the first statement on your letter)– so the aim of this road is to take traffic south or access land to its south only. Therefore if you wish to go north you will have to either i) continue as currently down Commercial road to the Kerry and turn right onto Blueschool street to either a) Widemarsh street or b) Edgar st roundabout before joining the north direction on A49. or ii) Turn left into Widemarsh street from the city link road and perform a U turn before continuing north on Widemarsh street crossing the city link road. or iii) take the new city link road the whole length and join the southbound section of A49 – perform U turn as soon as convenient (or turn in a side road) or at roundabout before heading north again on the A49 . There seems to be another error in your communication to me or surely there is an error in the planning.

2. Drawings HCCTP drawings – Appendix 1.

I note that the drawings do seem to allow you to turn right on to Widemarsh street from City link road – these are dated 2014 – so the directional flow may have changed since the surveys of 2015. Perhaps your letter contains incorrect information.

3. I attended the starlight rooms at the start of this process to understand about the city link road. I was assured by Balfour Beatty that they had no idea about the Commercial road aspects as they were only working on the city link road. However I see the drawings drawn by Balfour Beatty in 2014 show that Commercial road and Blueschool st are planned to be reduced to single roads for most of their length. Please could you provide me with written (on paper by post) details of what the proposals are and when they are planned to be implemented.

I request the details on paper in order that members of the Church can fully see what is planned. I recognise that someone has to think a little about what is being communicated but as time has moved on and the communications so far seem to full of errors I thought that sending real plans out on paper may cause you to consider a little more what you are writing.

I will then have opportunity to pass this information to more than 200 others. I would prefer to pass on information that is correct.

If you are not the right person please can you pass my request to the correct person and let me know who that is.

many thanks for your assistance

Neil Menzies

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West Mercia Police - Representation Hopton Road Hereford One Way Order, Barrs Court Road Hereford Prohibition of Right Hand Turn Order, City Link Road Hereford Prohibition of Right Hand Turn Order



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<p>Mr Tomas Szuketi Customer Service Team Leader Balfour Beatty Living Places Thom Depot Unit 3, Thom Business Park Rotherwas Hereford HR2 6JT</p>	<p>West Mercia Police Traffic Management Office Leominster Police Station Enterprise Way Leominster HR5 0LZ</p> <p>Direct Dial: 01432 347299 E-mail: ian.connolly@westmercia.pnn.police.uk</p>
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14th December 2017

Dear Tomas,

Hereford City Link Road. Traffic Regulation Order Consultation

I refer to your e-mail dated 23rd November 2017, seeking the Chief Constables views in respect to a proposal to introduce a number of TRO's on the Hereford City Link Rd, Widemarsh St, Station Approach, Barrs Court Rd and Hopton Rd.

I have examined the proposals, as shown on the drawings supplied in your e-mail and have visited the location on several occasions to see it first hand.

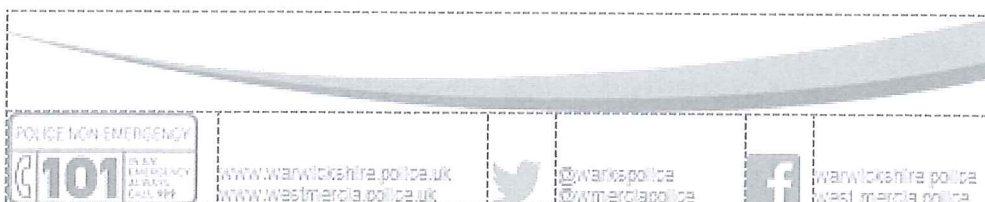
Waiting Restrictions

I can confirm that I have no objections to the proposed waiting restrictions on City Link Rd, Widemarsh St and Station Approach, as illustrated on plan refs: MJ0002-110, 111 & 112.

Prohibition of Right Turns

I can confirm that I have no objections to the proposed prohibition of right turns on City Link Rd as illustrated on plan ref: MJ0002-113 & 114, on Widemarsh St as illustrated on plan ref MJ0002-C-114 and Barrs Court Road on plan ref: MJ0002-C-115.

I noted on site that the kerb line at the junction to access Morrison's Supermarket is suitably engineered to deter right turns, and the plan suggests that the junction at Barrs Court Rd will also have altered kerb lines to deter right turns. However, all of the other junctions do not appear to have any engineering to deter drivers from contravening the proposed order. As I am sure you can appreciate, with the limited resources available to the Police we cannot commit to any regular enforcement of these restrictions should drivers choose to ignore them, so my



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comments are based on the fact that the signage in place and general traffic flows will make the restrictions "self-regulating".

One Way Order – Hopton Rd

I can only support this proposal if there is suitable engineering in place at the junction of Hopton Rd and Barrs Court Rd to stop vehicles from entering the road here and contravening the order. As Hopton Rd is relatively short drivers may be tempted to drive against the one way order if they can see that the road is clear. If this happens it will, understandably, bring about calls for enforcement and we cannot commit to a regular presence at this location. Therefore, I can only support this section of the proposal if adequate engineering is in place to stop and/or deter drivers from entering Hopton Rd from Barrs Court Rd.

