

Briefing Note for Melksham CATG

Area Board Issue 6574 – Mill Lane, Broughton Gifford – Request for Width Limit to control movement of large vehicles.

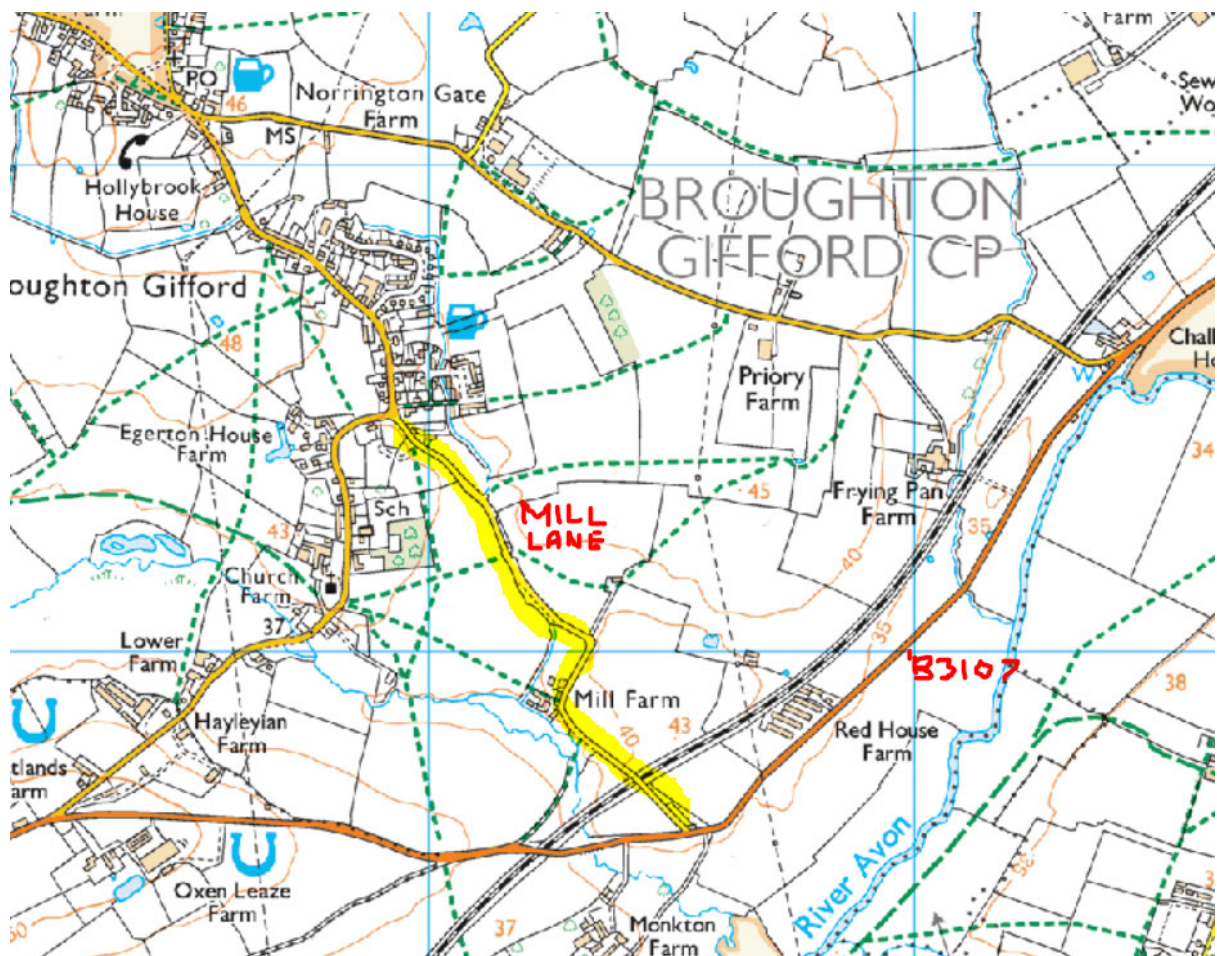
Background

Mill Lane is situated off the B3107, between Melksham and Holt. The route is predominantly single track with no formal passing places provided. There are no footways and there is no street lighting provision.

