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To: The Chair and Members  
of the Mid Devon  
Highways and Traffic  
Orders Committee

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### **MID DEVON HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC ORDERS COMMITTEE**

Friday, 17th March, 2023

A meeting of the Mid Devon Highways and Traffic Orders Committee is to be held on the above date at 10.30 am at Lowman Room / Phoenix Chamber 1, Mid Devon District Council, Phoenix House, Tiverton EX16 6PP to consider the following matters.

Donna Manson  
Chief Executive

### **A G E N D A**

#### **PART I - OPEN COMMITTEE**

1 Apologies for Absence

2 Minutes (Pages 1 - 6)

Minutes of the meeting held on 28 November 2022, attached.

3 Items Requiring Urgent Attention

Items which in the opinion of the Chairman should be considered at the meeting as matters of urgency.

## **MATTERS FOR DECISION**

4 Traffic Sensitive Routes Review (Pages 7 - 10)

Report of the Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport (CET/23/2)

*Electoral Divisions(s): All in Mid Devon*

5 Bus Users and Stakeholders (BUS) Forum

6 Speed limits on the A377

Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport to give a verbal update.

7 Newton St Cyres New School - Speed Limit and Road Signage

In accordance with Standing Order 23(2) Councillor F Letch has requested that the Committee consider this matter.

8 Delegated Powers (Pages 11 - 12)

Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport (CET/23/23)

*Electoral Divisions(s): Crediton;  
Tiverton West; Willand & Uffculme*

## **STANDING ITEMS**

9 Petitions/Parking Policy Reviews

[An item to be taken under s18 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 relating to any reviews of parking policy sought in line with the Council's [Petition Scheme](#).]

## **MATTERS FOR INFORMATION**

10 Items for Future Meetings

11 Dates for Future HATOC Meetings

The following dates have been agreed:

27 July 2023  
24 October 2023  
29 February 2024

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## MID DEVON HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC ORDERS COMMITTEE

28 November 2022

### Present:-

Councillors J Cairney, R Chesterton, F Letch MBE, C Slade, and M Squires

### Apologies:-

Councillors J Berry, R Radford, L Cruwys and E Brookes-Hocking

### Members attending in accordance with Standing Order 25

### Councillor Barnell

#### \* 18 **Election of Chair**

It was **MOVED** by Councillor Chesterton, **SECONDED** by Councillor Cairney and **RESOLVED** that Councillor Slade be elected as Chair for the meeting.

#### \* 19 **Minutes**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 23 February 2022 be signed as a correct record.

#### \* 20 **Items Requiring Urgent Attention**

There was no item raised as a matter of urgency.

#### \* 21 **Petitions/Parking Policy Reviews**

There was no current petition for a parking review from a member of the public relating to Mid Devon.

#### \* 22 **Road Casualty Data Dashboard Demo**

The Committee received a presentation by the Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport on a website dashboard which provided detailed information on road casualty data in Devon at Devon-wide, District/Parish/Town Council and electoral division levels.

The Committee were shown how to use the Councillor dashboard and the wide range of different detailed information and data available to them about collisions on public roads.

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Members were informed of a video guide which they could watch to show them how to use the site and the link to the public webpages:

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/safe-travel/road-safety/collision-data/>

Members' questions and discussion points with the Officers included:

- The data captured on the site was a five year rolling period containing the previous annual published data available.
- Collision data was collected from the Police and error checked by road safety officers.
- Information on the dashboard summarised various factors such as distances from home for injury collisions and the reasons or contributory factors for the incidents such as human errors, problems with the road or vehicle defects. Where road defects were the contributory factor this was reported to the County Council's Highways Service.
- The data showed trends of collisions highlighted with flags of any significant changes
- Road features including bends or road condition were identified under the road environment contributory factors
- Road environment was not normally a major factor in most collisions within Devon.
- More work was underway to enable the dashboards to be interrogated for contributing factors so that there could be more cross referencing e.g. pedestrians involved.
- Members were informed they were able to give detailed information from the dashboard at Parish or Town Council meetings but were asked not to provide hard or electronic copies of this.
- Fully autonomous cars are unlikely to be used on rural roads.
- For more recent current year collisions or for any help and support, members can contact the Road Safety Team on [rshelp@devon.gov.uk](mailto:rshelp@devon.gov.uk)

Members **NOTED** the presentation.

## \* 23 Local Waiting Restriction Programme

The Committee considered the Report of the Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport (CET/22/74) on the Local Waiting Restriction Programme.

A summary of the proposals advertised could be found at Appendix I with associated plans attached. Objections to the proposals advertised and the Council's response could be found at Appendix 2.