Yours sincerely,

Ian Connolly
Traffic Management Advisor
Warwickshire Police & West Mercia Police

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Ward Councillor (College Ward): Cllr B. Wilcox - Representation Hopton Road Hereford One Way Order, Barrs Court Road Hereford Prohibition of Right Hand Turn Order

Dear All

I refer to the proposed one-way system in Hopton Road.

When discussing it with officers during the informal consultation at Barrs Court School, there was a proposal for some re-profiling/narrowing of the egress on the Hopton Road/Barrs Court Road junction, so as to act as a disincentive to rat running from Penn Grove Road via Hopton Road to Barrs Court Road. Is this now being discounted?

If this is not to take place, then I would ask that a suitable weight restriction be imposed, with vehicles over a suitable prescribed weight prohibited other than for access only.

As a separate issue, I understand that circular letters have been sent to residents. As the local Ward Member I have previously asked that I am provided with copies of such correspondence. I understand that one such letter has apparently already gone out with the incorrect one-way route in Hopton Road identified. This gives me cause for concern when so much has been debated and wrong versions appear to be now part of a formal consultation.

Please forward a copy of all circular correspondence in relation to these proposals so that I may be aware for when residents may contact me.

Finally, I have already expressed concern (via the formal consultation email only) at the plan being used for the prohibition of right turn manoeuvres into Barrs Court Road (BCR), with the plan showing road markings which appear not to have been up-dated in line with the removal of the ban on right turns into BCR. Can we please make sure that we get it right?

I await your comments on these various points as a matter of urgency before too many people comment on inaccurate proposals.

Kind regards

Brian Wilcox [Cllr]
Member – College Ward

Dear Sir

Whilst supportive of the proposal to prevent right turns out of Barrs Court Road, I am anxious not to prevent right turns into Barrs Court Road. However, the plan attached seems to show either a central reservation or other obstruction which may prevent such a manoeuvre. Please clarify that this is to be a turning lane or other assistance to drivers making that turn, rather than a hindrance.

I would welcome your clarification

Kind regards

Brian Wilcox [Cllr]
Member – College Ward

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Mark Willmont – Representation Hopton Road One Way Order

Hello

I have received a letter in respect of the above and have seen the public notices and plans.

Firstly as I pointed out to you on the telephone yesterday the letter in respect of the change to Hopton Road is not correct. I was assured this would be corrected. To be certain the proposal is to make Hopton Road one-way only from Penn Grove Road to Barrs Court Road?

Secondly can I query the wording of the Notice which says:-

"No person shall cause or permit any vehicle to proceed in Hopton Road in the city of Hereford in the county of Herefordshire from its junction with Penn Grove Road to its junction with Barrs Court Road, other than in a south-westerly direction."

Why could it just not say:-

"No person shall cause or permit any vehicle to proceed in Hopton Road in the city of Hereford in the county of Herefordshire other than from its junction with Penn Grove Road to its junction with Barrs Court Road."

This is surely much simpler and easier for people to understand

My comments are:-

1. Even one way it will continue to allow a rat run via Hopton Road if there is queueing traffic at the right turn Aylestone Hill/Barrs Court Road junction. This is concerning and I would prefer this rat run to be prevented but realise this would be difficult especially for cars. However I believe there should be a weight restriction imposed so that large vans and lorries are prevented from using this route (except when delivering to the Street itself).
2. It will be important that the changes to the Aylestone Hill/Barrs Court Road junction and the change to Hopton Road are brought into force at the same time. If the right turn from Barrs Court Road onto Aylestone Hill is stopped before Hopton Road is made one way there will I expect be chaos, and anger, in Hopton Road and Penn Grove Road.
3. Can I have some assurance with regard whether there will be any reduction in the current on-street parking in Hopton Road. This is not clear on the plan
4. When carrying out the work it would be helpful if the white lining on Hopton Road in respect of the parking restrictions were to be redone as it has largely disappeared

Sincerely

Mike Willmont

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David George – Other point

From: Customer Resolution Team <CustomerResolutionTeam@herefordshire.gov.uk>
 To: CityLinkRoad
 Cc:
 Subject: FW: Contact us form submitted

Sent: Mon 27/11/2017 16:09

Dear BBLP,

The attached contact us form has been received and is being forwarded for your attention.

Herefordshire Council Customer Services

Herefordshire.gov.uk


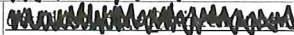


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To: Info (Shared Mbx)
Subject: Contact us form submitted

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Message	With the new Link Rd due to open soon, has any thought been given as to how all this extra traffic on Edgar St will effect the traffic lights at Blackfriars St & Debenhams? Is traffic on the A49 going to be given priority at these locations?

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Ward Councillor (Dinedor Hill Ward): D. Summers – Other point

Good afternoon.
Is this a consultation that will affect the end proposal or is it simply to inform the community of what has been decided.
Many thanks
david

High Town Taxi Radio Group: J. Jones – Other point

Thank you for the information but I don't see the point in pretending to consult when all the decisions are made and are now irreversible because the concrete will have set by now.
Kind regards,
john Jones
High Town Taxi Radio Group

