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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**

Thursday, 19th March, 2020

A meeting of the Mid Devon Highways and Traffic Orders Committee is to be held on the above date at 10.30 am in the Phoenix House, Tiverton to consider the following matters.

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**A G E N D A**

**PART I - OPEN COMMITTEE**

- 1 Apologies for Absence
- 2 Minutes (Pages 1 - 2)  
Minutes of the meeting held on 15 October 2019, 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 Diversion of Public Highway - Land adj Holwell Farm, Bampton (Pages 3 - 6)  
Report of the Chief Officer for Highways, Infrastructure Development and Waste (HIW/20/13), attached.

*Electoral Divisions(s): Tiverton West*

- 5 Traffic Calming requirements in Halberton  
(In accordance with Standing Order 23(2), Councillor Hughes has requested that the Committee consider this matter)

Chief Officer for Highways, infrastructure Development and Waste to give a verbal update.

*Electoral Divisions(s): Tiverton East*

- 6 Request to extend the 30mph zone on the Western side of Bow (Pages 7 - 8)  
(In accordance with Standing Order 23(2) Councillor Way has requested that the Committee consider this matter)  
  
Report of Councillor Way, attached.

*Electoral Divisions(s): Crediton*

- 7 Delegated Powers (Pages 9 - 10)  
Report of the Chief Officer for Highways, Infrastructure Development and Waste (HIW/20/14), attached.

### **STANDING ITEMS**

- 8 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]*  
<http://democracy.devon.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=416&MId=2487&Ver=4&info=1>

### **MATTERS FOR INFORMATION**

- 9 Dates for Future HATOC Meetings  
29 June, 7 October 2020 and 9 March 2021.

### **PART II - ITEMS WHICH MAY BE TAKEN IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS ON THE GROUNDS THAT EXEMPT INFORMATION MAY BE DISCLOSED**

Nil

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**Membership**County Councillors

Councillors R Radford (Chair), J Berry, P Colthorpe, C Slade, M Squires and N Way

Mid Devon District Council / Devon Association of Local Councils

Councillors E Brookes-Hocking, J Cairney and L Cruwys

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## MID DEVON HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC ORDERS COMMITTEE

15 October 2019

Present:-

Devon County Council:-

Councillors R Radford (Chair), J Berry, C Slade, M Squires and N Way

Mid Devon District Council

Councillor L Cruwys

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### **Minutes**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 18 February 2019 be signed as a correct record.

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### **Election of Chair and Vice-Chair**

**RESOLVED** that Councillors Radford and Berry be elected Chair and Vice-Chair respectively for the ensuing year.

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### **Items Requiring Urgent Attention**

There was no matter raised as a matter of urgency.

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### **Highway Asset Management / Doing What Matters**

The Chief Officer for Highways, Infrastructure Development and Waste gave a presentation which covered: the Annual Programme for 2019-20 (Capital Works); Design/Delivery; Cyclical Works; Programmes; and Doing What Matters.

Doing What Matters was a different approach from a largely data-led process to a more stream-lined pragmatic system-thinking approach for highways maintenance. Members welcomed the approach with an emphasis on local Member and Neighbourhood Highways Officer input.

There followed discussion with Members and Officers around gully cleaning, data, and programme works for the Parishes, which the Highways Programme Officer undertook to circulate to Members. An interactive map showing current and planned roadworks was available at <https://roadworks.org/>.

An invitation was extended to Members to visit the Doing What Matters team in Okehampton.

[N.B. Presentation attached]

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### **Highways Permit Scheme**

The Committee received a presentation from the Assistant Project Manager on a proposed permit scheme for approving works on the highway and the introduction of statutory regulations. The presentation covered:

- the current noticing system for informing the County Council as Highways Authority of proposed road works;
- the Council's statutory duty to co-ordinate works and reduce disruption;

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- the requirement for all local authorities to consider introducing a scheme by April 2020;
- the project timeline;
- the scope covering all statutory undertakers and DCC Highway works and in phase 2 all other privately licensed works;
- types of highway works included in the proposed scheme;
- permit discounts available for recommended good practice; and
- range of conditions.