It is one of three routes giving access to Broughton Gifford village from the B road, although there are no direction signs posted to indicate access to the village. The lane also serves a small number of private dwellings. It is subject to the National Speed Limit although speeds are contained by the layout of the road and there is also a 7.5 tonne prohibition of Heavy Goods Vehicles in force. There is an exemption to allow access to properties along the lane, but not to gain access to the village centre.

It is suggested that some SAT NAV devices indicate Mill Lane as the preferred route to the village from Farmers Roundabout at Melksham.

Whilst it is not appropriate to promote width and weight limits over the same route, the CATG has asked that we consider signing improvements to help alleviate the situation.



Current Sign Provisions

At the junction of Mill Lane and B3107, there are regulatory signs to indicate the prohibition of Heavy Goods Vehicles, although the signs facing traffic on the B road do not comply with the regulations. There is no advance warning of the weight limit along the main route. See images below dated August 2016 (foliage has since been cleared).

Eastbound



Westbound



Recommendations

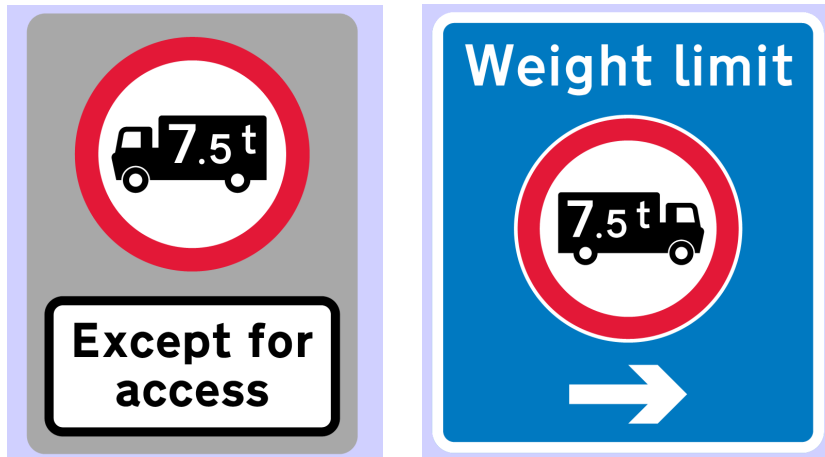
In simplistic terms it is felt that giving clearer warning of the weight limit ahead and signing improvements on the alternative route for HGVs should result in a reduction of large vehicles using the lane.

The improvements should include:

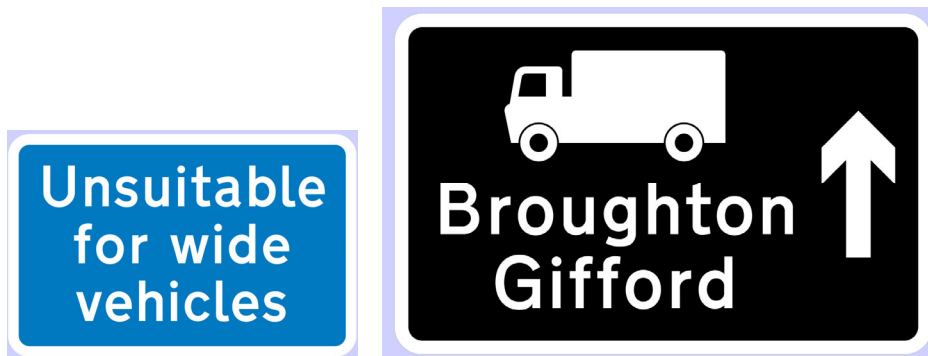
- Replacement regulatory weight limit signs.
- Provision of advisory “unsuitable for wide vehicles” signs.
- Advisory lorry sign to show Broughton Gifford as a destination further along the B road.
- Advance direction sign to show Brought Gifford as a right turn onto East Lane.

Example designs:

Regulatory Signs



Advisory Signs



Directional Sign



A ball park estimate to provide such a scheme, including temporary traffic management would be in the region of £3,300.

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