

# Agenda Item IMD14

## INDIVIDUAL EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISION

REFERENCE IMD: IMD 2023/14

<b>TITLE</b>	Moving Traffic Orders for MTE sites  Wokingham Borough Council (Various Roads, Wokingham) (Prohibition of Turning, Prescribed Route, One-Way, Prohibition of Vehicles, Bus Lane, 7.5 Tonne Weight & 6' 6" Width Restriction) Order 2023.
<b>DECISION TO BE MADE BY</b>	Executive Member for Active Travel, Transport and Highways - Paul Fishwick
<b>DATE, MEETING ROOM and TIME</b>	27 July 2023 FF12 at 1pm
<b>WARD</b>	Emmbrook; Norreys; Shinfield South; Wescott;
<b>DIRECTOR / KEY OFFICER</b>	Director, Place and Growth - Giorgio Framaliccio

### **PURPOSE OF REPORT (Inc Strategic Outcomes)**

To report the results of the statutory consultation for the above-named Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) which revokes entirely the orders listed below and combines them into the new order and obtain the decision of the Executive Member for Active Travel, Highways & Transport.

- the Royal County of Berkshire (Wokingham) (Prohibition of Vehicles) Order 1967
- the Royal County of Berkshire (Murdoch Road, Wokingham) (Traffic Regulation) Order 1987
- the Wokingham District Council (Prohibition of Driving, No Waiting At Any Time, No Loading or Unloading, Disabled Parking and One Way Traffic) Order 2004

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Executive Member for Active Travel, Highways and Transport:

- 1) Note that no objections or correspondence have been received during the statutory objection period 11<sup>th</sup> May 2023 to 8<sup>th</sup> June 2023.
- 2) Agrees to proceed with the making of the Order in accordance with the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and the Local Authorities Traffic Order Procedures 1996, as set out in Appendix A to the report.

### **SUMMARY OF REPORT**

Wokingham Borough Council applied to the Department for Transport (DfT) for a designation order to grant civil enforcement powers for the enforcement of moving traffic contraventions across the borough in February 2023. The designation order was laid before parliament on the 27<sup>th</sup> June 2023 and came into force on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2023.

A review of the current moving traffic restrictions identified 11 sites where the Council would enforce by issuing Penalty Charge Notices (PCN) to vehicles found to be

contravening the restrictions through automatic number plate recognition (ANPR) cameras under the new powers granted in the designation order. The restriction for one of the sites did not require a traffic order, the traffic orders for the 10 remaining were consolidated and put into one traffic order for better administration and management by the Council and updated to include current best practice elements.

The traffic order was taken through formal consultation with the statutory objection period running between 11th May 2023 and 8th June 2023.

There were no objections or comments received therefore it is proposed that the TRO is made as advertised and that relevant notices are advertised in accordance with the Local Authority Traffic Order making procedures to make the order.

## Background

Wokingham Borough Council applied to the Department for Transport (DfT) for a designation order to grant civil enforcement powers for the enforcement of moving traffic contraventions across the borough in February 2023. The designation order was laid before parliament on the 27th June 2023 and came into force on 22nd July 2023.

A review of the current moving traffic restrictions identified 11 sites where the signs and site conditions did not comply with current road safety standards. These restrictions were previously only enforced by the police however with the granting of the designation order and powers by the DfT, the Council is now able to enforce by issuing penalty charge notices (PCN) to vehicles found to be contravening the restrictions through automatic number plate recognition (ANPR) Cameras.

The traffic orders for the 11 sites were reviewed and it was identified that 10 of them needed to be updated to include current best practice elements. The individual traffic orders for the 10 locations were consolidated and put into one traffic order for better administration and management by the Council. These updates were advertised in a new consolidated traffic order on the 11<sup>th</sup> May 2023. The table below shows the restrictions which were advertised through the traffic order.

Site	Location	Contravention
1	Broad Street, Wokingham	Banned right turn
2	Barkham Road rail crossing	Banned right turn
3	Station Road, Wokingham	Banned right turn
4	Bolton Drive, Spencer's Wood,	Vehicles prohibited except buses, emergency vehicles and pedal cyclist
5	Gypsy Lane, Wokingham	7.5T Weight restriction
6	Murdoch Road, Wokingham	6'6" (2m) width restriction
7	Goatley Way, Wokingham	One way street
8	Milton Road, Wokingham	Vehicles prohibited except buses, emergency vehicles
9	Fullbrook Avenue and Bolton Drive junctions with Hyde End Lane, Spencer's Wood,	Buses only, Emergency Service vehicles and pedal cyles
10	Whitlock Avenue, Wokingham	Banned right turn

## Response to TRO Consultation

The traffic order has now been taken through formal consultation. The statutory objection period started on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2023 and ended on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2023. There were no objections or comments received.

## Recommendation & Conclusion

It is recommended that the Wokingham Borough Council (Various Roads, Wokingham) (Prohibition of Turning, Prescribed Route, One-Way, Prohibition of Vehicles, Bus Lane, 7.5 Tonne Weight & 6' 6" Width Restriction) Order 2023 be approved for signing and sealing and that relevant notices are advertised in accordance with the Local Authority Traffic Order making procedures to make the order.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATION

***The Council faces unprecedented financial pressures as a result of; the longer term impact of the COVID-19 crisis, Brexit, the war in Ukraine and the general economic climate of rising prices and the increasing cost of debt. It is therefore imperative that Council resources are optimised and are focused on the vulnerable and on its highest priorities.***

	How much will it Cost/ (Save)	Is there sufficient funding – if not quantify the Shortfall	Revenue or Capital?
Current Financial Year (Year 1)	£7600	Yes	Revenue
Next Financial Year (Year 2)	Nil		
Following Financial Year (Year 3)	Nil		

<b>Other financial information relevant to the Recommendation/Decision</b>
Above costs are for the provision of new signs and lines to make the sites compliant with the TRO and ensure the restrictions can be legally enforced.

<b>Cross-Council Implications</b>
N/A

<b>Public Sector Equality Duty</b>
EQIA Initial Impact Assessment has been completed and no impact or disproportionate impact has been identified.

<b>SUMMARY OF CONSULTATION RESPONSES</b>	
<b>Director – Resources and Assets</b>	No further comments received
<b>Monitoring Officer</b>	No further comments received
<b>Leader of the Council</b>	No further comments received

<b>For Highways use only</b>	
<b>Town and Parish Councils</b>	
Wokingham Town Council	No further comments received
Shinfield Parish Council	No further comments received
<b>Local Ward Members</b>	
Rachel Burgess	No further comments received
Phil Cunnington	No further comments received
Marie-Louise Weighill	No further comments received
Rachel Bishop-Firth	No further comments received
Imogen Shepherd-DuBey	No further comments received
Morag Malvern	No further comments received
Catherine Glover	No further comments received
Chris Johnson	No further comments received
Jackie Rance	No further comments received
Peter Denis	No further comments received

Jane Ainslie	No further comments received
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<b>Reasons for considering the report in Part 2</b>
N/A

<b>List of Background Papers</b>
Appendix A- Copy of Traffic Regulation Order

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