Proposals which did not attract objections would be implemented without the need to report back to the Committee



Councillor Chesterton declared that he was unable to participate in the vote or debate regarding plan reference ENV5935-11 (Castle Street, Bampton) due to a pre-determination statement prior to the meeting.

He reported that residents did not support a no waiting proposal on the south side at the junction with Castle Street, Bampton. It was noted that following consultation with residents the proposal would not be taken forward and would be removed from the Restriction Programme.

It was **MOVED** by Councillor Slade, **SECONDED** by Councillor Squires and **RESOLVED that:**

- a) that work on the local waiting restriction programme be noted; and
- b) that the recommendations contained in Appendix II to the Report HIW/21/15 be agreed and the proposals implemented where relevant, subject to:
  - i. ENV5935-01 West End Road, Bradninch, ENV5935-02 Millway, Bradninch, ENV5935-03 Kensham Avenue, Bradninch, ENV5935-04 Cullompton Hill, Bradninch, ENV5935-05 Hen Street, Bradninch, ENV5935-06 Saunders Way, Cullompton, ENV5935-07 Crow Green, Cullompton and ENV5935-08 Pound Square, Cullompton that a decision on the proposals be delegated to the Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport in consultation with the Vice Chair and local member
  - ii. ENV5935-17 George Hill (North) and ENV5935-20 Commonmarsh Lane, Crediton– that the invitation for the site meeting includes a representative from Crediton Town Council, and that a decision on the proposals be delegated to the Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport with the Chair and local Member
  - iii. ENV5935/23 Godolphin Close, Newton St Cyres – that the invitation for the site meeting includes Councillor Barnell, and that a decision on the proposals be delegated to the Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport with the Chair and local Member

\* **24** **Tiverton Road Footway, Cullompton**

The Committee heard that there was evidence of people using the grass verge on the southern side desire line in order to access the town centre. The surfaced footway was proposed between Swallow Way and Tiverton Road as a continuous route to the town centre. In order to allow for the 1.8m carriageway width, a telegraph pole would need to be re-sited as indicated on the map.

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It was **MOVED** by Councillor Slade, **SECONDED** by Councillor Chesterton and

## **RESOLVED**

a) that the proposed footway along Tiverton Road as shown in Appendix (plan number C20014/2) to be constructed for a total cost estimate of £125,500 be approved; and

b) that the Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport be given delegated powers, in consultation with the Vice Chair of HATOC and the local member, to make minor amendments to the scheme details.

### \* 25 **Speed limits on the A377**

(Councillor G Barnell attended in accordance with Standing Order 25 and spoke to this item)

Members' questions and discussion points with the Officers included:

- that consultation with the Police was ongoing.
- that a café in Crediton drew motorbike users to the town.
- that speed limits be reviewed and a buffer 50mph to 30mph be considered along the A377.
- Councillor Barnell referred in particular to the hamlet of Smallbrook. He requested that Highways Officers make a site visit to investigate highway signage.

It was **MOVED** by Councillor Letch, **SECONDED** by Councillor Squires and

**RESOLVED** that the SCARF process be utilised to consider the road safety surrounding the hamlet of Smallbrook, particularly with reference to access to the nearby bus stop, pavements and road signage

### \* 26 **Dates for Future HATOC Meetings**

Dates for future meetings were noted as:

17 March, 27 July and 24 October 2023 and 29 February 2024

#### **NOTES:**

1. *Minutes should always be read in association with any Reports for a complete record.*

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2. *If the meeting has been webcast, it will be available to view on the [webcasting site](#) for up to 12 months from the date of the meeting*

\* **DENOTES DELEGATED MATTER WITH POWER TO ACT**

The Meeting started at 10.30 am and finished at 11.30 am



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## Traffic Sensitive Streets Review 2023

### Report of the Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport

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Please note that the following recommendation is subject to consideration and determination by the Committee before taking effect.

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#### 1) Recommendation

It is recommended that the Committee notes that Devon County Council propose to undertake a full review of the traffic sensitive streets network across the county.

#### 2) Background

Devon County Council has a legal duty under the Traffic Management Act 2004/Section 59 New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 to Co-ordinate works activities on the road network. As part of this duty, a power is afforded to Devon County Council to enable the designation of certain streets as 'Traffic Sensitive'. When a street is designated 'Traffic Sensitive', timings of works can be better regulated to ensure the free flow of traffic so far as reasonably practicable through the council's Permit for Works Scheme. E.g. Restrict works on Topsham Road, Exeter during peak traffic flow times.