Discussion points with the Officers included:

- that retrospective permits could be applied for in emergency situations, e.g. gas or water leaks;
- the problem with redundant road signs left on roadsides after works had been completed and whether fixed penalty notices could be issued;
- the proposed timeline included a period for consultation before 'going live' in March 2020;

[N.B. presentation attached and additional information on the Scheme is available at: [www.devon.gov.uk/worksp permit-scheme](http://www.devon.gov.uk/worksp permit-scheme)]

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## **Delegated Powers**

The Committee noted the Report of the Chief Officer for Highways, Infrastructure Development and Waste (HIW/19/79) on action taken in consultation with the Chair and Local Members under Delegated Powers.

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## **Petitions/Parking Policy Reviews**

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

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

The Meeting started at 10.30 am and finished at 11.58 am

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## **Diversion of public highway; Land adjacent to Holwell Farm, Bampton**

Report of the Chief Officer for Highways, Infrastructure Development and Waste

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

**Recommendation: It is recommended that:**

- (a) the extent of highway land adjacent to Holwell Farm, Bampton, as detailed in Appendix I, is not needed for public use; and**
- (b) this Committee resolves that subject to the consultations referred to in section 4, Devon County Council makes an application to the magistrates' court for an order under Section 116 of the Highways Act 1980 that the said highway land be diverted.**

### **1. Introduction**

Under Section 116 of the Highways Act 1980, Devon County Council can make an application to a magistrates' court to stop up a divert a section of highway if they think it is more commodious (convenient).

We have received representation from the landowner at Holwell Farm who wishes to apply for a stopping up order so that the land shown in red (as shown in Appendix I) no longer forms part of the public highway and the land shown in green is adopted to provide an alternative route.

### **2. Proposal**

It is recommended that an application is made to the Magistrates' Court under Section 116 of the Highways Act 1980 to divert part of the public highway adjacent to Holwell Farm, Bampton as shown on the Drawing attached as Appendix I.

It is considered that the alternative route is more commodious (convenient) as it removes the need for the public to travel through the farmyard, and the potential conflicts, to continue onto the unmetalled route leading past Holwell Copse and onto the B3190.

The alternative route has already been provided by the landowner and is already being used by the public, including motorcycles.

### **3. Alternatives**

Devon County Council could refuse the application but would have no specific reasons for doing so.

### **4. Consultations**

A number of organisations have been contacted on the proposal and a summary of the consultees and their response can be found in Appendix II.

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We have received correspondence from the Trail Riders Fellowship seeking clarification on a number of points. The Council has responded to these points and is awaiting confirmation as to whether the Trail Riders Fellowship are objecting to the proposed diversion.

If a response is received then it will be discussed with the local member and chair, before a final decision is made whether to proceed with the application to the Magistrates Court.

## **5. Financial Considerations**

There are no financial implications to this proposal as all costs will be met by the applicant.

## **6. Environmental Impact Considerations**

There are no environmental impacts in relation to this proposal.

## **7. Equality Considerations**

There are no equality considerations in relation to this proposal.

## **8. Legal Considerations**

Under Section 116 of the Highways Act 1980 a highway authority can apply to a magistrates' court to divert a highway on the ground that it is nearer or more commodious to the public.

Only a highway authority can apply to a magistrates' court for a stopping up/diversion order. A highway authority has discretion on whether or not to make an application. However, this discretion is capable of being judicially reviewed. It should therefore have good reason for not making an order.

## **9. Risk Management Considerations**

No risks have been identified.

## **10. Public Health Impact**

There are no implications of the proposals on public health in the area.

## **11. Reasons for Recommendations**

In summary it is recommended that the Committee approve the request for an application to the magistrates' court to divert the public highway at Holwell Farm, as the existing highway is not needed for public use and is considered the alternative route is more convenient (commodious).

