

COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR BARROW
Meeting date: 5 July 2022
From: Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure

BARROW HIGHWAYS ADVISORY SUB-GROUP –
8 JUNE 2022

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 This report details the discussions and recommendations of the Highways Advisory Sub-Group (HASG) for the Barrow Area which met on the 8 June 2022. It recommends that the Local Area Committee for Barrow discusses and agrees the recommendations and notes the minutes of the HASG. A copy of the HASG minutes are attached as Appendix 1. A copy of the reports which went to the HASG are attached as Appendix 2.

2.0 STRATEGIC PLANNING AND EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

2.1 The Local Committee will help inform and apply the County Highways policy framework. It will help to meet the County Council's key objectives of Greener, Safer, Better, Wealthier and Healthier.

2.2 The Local Committee will help identify equality implications within proposed highway and transportation schemes and issues of concern, and will help prepare more equitable solutions.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

3.1 It is recommended that the Barrow Local Committee note the minutes of the meeting of the Barrow HASG which met on the 8 June 2022, which are attached at Appendix 1.

3.2 In addition, it is recommended that Barrow Local Committee approve the following recommendation in minute 8 of the minutes of the Barrow Highways Advisory Sub Group meeting 8 June 2022, and: - that, 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 the report to HASG), 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.

3.3 Also that Barrow Local Committee approve the recommendation in Minute 9 of the minutes of the Barrow Highways Advisory Sub Group meeting 8th June 2022 and: -

(1) having taken into consideration the matters contained in Section 122(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (more specifically referred to at paragraph 7.2 of the report to HASG), and having also taken into account the representations which were received during the 6 month statutory objection/consultation period, agree that The County of Cumbria (Askam Village School, Askam, Barrow in Furness) (Pedestrian and Cycle Zone) Experimental Order 2021 not be made permanent for Askam Primary School on Lots Road, Askam in Furness;

(2) agree to some improvements to signs and lines being carried out to highlight the presence of the School, especially if the Experimental Order is withdrawn, as former traffic volumes return to Lots Road at school times.

4.0 BACKGROUND

4.1 At its meeting on the 8th June Barrow Highways Advisory Sub Group (HASG) received a number of reports and updates reports from a variety of stakeholders and County Council Officers invited to the meeting.

4.2 Initially the HASG received an update from Cumbria Constabulary. The local members for Hawcoat and Ormsgill raised concerns regarding anti social behaviour in their divisions and asked if this could be investigated. It was agreed a further discussion would take place directly with the local members. Following this a discussion took place on Speed data in and around Greengate street.

4.3 The HASG then received an update from Cumbria Fire and Rescue. Members were updated on a number of issues including safety concerns at rugby matches and access to Salthouse Mills for emergency vehicles.

4.4 An update from the Flood and Development Management team was then presented to the HASG. The HASG discussed a number of developments and flooding issues with officers including Holbeck Park Avenue, Thorney Nook and the Monks trod footpath.

4.5 The HASG then received a Briefing Note which provided an update on the progress made to date on the Traffic Regulation Variation Order No 44 for proposals to Duke Street and Buccleuch Street Barrow-in-Furness in connection with the High Street Heritage Action Zone (HSHAZ). Members were informed that the initial scheme had been reduced due to funding loss and higher tender prices. Formal consultation and advertising of the Order

would end on Friday 24 June 2022 and it was anticipated that works would start in August 2022, subject to statutory requirements.

- 4.6 The Traffic Management Team Leader then presented a briefing note of the proposed Devolved Highways Capital Programme 2022/2 with regards to the Annual Package of Measures (APM) Traffic Scheme Design allocation. Following discussion on the proposals the HASG noted the list of schemes which had been developed from member discussions and ongoing works across the Barrow Borough area in the last 12 months.
- 4.7 The group then considered a report which detailed the responses to the statutory consultation and advertising of the The County of Cumbria (Various Roads, Barrow-in-Furness)(Consolidation and Minor Amendment of Traffic Regulations) (Order 2001),Variation Order (No. 42) 20><. Following discussion it was recommended that the Order be brought into operation but with a number of proposed “No waiting at any time” restrictions being omitted. These included; Biggar Village, Rawlinson Street, Calder Green, Warwick Street, Rear Ramsden Street and Hardy Street.
- 4.8 A report was then presented to the group on the Askam school experimental Traffic Regulation Order. This had now been in operation for 6 months and the HASG were asked to make a recommendation to Barrow Local Committee that the Experimental Order not be made permanent for Askam Primary School on Lots Road, Askam in Furness.
- 4.9 The HASG was informed that the Experimental Order was introduced as a trial to tackle the congestion and road safety concerns that many schools experienced during drop-off and pick-up times. It was explained that this was achieved by way of traffic regulation at those times on the roads in the vicinity of the school gates. Members noted the restrictions prohibited vehicular traffic outside of the school with exemptions that included emergency vehicles and residents. Members were informed that having considered all the feedback from statutory consultees and other respondents it was considered that it was not appropriate to extend or make the Experimental Order a Permanent Order. It was explained that instead, some improvements to signs and lines highlighting the school were recommended to reinforce the message of the school to drivers, especially if the school street was withdrawn and former traffic volumes returned back to Lots Road at school times. Following discussion members of the HASG agreed with the recommendation.
- 4.10 Following a number of member discussion points members were then presented with the Barrow works Programme for the current year after giving an update a discussion took place on patching works following the discussion members thanked officers for the report.

5.0 OPTIONS

- 5.1 That the local committee note report and attached minutes of the Barrow HASG dated 8 June 2022.
- 5.2 In addition, members may approve the recommendation in minute 8 of these minutes to approve The County of Cumbria Traffic Regulation Order Variation No. 42 noting the omissions put forward by the HASG.

- 5.3 Members may also approve the recommendation in minute 9 of the minutes which recommends that the current experimental Askam village school pedestrian and cycle zone is not made permanent but improvements to the signs and lines are implemented as suggested by the HASG.
- 5.4 Alternatively, members may not choose to agree to the above changes and suggests alternative amendments.

6.0 RESOURCE AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no financial implications arising from the recommendations, as it is for note only.

7.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The legal implications in relation to the recommendations at paragraphs 3.2 and 3.3 are detailed in the reports to HASG which are attached as Appendix 2 to this report

8.0 CONCLUSION

- 8.1 This report details the discussions and recommendations of the meeting of the Barrow HASG on 8 June 2022 and recommends that the Local Committee note the Minutes of the HASG which are attached as Appendix 1.
- 8.2 Additionally, it asks members to approve the recommendations made by the Highways Advisory Sub Group as detailed in paragraphs 3.2 and 3.3 of this report.

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APPENDICES

- Appendix 1** - **Minutes of the Barrow HASG 8 June 2022**
Appendix 2 - **Reports to Barrow HASG on 8 June 2022**

Electoral Divisions: All Barrow

Executive Decision

	No
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Key Decision

	No
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If a Key Decision, is the proposal published in the current Forward Plan?

		N/A
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Is the decision exempt from call-in on grounds of urgency?

	No
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If exempt from call-in, has the agreement of the Chair of the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee been sought or obtained?

		N/A
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Has this matter been considered by Overview and Scrutiny?
If so, give details below.

	No
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Has an environmental or sustainability impact assessment been undertaken?

	No	
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Has an equality impact assessment been undertaken?

		N/A
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N.B. If an executive decision is made, then a decision cannot be implemented until the expiry of the eighth working day after the date of the meeting – unless the decision is urgent and exempt from call-in and necessary approvals have been obtained.

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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