

COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR BARROW

Meeting date: 5 July 2022

From: Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure

BARROW CONSOLIDATION TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER VARIATION ORDER No.44 DUKE STREET HSHAZ

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 *This report sets out the responses received 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. 44) 20><, referred to at paragraph 3.1 of this report (“the Order”) which proposes restrictions for Duke Street and Buccleuch Street in Barrow as part of the High Street Heritage Action Zone (HSHAZ) scheme.*
- 1.2 *The proposals are summarised in the statutory notice which is attached as Appendix 1 and the Statement of Reasons in Appendix 2. They are also shown on a plan of the overall scheme in Appendix 3a and further plans of the current arrangements, proposed restrictions and proposed revocations of restrictions as Appendices 3b, 3c and 3d respectively.*
- 1.3 *The report seeks a resolution on 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 ***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, that the Local Committee resolve that The County of Cumbria (Various Roads, Barrow-in-Furness) (Consolidation and Minor Amendment of Traffic Regulations) (Order 2001) Variation Order (No. 44) 20><, be brought into operation as advertised.***

4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Cumbria County Council has been working with Barrow Borough Council on the introduction of the High Street Heritage Action Zone (HSHAZ) project for Duke Street in Barrow.
- 4.2 Barrow Borough Council has received funding from HM Government for the High Street Heritage Action Zone (HSHAZ) programme, based within the Central Barrow Conservation Area. The conservation area is deemed 'at risk' by Historic England. The scheme is administered by Historic England to ensure that the correct heritage standards are met.
- 4.3 The funding is for a heritage-led regeneration scheme. The Barrow scheme has a number of project streams including building repair grants, planning information & supplementary planning documents, and public realm improvements. There have been five key design drivers identified for the public realm improvements:
- 4.3.1 Reinstatement of Duke Street as a civic corridor from Abbey Road to Cavendish Street
 - 4.3.2 Prioritise pedestrians to make them feel safer and increase dwell time
 - 4.3.3 Reduce the impact of parking on heritage assets by breaking up the 'sea of cars'
 - 4.3.4 Green the street to improve wellbeing, reduce surface water run-off, and reduce airborne CO₂

4.3.5 Improve interpretation and public understanding of the street's history

- 4.4 The Order (TRO) was drafted initially in the early part of 2022 and the first statutory consultation was undertaken in January 2022. However due to some changes that were required to the scheme by Barrow Borough Council the statutory advertising and consultation was not referred at that time to Local Committee for a decision.
- 4.5 Barrow Borough Council have had to alter the extent of the scheme and therefore the TRO proposals have been amended and it has been re-advertised as per the attached details.
- 4.6 The full background to the proposals is presented in the appendices to this report for information. Appendix 1 has a copy of the Statutory notice for the proposals; Appendix 2 the Statement of Reasons and Appendix 3 has the locations plans; 3a is the full scheme plan, 3b shows the existing restrictions, 3c shows the restriction proposals and 3d shows the revocations of restrictions required as part of the scheme.
- 4.7 The amended proposals were advertised on Friday 3rd June 2022 in the North West Evening Mail. Notices were put out on Duke Street and Buccleuch Street, letters delivered to all adjacent properties on the length of Duke Street and Buccleuch Street and all statutory consultees including emergency services, public transport and Members consulted by email on Wednesday 1st June 2022.
- 4.8 The statutory consultation for 21 days began on Friday 3rd June 2022 ending on Friday 24th June 2022. One response has been received from the Member for Walney North indicating no issues with the scheme. No other responses were received regarding the scheme in objection. It is therefore recommended that the Order is made and implemented as advertised.

5.0 OPTIONS

- 5.1 Local Committee approve the recommendation at paragraph 3.1 of this report.
- 5.2 Local Committee do not approve the recommendation at paragraph 3.1 of this report.

6.0 RESOURCE AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 All costs for the TRO and implementation of the HSHAZ scheme are to be met by Barrow Borough Council as part of their scheme administered by Historic England.
- 6.2 Local Committee is asked to note that if it is decided to agree the recommendation at paragraphs 3.1 there would be future maintenance costs, estimated at £50 per year, which would need to be met from the devolved Highways revenue budget.

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) (c) and (f) of the 1984 Act, as set out further in the attached Statement of Reasons which is attached as Appendix 2, namely: -

(c) for facilitating the passage on the roads or any other roads of any class of traffic (including pedestrians), and

(f) for preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the roads run.

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.

8.0 CONCLUSION

8.1 It is recommended that the Order be made as advertised in accordance with the Recommendation.

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1	Statutory Notice for the proposals
Appendix 2	Statement of Reasons
Appendix 3a	Full scheme plan
Appendix 3b	Plan of existing restrictions
Appendix 3c	Plan of proposed restrictions
Appendix 3d	Plan of revocations as part of the scheme

Electoral Division: Hindpool

Executive Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Key Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If a Key Decision, is the proposal published in the current Forward Plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the decision exempt from call-in on grounds of urgency?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Has this matter been considered by Overview and Scrutiny? If so, give details below.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Has an environmental or sustainability impact assessment been undertaken?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Has an equality impact assessment been undertaken?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

PREVIOUS RELEVANT COUNCIL OR EXECUTIVE DECISIONS *[including Local Committees]*

15 November 2021 Approval to consult and advertise VO#44

CONSIDERATION BY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

Not considered by Overview and Scrutiny

BACKGROUND PAPERS

No background papers

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