Meg Booth  
Chief Officer for Highways, Infrastructure Development and Waste

### **Electoral Division: Tiverton West**

Local Government Act 1972: List of Background Papers

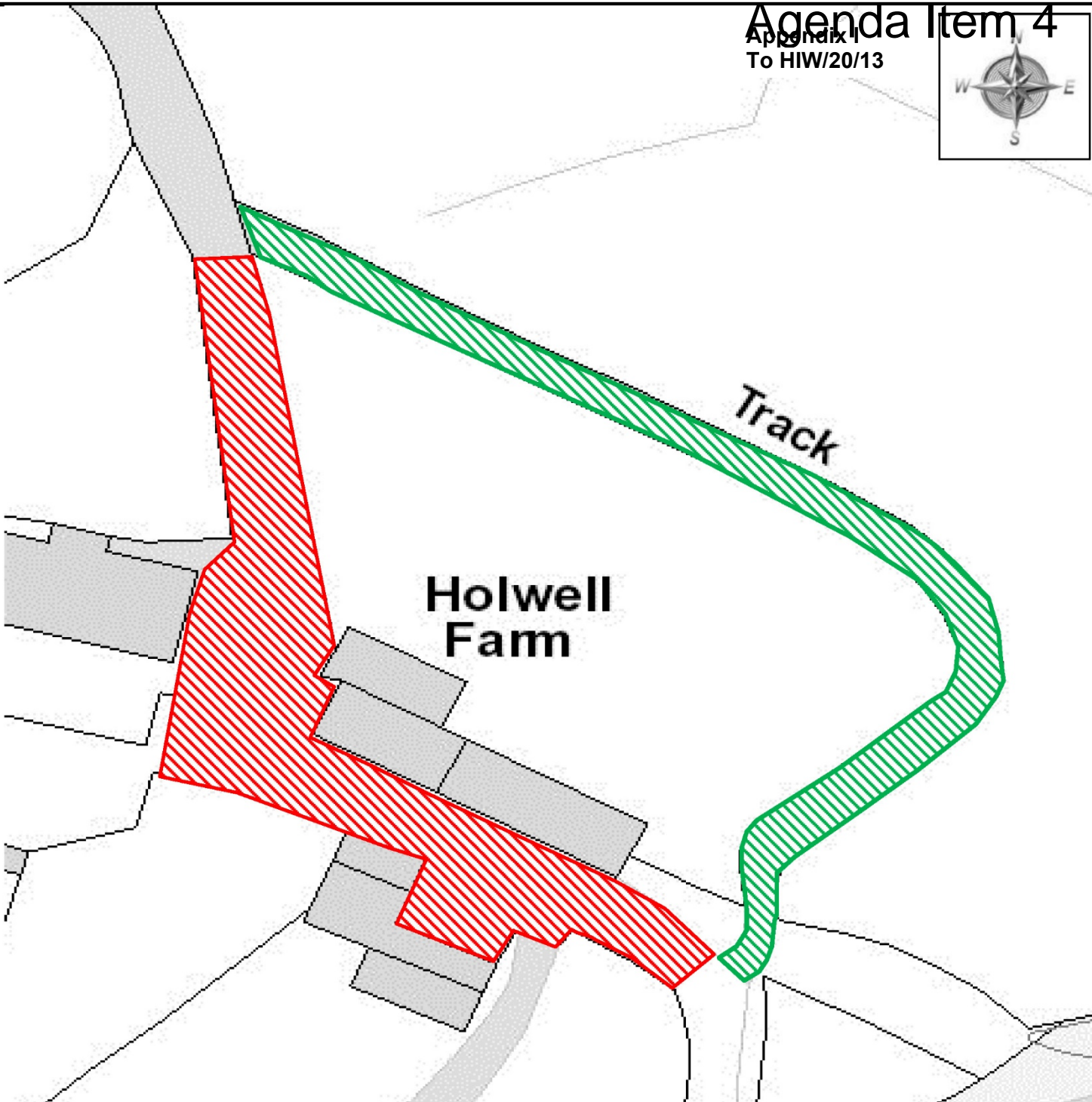
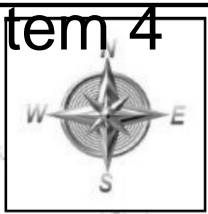
Contact for enquiries: James Bench

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Tel No: 0345 155 1004


Background Papers: None





**Key**

 Area of highway to be stopped up  
Area approx. **850** sq. metres

 Area to be created as public highway.  
Area approx. **485** sq. metres

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Meg Booth - Chief Officer for Highways, Infrastructure Development & Waste

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SCHEME  
**HOLWELL FARM, BAMPTON**

DRAWING  
**Page 5**  
**STOPPING-UP ORDER**

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CMHP	1:500
date	O.S.Ref
15-Nov-2019	296587, 123246
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Appendix II  
To HIW/20/13

## Organisations Contacted & Response

Organisation Contacted	Response
Mid Devon Council	Received 12/12/19 – No objections
Bampton Parish Council	Received 09/12/19 – No objections
BT	None received
South West Water PLC	None received
Wales and West Utilities PLC	None received
Western Power Distribution PLC	None received
Auto Cycle Union	None received
British Driving Society	None received
British Horse Society	Received 18/12/19 – No objections
Byways and Bridleways Trust	None received
Country Land and Business Association	None received
Cyclists Touring Club	None received
National Farmers Union	None received
Natural England Consultation Service	None received
Open Spaces Society	None received
Devon Green Lanes Group	None received
Ramblers	None received
Trail Riders Fellowship	Received 10/02/20 – requested clarification of proposals; response sent. Awaiting clarification whether the TRF wish to object to this diversion.
4 Wheel Vehicle Users	None received

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## **Bow - Request for a departure of policy to extend the 30mph zone**

Over recent years, Bow's village centre has seen many changes. Its shop, post office and one of the two public houses have closed. Retail, commercial and leisure facilities now serving the village have relocated or further developed their businesses 300 to 400m to the west, beyond the village boundary at Burston, almost a mile away from many of the local housing developments near the village's eastern boundary.

A well-used pedestrian pathway linking Burston to the main village and running parallel to the main A3072, was installed approximately ten years ago. Extra traffic has been generated because of these changes. The shop, garden centre and new sports field facility owners have all installed large carparks for their customers creating even more traffic and road safety is increasingly becoming a great concern locally.

More details including the numbers of customers using these facilities has been researched and provided separately by Bow Parish Council who support this request. Facilities and businesses at Burston now include:

- Garden and Aquatic Centre. This includes a recently opened café and new post office
- Co-op supermarket is the only supermarket for miles around
- Mid Devon Caravans draw customers from a wide area
- Burston Meadows Sports and Recreation Ground opened last year. Users include two football teams and the local scout group
- Several businesses including an art gallery are now situated on the old sawmill site
- Bus stop for the Okehampton / Hatherleigh to Exeter services

The Local Speed Limits Policy DTP34/05 states 'The norm in communities (minimum density 3 frontages per 100 metres) Minimum of 20 frontages over 600metres'.

A significant number of pedestrians increasingly use the footpaths between the village, retail outlets and sports facilities etc at Burston. The footfall / traffic now generated is more than equal to the required minimum density of frontages that would be generated by the number of frontages mentioned in the policy.

I therefore request the Highways and Traffic Orders Committee support the recommendation for Cabinet to grant a departure of policy and to extend the 30mph zone 40 to 50 metres to the west of the Bow Garden & Aquatic Centre at Burston.

Councillor Nick Way



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## Actions Taken Under Delegated Powers

Report of the Chief Officer for Highways, Infrastructure Development and Waste

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

**Recommendation: It is recommended that the report be noted.**

### 1. Summary

In accordance with Minute \*5 of the Meeting of this Committee on 26 June 2017 this report details the actions taken under Delegated Powers since the last meeting.

### 2. 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
Fairway, Tiverton (Braid Park)	Banned Turns	Traffic regulation order advertised and implemented after consultation with Local County Councillors and HATOC Chair as no objections were received.
Countywide	Introduction of Care Workers permits and changes to Dispensation Permit scheme	Traffic regulation order advertised, objections resolved and scheme implemented following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Highway Management and the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care & Health Services.

Meg Booth  
Chief Officer for Highways, Infrastructure Development and Waste

## Electoral Division: All in Mid Devon

Local Government Act 1972: List of Background Papers

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Background Paper

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File Ref.

None

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