

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Officer Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Adrian Gray
<b>Title:</b>	Traffic Order Proposals : Prohibition of Right Turns at New Road, Hardley
<b>Reference:</b>	A1058

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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 prohibit vehicles from making a right turn manoeuvre from U148 New Road onto A326 Long Lane and heading north-west into Hardley Roundabout and from making a right turn manoeuvre into U148 New Road from A326 Long Lane.

#### 2. Reason(s) for the decision:

- 2.1. New Road/Long Lane is a junction where the right turn movement of vehicles coming from New Road is currently allowed and is a narrow single carriageway road which connects Long Lane and Cadland Road. It also provides access to a public house carpark, field access and a church.

The right turn movement of the traffic coming from New Road is a safety concern due to the lack of visibility and close proximity to the Hardley roundabout. There is a shared use cycle route alongside this section of the A326, Long Lane, and there have been incidents of conflict between cyclists and vehicles at the New Road junction. For this reason, the proposed improvements to Hardley Roundabout's new design include an extension of the existing traffic island, which will physically prevent a right turn from New Road onto A326 Long Lane, and a Traffic Sign to diagram 614 'No Right Turn' in the junction.

- 2.2. One representation was received in response to the public consultation which took place between 12 March and 2 April 2021 from the Lighthouse Community Church which exists on a track known as Hardley Green which is designated as a bridleway although does provide access to the church. There are concerns that prohibiting the right turns into and out of New Road at its junction with the A326, Long Lane, will increase the level of traffic using Hardley Green to avoid the roundabout junction. In response to the points raised the improvements at the A326 roundabout junction with Cadland Road aim to improve traffic flow and therefore

reduce the likelihood that drivers will seek an alternative route when heading south towards the Holbury, Blackfield and Fawley areas. As a bridleway there is only a right of access to the church and for accompanied horses and pedestrians. Drivers will remain able to make a left turn onto the A326 from New Road and therefore those travelling south and exiting the car park for the Forest Home PH will continue to use the A326 junction with New Road. There is no benefit to drivers in using Hardley Green if travelling north on the A326 as this route does not avoid the roundabout.

- 2.3. Due consideration has been given to RTRA 1984 sections 122(1) and 122(2) 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 sections 122(1) and 122(2) 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

**3. Other options considered and rejected:**

- 3.1. None

**4. Scheme Funding:**

- 4.1. LEP funding allocated to the A326 improvements.

**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 A McEvoy made no comment about the proposals.
- 7.2. Police – have no objection
- 7.3. Draft Order

**Approved by:**

**Date:**

*Adrian Gray*

**17/6/2021**

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**Adrian Gray, Head of Highways (Traffic)**

**On behalf of the Director of Economy, Transport and  
Environment**