
Decision Session
Executive Member for Transport

24 October 2019

Report of the Corporate Director of Economy and Place

Traffic Management Order Process and Elvington Weight Limit Petition

Summary

1. To confirm a regular review of requests for Traffic Regulation Orders relating to the movement of traffic.
2. To report the receipt of a petition in the form of a questionnaire requesting the introduction of a weight restriction on the B1228 through Elvington.

Recommendation

3. It is recommended that:
 - Option 1 – Approve the process of considering requests for Traffic Regulation Orders relating to the movement of vehicles to be compiled into a list for regular review.

Reason: Because this helps ensure greater consistency, aids workload planning and achieves resource savings.

- Option 2 – Approve the inclusion of the Elvington weight restriction request on the waiting list.

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Background

4. Most Traffic Regulation Orders dealing with the movement of vehicles can only be enforced by the Police. Where the restriction is at a point, such as a prohibited turn, it is relatively straight forward for enforcement to take place because as soon as the restriction is breached a police officer can take action. However, for restrictions where there is an exemption for access or loading within an area enforcement becomes

much more resource intensive. This is because a driver has to be observed entering and travelling through the area without stopping. Hence enforcement tends to be quite rare as police resources are targeted at their main priority of crime reduction rather than enforcement of traffic regulations. We have therefore a long established practise of not introducing Traffic Regulation Orders, such as weight restrictions, where there is little scope for them to be well respected.

5. Dealing with requests for new restrictions on traffic movement on an individual basis can lead to inconsistencies and adversely impacts on workload planning. In addition, by dealing with this type of request in batches on a regular basis there is excellent potential for increased efficiency of officer and member time. If several proposals are then approved for taking forward the legal and advertising costs are reduced per item. This method of grouping Traffic Regulation Orders in regular batches has achieved significant cost and time savings for the waiting restriction requests and is therefore put forward for dealing with requests to control traffic movement.
6. At present there is a waiting list of around 20 traffic movement and 15 speed restriction requests (see Annex A) to be responded to and these will be brought to a future Executive Member for Transport meeting after investigations have been finalised.
7. In the run up to the council elections in June this year a questionnaire / petition (see Annex B) was collected and submitted requesting that a weight restriction be implemented on the B1228 main road through Elvington. Around 240 forms were completed.
8. Residents and the Parish Council have raised concerns about the volume and appropriateness of HGV traffic through the village regularly over the past few years. By way of illustrating the complexity and wide ranging impacts of what may initially appear to be simple requests the work of our neighbouring authority, East Riding of Yorkshire Council (EROYC), on the B1228 is a good example.
9. EROYC implemented an experimental Traffic Regulation Order to restrict the weight of vehicles allowed over the bridge carrying the B1228 between Elvington and Sutton upon Derwent several years ago following damage to the bridge parapet wall by a large vehicle. The experiment was abandoned following objections from other local communities in East Yorkshire's area that had to accommodate the increase in HGV traffic on roads of a lower classification and confirmation that the bridge structure could carry the weight of HGV's. In addition, East Yorkshire

carried out works on the approach to the bridge to help ensure drivers took the correct line to prevent the parapet being struck again.

10. This complexity does not however preclude the detailed consideration of the B1228 Elvington Petition which forms part of the work programme at Annex A.
11. It is proposed subject to approval of the recommendations to create an annual review process that an initial report be brought in March 2020 to the Executive Member for Transport to consider an initial set of implementation proposals from Annex A and a work programme for outstanding items for 2020/21.

Options for Consideration

12. Option 1 – Approve the process of considering requests for Traffic Regulation Orders relating to the movement of vehicles to be compiled into a list for regular review (similar to what is done for the waiting restrictions). This is a recommended option because it will help ensure a consistent use of orders and better manage resources.
13. Option 2 – Approve the inclusion of the Elvington weight restriction on to the waiting list for further investigation. This is a recommended option because it better manages resources.
14. Option 3 – Note the Elvington weight restriction petition but take no further action. This is not the recommended option as there may have been some change of circumstances we are unaware of at this time since the work carried out by East Riding of Yorkshire Council.

Consultation

15. There is no consultation at this stage.

Council Plan

16. This report helps ensure the Council achieve its emerging Council Plan current being consulted upon by delivering:-

- getting around sustainably
- a greener and cleaner city
- creating homes and world-class infrastructure
- an open and effective council

17. This report has the following implications:

Financial – None.

Human Resources – None

Equalities – None.

Legal – None.

Crime and Disorder – None

Information Technology - None

Land – None

Other – None

Risk Management

18. None.

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Specialist Implications Officer(s)

None.

Wards Affected: Wheldrake,

All

For further information please contact the author of the report.

Background Papers: None.

Annexes:

Annex A Traffic Movement Waiting Lists

Annex B Elvington Questionnaire / Petition Example