

**CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORT AND WASTE**  
**Cllr Bridget Wayman**

## **HIGHWAYS AND WASTE**

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### **EASTON LANE AND BYWAY 108, CHIPPENHAM**

#### **Purpose of Report**

To consider five objections and one of support in connection with the proposed Prohibition of Driving Orders affecting part of Easton Lane and Byway 108, Chippenham (see **Appendix 2**).

#### **Consultation**

Consultations have been undertaken with the Fire Service, Police and Ambulance Service and also with the relevant bus companies, the Town Council and the Local Member. Advertisements have been posted in the local press and notices were posted in prominent positions at the site (see **Appendix 1**).

#### **Options Considered**

To:

- (i) Implement the proposals as advertised.
- (ii) Not implement the proposals.
- (iii) Implement the proposals with amendments.

#### **Reason for Decision**

'As advertised', the introduction of a Prohibition of Driving Order to close a section of Easton Lane to vehicles (except cyclists) is to remove 'through' traffic on the section where residential development is taking place to the south. This is to create a safer environment for existing pedestrians and cyclists using this part of Easton Lane, as well as for new pedestrian/cycle trips arising from residents within the surrounding new development. Byway 108, which connects Easton Lane with Methuen Park to the NE of the proposed restriction in Easton Lane, was also advertised with a proposed Prohibition of Driving Order. This is proposed for similar reasons to Easton Lane but, in addition, to prevent Byway 108 being used as a convenient short-cut by drivers to avoid the closed part of Easton Lane. Excess vehicle use of this Byway, which is otherwise likely to occur, would be detrimental to the highway safety and amenity of existing non-motorised users.

**DECISION MADE**

I approve that:

- ) The proposal for Easton Lane (TRO 1) be implemented, but with the 'Prohibition of Driving' Order as advertised amended to a 'Prohibition of Motor Vehicle' Order. This will allow the 'exemption for cyclists' clause to be omitted, as this is a default provision with a 'Prohibition of Motor Vehicle' Order. It is also compliant with the proposed use of regulatory signs to Diagram 619, so not Diagram 617 which are less readily understood.
  
- i) The Schedule relating to the Order for Easton Lane (TRO 1) be amended as necessary to make it clear that there are two separate lengths subject to the restriction, not a single length. The new junction with Methuen Park and the extension of this road link into the 'Hunters Moon' site retain a need for the permitted driving of vehicles across the interim part between the two closure points.
  
- ii) The proposal for Byway 108 (TRO 2) be implemented, but with the 'Prohibition of Driving' Order as advertised amended to a 'Prohibition of Motor Vehicle except Solo Motorcycles' Order. This will allow the 'exemption for cyclists' clause to be omitted as this is a default provision. It will also permit solo motorcycles (i.e. without side cars) to continue to use the byway where other motor traffic is prohibited. The proposed use of regulatory signs to Diagram 619 would have to be slightly modified to Diagram 619.1, the latter omitting the motorcycle symbol from the sign faces. This will remove the risk of legal challenge from this specific user group.

This decision was published on 18 December 2019 and will come into force on 30 December 2019.

**The following supporting documents are attached:**

- Appendix 1 - Site Notices
- Appendix 2 - Objections/Comments
- Appendix 3 – Drawing SW064-EN-191-H showing revised highway layout/signing proposals at the proposed closure point on Easton Lane

**The following supporting documents are available from the officer named above:**

TRO Indicative Plan

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**Cllr Bridget Wayman**  
**Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Waste**

Date:.....13 December 2019.....