

BARROW HIGHWAYS ADVISORY SUB- GROUP
Meeting date: 8 June 2022
From: Executive Director – Economy & Infrastructure

REVIEW OF TRAFFIC REGULATION 2020/2021 VARIATION ORDER NO 42 PROPOSAL

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1** *This report sets out to the Barrow Highways Advisory Sub-Group, (“the HASG”) the responses to the statutory consultation and advertising of the traffic regulation order, The County of Cumbria (Various Roads, Barrow-in-Furness)(Consolidation and Minor Amendment of Traffic Regulations) (Order 2001),Variation Order (No. 42) 20><, referred to at paragraph 3.1 of this report (“the Order”) which includes proposals for various locations in Barrow -in-Furness.*
- 1.2** *The proposals are summarised in the statutory notice which is attached as Appendix 1.*
- 1.3** *A copy of the Council’s Statement of Reasons for making the Order is attached as Appendix 2.*
- 1.4** *Plans showing the proposals which were consulted upon are attached as Appendix 3.*
- 1.5** *A summary of the representations which were received, together with Officer comments, are attached as Appendix 4.*
- 1.6** *The report seeks a recommendation from the HASG to Barrow Local Committee regarding the proposed introduction of the Order.*

2.0 STRATEGIC PLANNING AND EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

- 2.1** *The introduction of Traffic Regulation Orders is a devolved function of this Local Committee and help support the County Council objective of meeting its casualty reduction targets and its delivery of Community Strategy and Cumbria Agreement outcomes and Council Plan priorities, which are*

- *To safeguard children, and ensure that Cumbria is a great place to be a child and grow up*
- *To enable communities to live safely and shape services locally*
- *To provide safe and well-maintained roads and an effective transport network*
- *To promote sustainable economic growth, and create jobs*
- *To be a modern and efficient council*

Members are advised that generally the measures contained in the proposals contribute to these commitments by continuing to ensure that the council are able to provide an effective and safe Highway Network.

2.2 *The prioritisation, programming and design of highway improvement schemes have the potential to generate either beneficial or adverse impacts on people with mobility or vision impairments. The development of detailed proposals is undertaken in accordance with the County Council's policies and procedures for equality and diversity.*

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

3.1 *That the Barrow Highways Advisory Sub- Group recommend that Local Committee, having taken into consideration the matters contained in Section 122(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 which are more specifically referred to at paragraph 7.2 of this Report, agree that The County of Cumbria (Various Roads, Barrow-in-Furness) (Consolidation and Minor Amendment of Traffic Regulations) (Order 2001) Variation Order (No. 42) 20><, be brought into operation as advertised, EXCEPT for the following:*

- (i) The proposed "No Waiting at Any Time" restrictions on Biggar Village, Rawlinson Street, Calder Green, Warwick Street, Rear Ramsden Street and Hardy Street, Barrow-in-Furness be omitted from the made Order.*

4.0 BACKGROUND

4.1 Cumbria County Council, as the Traffic Authority, is continuously listing requests for new, and amendments to, restrictions from many sources such as Elected Members, Town and Parish Councils, Police and Members of the Public for across the Barrow area. The proposals are principally for safety reasons such as to improve traffic flow, accessibility and remove obstructive parking to improve visibility.

4.2 The Local Committee at this meeting on 18th November 2020 agreed that the Variation Order No.42 can be progressed to statutory consultation and advertising.

4.3 Due to the COVID-19 pandemic disruption the Statutory consultation and advertisement took place between 14 January and 04 February 2022 in relation to the proposals summarised in the Notice attached as **Appendix 1**, and as shown on the plans attached as **Appendix 3**.

- 4.4 **Appendix 4** presents the comments and objections received throughout the Statutory Consultation period and summarises the nature of responses and makes recommendations from these.
- 4.5 There are six locations where Disabled Parking Spaces are listed to be made mandatory and enforceable. These are streets where it was agreed that disabled parking bays could not be made as advisory bays due to the presence of existing parking restrictions.
- 4.6 It is recommended that the Order is implemented in full as advertised, EXCEPT for the proposed “No Waiting at Any Time” restrictions on for Biggar Village, Rawlinson Street, Calder Green, Warwick Street, Rear Ramsden Street and Hardy Street, Barrow-in-Furness be omitted from the made Order.

5.0 OPTIONS

- 5.1 That the Highways Advisory Sub-Group approve the recommendation at paragraph 3.1 of this report.
- 5.2 That the Highways Advisory Sub-Group do not approve the recommendation at paragraph 3.1 of this report.
- 5.3 That the Highways Advisory Sub-Group approve, with amendments, the recommendation at paragraph 3.1 of this report.

6.0 RESOURCE AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The estimated £5,000 cost of the Order could be met from the Annual Review of Signs and Lines allocation within the devolved highways capital budget. Members are asked to note that if it is decided not to agree the recommendations to this report, any costs already incurred with preparing and consulting on the Order would still need to be met from this budget.
- 6.2 If it is decided to agree the recommendations to this report implementation the estimated implementation cost of £7,500 would be met from the Traffic Signs and Road Markings budget.
- 6.3 Members are asked to note that if it is decided to agree the recommendations in this report there would be ongoing maintenance costs, estimated at £500 each year to be met from within the devolved revenue budget for that year.

7.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The County Council, as Traffic Authority, must take into consideration the matters contained in section 122(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (“the 1984 Act”) detailed below, in considering whether it is expedient to agree to the implementation of the Order detailed in this Report for the reasons specified at sections 1(1)(a), and, (c), as also set out in the Statement Reasons which is attached as Appendix 2, namely:
- (a) For avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the roads or any other roads or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising, or

- (c) For facilitating the passage on the roads or any other roads of any class of traffic (including pedestrians).
- 7.2 Under Section 122(2), the matters which must be taken into account in exercising that duty are: -
- (a) The desirability of securing and maintaining reasonable access to premises;
 - (b) the effect on amenities of an area;
 - (c) the national air quality strategy prepared under section 80 of the Environment Act 1995;
 - (d) the importance of facilitating the passage of public service vehicles and of securing the safety and convenience of persons using or desiring to use such vehicles; and
 - (e) any other matters appearing to the authority to be relevant.
- 7.3 Local Committees may, pursuant to Part 2D, paragraph 5.1.2 g), of the Constitution, approve the making of traffic regulation orders in accordance with powers under Parts I, II and IV of the Road Traffic Regulation act 1984, **except** for the making of Traffic Regulation Orders which involve the introduction for on-street residents permits, which are delegated to the Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure subject to a decision of the appropriate member body to introduce such charges. (KB – 30.3.2022)

8.0 CONCLUSION

- 8.1 It is recommended that the Order be brought into force in accordance with the Recommendation

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May 2022

APPENDICES

- Appendix 1 Statutory notice for the proposals***
- Appendix 2 Statement of Reasons for making the Order***
- Appendix 3 Plans***
- Appendix 4 Consultation summary***

Electoral Divisions: All Barrow

Executive Decision

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Key Decision

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If a Key Decision, is the proposal published in the current Forward Plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
Is the decision exempt from call-in on grounds of urgency?	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	
If exempt from call-in, has the agreement of the Chair of the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee been sought or obtained?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
Has this matter been considered by Overview and Scrutiny? If so, give details below.	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	
Has an environmental or sustainability impact assessment been undertaken?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
Has an equality impact assessment been undertaken?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A

PREVIOUS RELEVANT COUNCIL OR EXECUTIVE DECISIONS
[including Local Committees]

No previous relevant decisions

CONSIDERATION BY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

Not considered by Overview and Scrutiny

BACKGROUND PAPERS

No background papers

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