Callow and Haywood Initial Consultation

27/03/2020 - 18/05/2020

Green - Positive

Orange - Neither supportive nor unsupportive

Red - Negative

POLICE

Ian Connolly Traffic Management Advisor West Mercia Police Road Safety Dear Tom,

Proposed 7.5t Weight Restriction (Except For Access) on Various Roads in Haywood & Callow Parish.

I refer to your e-mail dated 27th March and attached documents forming the initial consultation in respect of the proposal to introduce a 7.5t Weight Restriction (Except for Access) on various roads in Haywood & Callow Parish in Herefordshire as shown on the plan ref 3409-83 sent with the e-mail.

I have examined the proposals and visited the location on a number of previous occasions for various reasons.

West Mercia Police do not routinely support weight restriction & Access Only orders due to the time consuming nature of enforcement and the difficulties involved in securing a prosecution by proving that drivers did not have legitimate access. Enforcement would be especially difficult in this case as the proposed restrictions cover quite a wide area and vehicles could potentially access it from a number of different locations.

The proposed weight restriction would carry an "Except for access" clause and while it may well be that a percentage of vehicles over 7.5t currently using the roads in the area are doing so as a rat run, a number will be doing so for deliveries etc so can claim lawful access. As you alluded to in your e-mail of 29th January 2020 when we initially discussed this area, the ATC's show a relatively low number of HGV's using the roads in question. If we work on an assumption that some of these would be doing so to gain access to premises within the area under consideration the actual figure doing so without lawful access is potentially lower still, making it hard to justify the resources required to carry out any enforcement.

If the TRO is implemented, I would ask that the restrictions are accompanied by high profile positive signage advising of the preferred routes through the area, thereby making them self regulating, as I can not commit to any regular Police enforcement.

Yours sincerely,

BIRCH WARD Ward Councillor Toni Thank you Will, Fagan As a cyclist who uses these roads – used by many cyclists into Hereford, (they are part of the Sustrans route I think) I am wholly supportive of these plans. Also this move would hopefully diminish the physical strain on these I am sure residents who are concerned about heavy vehicle movements on these roads will be grateful. Kind regards here. The proposed 7.5 tn restriction from the callow past Haywood and on to Tram Inn is crazy - a lot of tractors use this route to haul grain to the mill at Sun Valley and also lorries from here and other farms. We are a lot safer and quicker on this route and better and safer to keep off the the A49 death trap - you would rather us travel through wormelow, dewchurch and kivernol where there is a greater chance of an accident ?The road system in Herefordshire is now a complete joke for businesses and others and this will just add to it - this recent crisis has shown how important the food supply chain, haulage and farming is to everyone . The main problem is the flow of traffic in town which has been ruined by ridiculous road schemes forcing drivers onto local roads trying to get to work etc. **REDHILL WARD Paul Rone** Thank you for including me in the consultation. **Redhill Ward Councillor** I lived in the area for many years growing up and so are completely Herefordshire aware of how these roads are used very regularly and at speed by Council those looking to cut across from the A49 to A465 (or visa versa). If the PC want it then I would support it however, I do believe that it is the speed of all traffic that is an equal concern. With any TRO, enforcement is the key – what enforcement would be planned to stop these large lorries using the same routes that they have done for years as it will be local drivers from local companies nipping through? Happy to support as long as there is enforcement planned – and preferably engineered – into the TRO. Thanks again Paul Rone **Hereford City Parish** Will. Council The City Councillors have correctly identified that this measure will lead to an increase in HGV's coming into Hereford on the main roads and turning back out again at the ASDA intersection. Nonetheless,

whilst locally that might not be popular they do agree that HGV's belong on those main roads and not on country lanes so we have no objection to the proposed TRO's. It should be added that several councillors are very keen to see a positive outcome to the review of the Southern Relief Road element of the bypass to alleviate this

problem permanently.

Steve Kerry Town Clerk

BACKBURY WARD	
Fownhope Parish Council	Good morning Will
	Thank you for your email detailing the proposed TRO scheme at Callow and Haywood. Members of Fownhope Parish Council have considered the proposals and expressed concerns that the new alternative route directs heavy goods traffic to Rotherwas and Holme Lacy which could result in additional traffic on the B4224.
	As you know we have existing concerns about both the quantity and size of HGV's already accessing the B4224 (before it's collapse) which has increased steadily over recent years. We are attempting to reduce the number and size of heavy goods vehicles already using the B4224 and seeking to add a weight restriction assessment to our, currently halted, TRO.
	Therefore we would request that measures are put in place to ensure heavy goods traffic leaves Rotherwas on an alternative route that does not encourage them to exit Hereford via Holme Lacy and the B4224.
	With kind regards Helen
	Helen Tinson Clerk to Fownhope Parish Council
Dormington and	Hi Will
Mordiford Group Parish Council	Dormington and Mordiford Group Parish Council support these proposals.
WORMSIDE WARD	
Callow and Haywood Parish Council	Dear Will Initial Consultation- TRO - Scheme at Callow and Haywood Please accept this e mail as formal notification that the Callow and Haywood Group Parish Council are in support of the TRO proposals contained within your consultation documentation. Thank you Kind regards Alison
Much Dewchurch Parish Council	Good morning Will MDPC believe a weight restriction would inevitably lead to additional HGV's and agriculture vehicles flowing through Much Dewchurch with this conclusion we object to the scheme. Regards Rachel Rachel Craine - Parish Clerk
DINEDOR HILL WARD	
Councillor David Summers	Good afternoon. I do not have an issue with the weight restrictions however, the term "except for access" is rather ambiguous for example except for access

	to where. I would like to know if any fines have been issued in the UK
	to any vehicle over the limit and if so were the fines paid. Are there
	any cases that were appealed in court and if so what was the court's
	decision,
	Many thanks.
	Take care and stay well.
	David Summers Cllr
Hentland, Ballingham	Hi Wiil
and Bolstone	Ballingham Bolstone & Hentland PC have no comment to make on
	the TRO Scheme
	Thank you
	Kath Greenow
	Parish Clerk
	BBHGPC
HINTON AND HUNDERTON WARD	
Councillor Kevin Tillett	Dear Will,
	Many thanks for forwarding the documents. The main area lies
	outside my ward but I am familiar with the road through to Callow
	and it is wholly unsuitable for large vehicles, particularly in some
	stretches.
	Although these plans will inevitably increase heavy traffic on the A49
	and A465 (which are in my ward), the balance is in favour of this
	scheme and I raise no objection.Kind regards, Kevin