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**REFERENCE:** **HSB-006-13 Intention**

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## **18 TONNE WEIGHT LIMIT PROPOSAL, A3098, CHAPMANSLADE**

### **Purpose of Report**

To agree the advertising of an 18 tonne weight limit Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) on the A3098 through Chapmanslade.

### **Consultation**

Chapmanslade Parish Council, Warminster's Community Area Transport Group and Somerset County Council.

### **Options Considered**

To:

- (i) **Do nothing.**  
This would leave the existing 17 tonne weight limit signs in place. This would be an unsatisfactory situation since the signs do not relate to an enforceable weight limit.
- (ii) **Remove the old 17 tonne weight limit signs and leave the road open to all traffic.**  
This option would mean that there are no restrictions along the route. So all traffic, including HGVS greater than 18 tonnes would be allowed along the route. This is likely to be unpopular with residents since they are expecting a more stringent weight limit (7.5 tonne) as opposed to a relaxation of weight limits. It should be noted that the 7.5 tonne area weight limit was suggested as part of a package of weight limits in western Wiltshire to safeguard Chapmanslade from rerouting as a result of the proposed weight limit through the B3098 through Maiden Bradley (see paragraph (iii) below).
- (iii) **Implement the made 7.5 tonne weight limit.**  
The 7.5 tonne weight limit formed part of a wider package of weight limits in West Wiltshire. Implementing one of the three proposed weight limits is likely to displace restricted HGVs on to the other equally unsuitable routes. In addition, Somerset County Council opposed this proposal and has stated that it is not prepared to assist with advance signing.

(iv) **Advertise an 18 tonne weight limit.**

Somerset County Council has indicated that it would be willing to work with the Council if an 18 tonne weight limit was proposed along this section of the A3098. This option is likely to raise few objections and does not preclude the future implementation of a 7.5 tonne weight limit as part of a wider scheme in West Wiltshire. Importantly, this option will provide an enforceable weight limit and protect the amenity of those living along the route.

**Reason for Decision**

The introduction of an 18 tonne weight limit will protect the amenity of residents in Chapmanslade and also remove the confusion regarding the existing signed 17 tonne weight restriction, which is not enforceable.

**INTENTION TO MAKE DECISION**

Following consultation with officers I give notice that I intend to make the decision set out in the attached report. If you would like to make any representations to me on this issue please do so by 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2013.

**The following supporting documents are attached:**

HSB-006-13 - Report

HSB-006-13 - Appendix 1 Long Vehicles Volumes along the A3098 north east of Chapmanslade

HSB-006-13 - Appendix 2 proposed 18 tonne weight limit Traffic regulation Order on the A3098 Chapmanslade

Date: ...23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2013.....

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