

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Officer Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Adrian Gray
Title:	The Hampshire (High Street, Lymington) (Experimental One-Way Traffic) Order 2018
Reference:	A1031

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1. The decision:

1.1. That a traffic order be implemented under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (RTRA), the effects of which will be to make permanent the restrictions contained in the above experimental order.

2. Reason(s) for the decision:

2.1. Lymington and Pennington Town Council operate a charter street market within the town centre every Saturday from 6am to 6pm. Currently the Town Council promote an informal one way which is supported by an Order routing traffic via St Thomas Street and Church Lane and effectively preventing access to the High Street from the south-west.

The County Council is working with the Town Council to improve the traffic management arrangements for the street market. The existing Order does not prevent traffic from within the high Street travelling against the main flow of traffic and this is causing increased congestion, difficulty in passing vehicles, interruption to the bus service, as well as damage to stalls and goods. The experimental order to introduce one-way operation in a south westerly direction aimed to reduce the congestion, improve the bus service, reduce the likelihood of damage to stalls and goods, improve conditions for pedestrians travelling between stalls, and support the economic vitality of the Town.

2.2. No objections or representations were received in response to the public consultation which took place between 31 August 2018 and 6 March 2019.

2.3. Due consideration has been given to RTRA 1984 section 122 and any other relevant legislation. In this case the Decision Maker acting on behalf of the Local Authority considers this TRO expeditious, for the convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians).

2.4 The decision outlined in paragraph 2.3 (above) to exercise the functions of the Local Authority under RTRA 1984 section 122 has been reached on the basis of what is reasonably practicable after due regard has been given to:

- the desirability of securing and maintaining reasonable access to premises;
- the effect on the amenities of any locality affected;
- 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
- any other matters appearing to the authority to be relevant.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. The option to retain the current routing arrangement has been considered but is undesirable as it permits residents and those accessing premises on the High Street to travel against the main traffic flow. This has the effect of obstructing traffic flow and causing damage to stall holder property as vehicles must pass within a single traffic lane. This arrangement also limits accessibility as buses are obstructed.

4. Scheme Funding:

4.1. The Town Council have funded the necessary temporary signing to implement the one way, with the costs associated with processing the Traffic Regulation Order being part of the County Traffic Management Capital programme.

5. Conflicts of interest:

5.1. None

6. Dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service:

6.1. None

7. Supporting information:

7.1. Local Member, Councillor M White supports the proposal.

7.2. Police – have no objections

7.3. Draft permanent order

Approved by:

Adrian Gray

Date:

21/6/ 2019

Adrian Gray, Head of Highways (Traffic Manager)

On behalf of the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment