

Highways Committee

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VARIOUS ROADS, BISHOP AUCKLAND (ELEVEN ARCHES) TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ORDER 2018

Report of Ian Thompson, Corporate Director of Regeneration and Local Services Councillor Brian Stephens, Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhoods and Local Partnerships

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 In accordance with the Council's Constitution, Members are asked to offer guidance to the Corporate Director in the exercise of delegated decision making. The final decision is therefore one to be made under delegated powers.
- 1.2 To advise Members of an objection received to the Eleven Arches Traffic Management Traffic Regulation Order.
- 1.3 To request that members consider the objections made during the consultation period.

2. Background

- 2.1 Eleven Arches launched the "Kynren" event in July 2016. Kynren is an open-air live show which is to run on most weekends between July – September.
- 2.2 One of the planning conditions associated with this event stipulated that Eleven Arches should submit a Traffic Management Plan to the County Council prior to the first show. A specialist Traffic Management company were commissioned by Eleven Arches to prepare and present this plan. This document was subsequently given approval by the Local Authority.
- 2.3 The plan highlighted several key areas on the surrounding highway network that would need to be managed and controlled to maintain road safety and minimise congestion. An Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO) was introduced in June 2016 to implement the recommendations of the plan. The contents of the ETRO are shown below:

- 1 A689 - Road Closure (Prohibition of Vehicles)

- To permit safe egress from the site car parks, it is proposed that the A689 be closed between 22:00 and Midnight from its roundabout junction with High Bondgate to its junction with the C188. Event buses, emergency

service vehicles and visitors exiting the site will still be permitted to use the highway during the closure.

2 A689 – No Stopping

It is proposed that No Stopping be permitted on both sides of the A689 between its roundabout junction with the B6286 and its roundabout junction with High Bondgate.

3 C188 Toronto / Bishop Auckland

It is proposed that No stopping be permitted on both sides of the C188 from its junction with Barrington Street, Toronto to its junction with the access road to Bishop Auckland Rugby Club.

4 A689 – 40mph Zone

Introduce a 40mph speed limit between 00:01 and midnight on on the A689 between its roundabout junction with the B6286 and its roundabout junction with High Bondgate.

5 Public Rights of Way 85 & 86

To close the parts of Public Rights of Way 85 & 86 that are within the site boundary between 16:00 and midnight

6 Prohibition of Right Turn

To introduce a prohibition of right turn between 12:00 and 2:00 on the unclassified road exiting onto the A689 from Car Parks A & B. Also, introduce a prohibition of right turn between 22:00 and 2:00 at the northern end of the C188 exiting onto the A689

7 Unclassified Road 34.4 – Road Closure (Prohibition of Vehicles)

To close the Unclassified Road 34.4 between 18:00 and Midnight from its junction with the Market Place, Bishop Auckland to its junction with the Unclassified Road 34.5, Newfield. Residents will still be permitted to enter the area to travel to and from their properties.

8 A689 (northbound) – Prohibition of Right Turn

To introduce a prohibition of right turn (except event buses) between 12:00 and 2:00 on the A689 (northbound) entering the Unclassified access road to Car Parks A & B

9 A689 (northbound) – Prohibition of Right Turn

10 To introduce a prohibition of right turn (except event buses) between 12:00 and 2:00 on the A689 (northbound) entering the Unclassified access road to Car Park C

- 2.4 A proposal was put forward to make the ETRO permanent in 2017. Two objections were received at this point and the scheme was referred to Highways Committee on 24th July 2017.
- 2.5 The Committee made two recommendations :
- Amend the times of item 5 so that the Public Rights Of Ways are closed between 18:00 – Midnight.
 - Remove item 7
- 2.6 As changes were required, the ETRO could not be made permanent at this point. It was therefore proposed that a revised permanent TRO be produced.

3. Proposals

- 3.1 On 16th January 2018 all Statutory Consultees were consulted on proposals to introduce a permanent Traffic Management Order to control vehicular and pedestrian traffic associated with the Eleven Arches 'Kynren' event.
- 3.2 The Order contained the amendments recommended by the previous highways committee (24th July 2017)
- 3.3 The Order was formally advertised on site and in the local press between the 29th March and the 19th April 2018.
- 3.4 One objection was received at this stage.

4. Objections and Responses

- 4.1 **Objection** (objected at formal consultation stage)
- 4.2 The objector has made a number of comments about the event and the effect it has on local residents.
- 4.3 One of their concerns is the disturbance and nuisance caused during the operation of Car Park C. They claim that the noise and 'other pollutants' from this site impacts on the health of the residents.
- 4.4 Another concern they raise relates to the diversion route which is used during the times the A689 is closed. There is a narrow single track bridge which connects Toronto to Bishop Auckland and the concern is that emergency vehicles could be delayed.
- 4.5 The objector also requested evidence that the posting of the notices during the formal consultation period was undertaken in compliance with legislation.
- 4.6 Car Park C does not form part of this Traffic Regulation Order (TRO). The TRO prohibits the right turn entry into the car park from the A689 but the objector makes no mention of this in their correspondence. The car park is

approximately 60m from the nearest property and is separated by the A689 and an area of trees / hedges.

4.7 The A689 is closed between 10pm and midnight on event days to permit the safe egress of vehicles from the site car parks. Whilst this closure is in place, vehicles are diverted along the C188 which runs between Toronto and Bishop Auckland. Newton Cap bridge lies towards the southern end of this diversion route. The bridge is narrow and relies on vehicles giving way to each other to cross. Excessive delays to cross at this point are not considered likely at the times the closure of the A689 is in place. It should also be noted that emergency vehicles are exempt from the TRO and can still use the A689.

4.8 The order was advertised on site between the 29th March and the 19th April 2018.

6. Statutory Consultation Representations

6.1 All Statutory Consultees offered no objection:

7. Local Member Consultation

7.1 The Local Members (Joy Allen and Sam Zair) were consulted and offered no objection to the proposals.

8. Conclusion

8.1 In conclusion, there were no objections raised by the Statutory Consultees and no objections raised from the directly affected frontages at the informal consultation stage.

8.2 There was one objection received at the formal advertising stage by a local resident.

9. Recommendations and reasons

9.1 It is recommended that Members resolve that they are minded to agree to set aside all objections, endorse the proposal and proceed with the implementation of the Various Roads, Bishop Auckland (Eleven Arches) Traffic Management Order 2018 with the final decision to be made by the Corporate Director under delegated powers.

The TRO will manage several key areas on the highway network surrounding the Kynren event that will control road safety and minimise congestion.

10. Background papers

10.1 Correspondence and documentation in Traffic Office File and in member's library.

Appendix 1: Implications

Finance – Rechargeable Works – Recharged to Eleven Arches

Staffing – Strategic Traffic

Risk – N/A

Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty - It is considered that there are no Equality and Diversity issues to be addressed.

Accommodation – No impact

Crime and Disorder – No impact.

Human Rights – Human Rights implications have been considered fully as part of this process. It is not considered that there will be any infringement upon the human rights of any person.

Consultation - Informal consultation was carried out on 16th January 2018. Formal Consultation was undertaken on the 29th March 2018. There was one objection received.

Procurement – Eleven Arches to procure a Traffic Management company to deploy necessary signage

Disability Issues - None

Legal Implications - All orders have been advertised by the County Council as highway authority and will be made in accordance with legislative requirements. This will result in an enforceable TRO.