The project works in line with Devon County Council's strategic objective in the Better Place vision, 'Help Communities be safe, connected and resilient'. The last recorded full review was undertaken in 2018. The proposed review forms part of a 5 yearly routine review, designed to ensure that designations remain fit for purpose.

The Department for Transport (DfT) recent consultations also indicate that changes to the legal powers for designations may be imposed. Proceeding with this review will put Devon in the best place to react to any statutory changes.

#### 3) Proposal

Statutory Regulations outline when a street can be designated traffic sensitive. The following steps must be completed before a designation can be updated:

- Each street is cross referenced against the statutory criteria.
- Proposals for revised designations are outlined.
- Communications are undertaken with affected stakeholders.
- A 1-month statutory consultation period is held.
- The updating of Devon's mapping data is completed.

# Agenda Item 4

	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23
Internal assessment of designations						
Informal communications with stakeholders						
Formal Consultation						
Review of Consultation						
Update Designations						

## What are the Impacts?

It is envisaged that some designations will be decreased due to the statutory requirements being adjusted (as indicated by a recent DfT consultation). This may mean reduced controls for the following areas:

- Winter gritting routes.
- Tourist areas.
- Special events.

The proposal aims to consider strategic visions for network growth wherever possible. Works promoters may find adjusted restrictions on working practices/timescales (this includes Devon County Council's contractors). However, the overall objective is to trigger early communication and better planning. It is not to prevent works taking place.

## 4) Options

The process is determined by statute, therefore there is no alternative.

## 5) Consultations

Statutory consultation proposed for April 2023 and this will include County Councillors.

## 6) Strategic Plan

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/strategic-plan>

This proposal helps network management and aims to keep traffic flowing. It also reducing idling traffic for lengthily queues at road works sites, reducing the amount of CO2 emitted into the atmosphere. The following areas of the strategic plan are drivers for this review:

- Respond to the climate emergency.
- Help communities be safe, connected and resilient.

## 7) Financial Considerations

There are no additional costs as the review will be undertaken by existing highway staff.

## 8) Legal Considerations

This change is required to remain compliant with Devon County Council's duties under the Traffic Management Act 2004 and ensure our Permit for Works Scheme remains lawful in its application.

## 9) Environmental Impact Considerations (Including Climate Change)

This review will offer a method of better managing road works and give controls for idling traffic. The environmental impacts are therefore positive and in line with Devon County Council's Carbon Plan objectives.

## 10) Equality Considerations

No areas have been identified. Project is operating to standard designation tolerances and will be implemented consistently across the county.

## 11) Risk Management Considerations

The recent DfT consultation indicates that local authorities would have reduced powers for designating routes that impact on winter gritting locations, tourist areas and special events. *(To be confirmed if this will proceed)*. This may result in Devon having to deregulate some of the existing traffic sensitive routes. This will be led by statutory changes to regulations.

The proposed review aims to help identify the areas where powers may be reduced so Devon can consider other forms of designations/education to minimise the impacts on end road users.

## 12) Summary

This review is required for 2 purposes:

- To ensure Devon's traffic sensitive network is in line with network changes and reflects the current traffic choices of our communities.
- To ensure compliance with statutory changes.

**Meg Booth**

**Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport**

**Electoral Divisions: All**

## Local Government Act 1972: List of background papers

Background Paper Nil

Date

File Reference

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## Actions Taken Under Delegated Powers

### Report of the Director for Climate Change, Environment and Transport

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Please note that the following recommendation is subject to consideration and determination by the Committee before taking effect.

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#### 1) Recommendation

It is recommended that the report be noted.

#### 2) Summary

In accordance with Minute \*4 of the Meeting of this Committee on 9 July 2021 this report details the actions taken in respect of traffic regulation orders under Delegated Powers since the last meeting.

#### 3) Actions on Advertised Traffic Orders

Since the last meeting of this Committee, a number of Traffic Orders have been progressed and where objections have been received, these have been dealt with by a consultation with the Chair and local County Councillors. Details of these matters are listed below.

Location	Proposal	Action
Rackenford Road, Tiverton	Extension to 30mph Speed Limit	Traffic regulation order advertised and restrictions implemented following consultation with local member and Chair as no objections received.
Harts Yard, Hemyock	One way and 20mph restriction	Traffic regulation orders advertised and restrictions implemented following consultation with local member and Chair as no objections received.
Butts Park & Winswood, Crediton	Disabled Parking Bays	Traffic regulation orders advertised, objections resolved and restrictions implemented following consultation with local member and Chair.

#### Meg Booth

Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport

**Electoral Divisions: Crediton, Tiverton West & Willand and Uffculme**

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## **Local Government Act 1972: List of background papers**

Background Paper Nil

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