

**Easton Lane / Byway 108 - Prohibition of Driving**

**TABLE OF OBJECTORS**

Name	Address	Objection/ Support
Trail Riders Fellowship	Email – no address provided	<p><b>Objection</b></p> <p>I understand that the roads concerned may be used as rat runs by local traffic and that there are concerns with fly-tipping. However, Chippenham Byway 108 is also an historic and valuable asset to responsible motorcyclists, which is a safer and more enjoyable route than its alternative, which uses busier roads.</p> <p>I respectfully request the Council to propose an alternative form of traffic order which does not restrict responsible motorcyclists or carriage drivers</p>
RESIDENT	Email – no address provided	<p><b>Objection</b></p> <p>Note: Specifically Byway 108</p> <p>This is a historical route for vehicles and was originally part of the London to Bath turnpike Road. Such a historical route should not be lost to vehicular usage. If the vehicle pedestrian interface is envisaged to be a problem then a 5mph speed limit could be imposed and the route restored to the full legal width. (Greenlane Association and Trail Riders Federation volunteers could complete this work at minimal cost to the council's highways/PROW departments).</p> <p>One of the reasons given for the TRO is to prevent damage to the surface. The imposition of a TRO for this reason appears to be an attempt by the council to avoid their statutory duty to maintain the surface.</p> <p>I would support a permit scheme for this route which is used to great effect on the Gatescarth Pass route in the Lake District. I would also support a weekday only TRO in order to allow this route to remain open for recreational motorists.</p>

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A Resident of Bradford on Avon	Email	<p><b>Objection</b>  Note: Specifically Byway 108</p> <p>Objection to the proposed imposition of a Traffic Regulation Order on Byway 108, Chippenham. There is no plausible reason for such an Order. There are 109 recorded rights of way in this Parish, but only one other is a Byway – and that is now a cul-de-sac. The area needs more useable Byways not fewer.</p> <p>Byway 18, together with its continuation, Byway 122 Corsham, forms part of the old London to Bath Turnpike Road, which is historically important as an ancient public carriage road. It is the only length which survives as a green lane open to all classes of user. Public carriageway rights should be preserved unless there are compelling reasons to suspend them – which does not apply in this case.</p> <p>The stated reasons for the Order are spurious:</p> <p>(a) No evidence has been produced, or exists, to show that there is any danger to users now or in the future.</p> <p>(b) No evidence has been produced, or exists, to show that damage to the road or any nearby buildings will occur if it remains open to all lawful users.</p> <p>(c) The width of the Byway between the boundary fences varies between 20 and 30 feet as shown on the County Series 25” scale OS Map. If maintained according to law, there is ample room for all classes of user, without conflict.</p> <p>Please withdraw this proposal or modify it so that at the very least, motorcycles and horse drawn carriages are exempt.</p>

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WILTSHIRE BRIDLEWAYS ASSOCIATION	Email – no address provided	<p><b>Objection</b></p> <p>The document under the heading Site Notice clearly records under paragraph 1 <b>Prohibition of Driving of all vehicles with an exception of pedal cycles on Easton Lane and Byway 108 as indicated on the attached plan.</b> From this Proposed Order it is therefore obvious that the affected sections will be closed to all motorised vehicles and although not referred to except on the attached plan, horse drawn vehicles will also be prohibited. There is no mention at any stage of horse riders, whether permitted or not. Therefore from the absence of such mention, Wiltshire Bridleways Association takes the inference that they too are prohibited.</p> <p>In view of terms of these two Proposed Orders, Wiltshire Bridleways Association wish to register our strong opposition to these Orders being confirmed. By way of comparison, we draw a parallel with Amesbury Byway 20. Although still legally recorded as a Byway, it is signed at various points along the route as a dual purpose cycle and pedestrian path only. Additionally, barriers have been erected on the route to preclude the use of motorised vehicles, horse drawn carriages and horse riders.</p>
RESIDENT	Email – no address provided	<p><b>Objection</b></p> <p>Note: Specifically Byway 108</p> <p>Byway 108 was once quite a major route into Chippenham, being part of an historical route - the old London to Bath turnpike road (together with Corsham Byway 122), and also awarded as a Public Carriage Road. Historically it was a country road, but over the years the town has expanded and enveloped the byway. Yet for all this, it's still there. It has a recorded width of over 20 feet, and I reckon it could be 30 feet along this section and its continuation westwards.</p> <p>Considering the width, I think there should be sufficient room to fence off and surface a separate path for walkers and cyclists along one side (horse riders would normally prefer an unmetalled surface). There is no need to put it down the middle (like Amesbury 20). It would be easy to deter normal traffic by putting a ditch</p>

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		<p>across the byway at either end of the proposed TRO section. You've already done this on the other side of the road opposite the bollards. The small number of recreational vehicular users will then still have access, should they want to use it.</p>
<p>CHIPPENHAM TOWN COUNCIL</p>	<p>Email</p>	<p><b>Support</b></p> <p>Thank you for consulting the Town Council on the attached Traffic Orders. These were considered by the Planning, Environment &amp; Transport Committee at its meeting on 8 March 2018. The Town Council raises no objections to these Orders but requests that consideration be given to imposing a weight restriction please.</p>