

Record of an officer decision

Decision title :	U71603, Mesne Lane, Little Birch, Herefordshire Temporary Road Closure Order 2021
Date of decision:	4 October 2021
Decision maker:	Engineering Manager
Authority for delegated decision:	Directorate scheme of delegation: updated 20 July 2021 Directorate: Economy and Place, section 75. To act on behalf of the council in respect of the legislation specified in the foregoing: Traffic Management Act 2004, Road Traffic Act 1988, Cycle Tracks Act 1984, Highways Act 1980, National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1948, New Roads and Street Works Act 1991, Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, Town and Country Planning Act 1990, Town Police Clauses Act 1847, Traffic Calming Act 1992, Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981
Ward:	
Consultation:	A communication plan will be implemented to inform and liaise with key stakeholders affected by this closure and the resting diversion. This will include local residents, businesses, Parish Councils and local ward members
Decision made:	To authorise the making of a Temporary Road Closure Order served under section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to require a temporary closure on the U71603, Mesne Lane, Little Birch, from The Old Cottage towards Daneswood Mesne, planned to be effective for a period of 1 day commencing on the 17th of November 2021, between 09:30-15:30.
Reasons for decision:	To enable BT Openreach to carry out pole testing works within the highway, for which purpose the Council, as highway authority, consider the closure of the road is required due to the likelihood of danger to highway users while the said works are being carried out.
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	Localised disruption on highway network which will be mitigated using diversion route signage and closure period to be kept at shortest possible duration. Pedestrian access to premises affected by this closure will be maintained.
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	Not to introduce a temporary closure of the road; but there would then be operational difficulties in the said works being carried out, and/or would result in a longer period of disruption. In addition, there would be a greater risk to users of the highway and possible claims against the highway authority as a result.

Details of any declarations of interest made:	None
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I am an officer delegated to make the decision

Signed:

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Job Title: Engineering Manager