

## Report to the Cabinet

Meeting to be held on Thursday, 10 May 2018

## Report of the Head of Service Highways

### Part I

Electoral Divisions affected:  
Chorley Rural East; Clayton with Whittle; Cleveleys East; Great Harwood, Rishton & Clayton-le-Moors; Hoghton with Wheelton; Leyland South; Mid Rossendale; Rossendale East;

### **Lancashire County Council (Various Roads, Wyre, Chorley, Hyndburn and Rossendale) (Revocation, One Way Traffic, Prohibition of Driving except for Access, Prohibition of Left Turn except Cycles, Width Restriction and Weight Restriction) Order 201\***

(Appendices 'A' to 'E' refer)

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#### **Executive Summary**

This report proposes to introduce a number of restrictions according to the attached schedule and plans at Appendices 'A' to 'E' to prevent conflicts with traffic and create a safer environment for all road users.

The proposals have been advertised in the local press and a number of objections have been received with regard to the proposal for one way traffic on Jenny Lane, Wheelton. After consideration of the objections it is proposed that the draft order be amended prior to making, to remove this restriction.

This is deemed to be a Key Decision and the provisions of Standing Order 25 have been complied with.

#### **Recommendation**

Cabinet is recommended to approve authorisation to seal the order excluding item c, of schedule 1 (one way traffic on Jenny Lane (U5940), Wheelton) as set out in the report and its appendices.

## **Background and Advice**

In the interest of road safety, for the avoidance of danger to persons or other traffic using the road, and for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising Lancashire County Council advertised the following proposals for new or amended traffic regulation orders;

### **CHORLEY AREA - Appendix 'A' refers**

- i. **A673 Chorley Road (Access Road), Adlington**  
The introduction of a one way system along the length of the A673. Chorley Road access section fronting local businesses is to prevent conflicts with traffic emerging from the access road within the signal controlled area at the junction of Chorley Road and Railway Road.
- ii. **B5248, Dawson Lane, Buckshaw Village/Whittle-le-Woods**  
The introduction of the 7.5 tonne weight restriction is to reduce use of Dawson Lane as a through route providing access to the commercial areas of Buckshaw Village.
- iii. **U8795, Jackson Street, Chorley**  
The proposal is to correctly introduce an order to support existing one way signage where there is no one way order in place, thereby allowing enforcement activity to be carried out.
- iv. **U5942, Jenny Lane, Wheelton**  
The introduction of a one way system for the entire length of Jenny Lane is to reduce HGV movements along this narrow road eliminating conflicts. Following objections it is proposed that this item will be removed from the order prior to sealing.

### **HYNDBURN AREA - Appendix 'B' refers**

- i. **U41295, Hartley Street, Great Harwood**  
The introduction of the width restriction will ensure larger vehicles (over 2 metres in width) are prohibited from accessing the main route of Park Lane via the new residential development of Mill Gardens. This will in turn create a safer environment on Mill Gardens for pedestrian drivers.

### **ROSSENDALE AREA - Appendix 'C' refers**

- i. **U7672, Fallbarn Road, Rawtenstall**  
The introduction of the Prohibition of Driving on Fallbarn Road is to support the Valley of Stone cycle way. It is proposed to install a defined pedestrian / cycle lane around the blind bend to reduce the opportunity for conflict.
- ii. **U8721, Fairfield Avenue, Rawtenstall**  
The proposal is to revoke the 1972 order that was subsequently superseded in 2006.

## **WYRE AREA - Appendix 'D' refers**

### **i. U21593, Crabtree Road, Thornton-Cleveleys**

The introduction of the No Left Turn is to deter vehicles short cutting through the area hence preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the road runs, and avoiding danger to persons or traffic using the road, or any other road, or to prevent the likelihood of such danger arising.

## **Consultations**

Formal consultation was carried out between 19 January 2018 and 21 February 2018 and advertised in the local press and notices were also displayed on site. The divisional county councillors were also consulted. Public consultation has resulted in a number of comments with regard to the weight restriction on Dawson Lane, Buckshaw Village/Whittle-le-Woods and one way traffic order on Jenny Lane, Wheelton.

### **Dawson Lane**

All comments received supported the weight restriction but also called for the introduction of a 40mph speed limit. For administrative reasons speed limit orders are introduced separately to traffic regulation orders. However, a speed limit order is being introduced in parallel with this proposal. The signing work for both will be undertaken at the same time and the orders sealed on completion of the work. This will satisfy the comments received.

### **Jenny Lane**

#### **Objections**

The comments with regard to the implementation of the one way working were mixed and split between those who support the measure and those who object. Over the consultation period, that was extended to accommodate the needs of Wheelton Parish Council a total of 8 replies were received 3 of these were from properties that were in support of the one way working and 5 that objected to the changes for various reasons. One significant objection was from a local businesses on Jenny Lane that is subject to an operator's licence covering their delivery vehicles. This licence is issued with the restriction that all vehicles should enter and leave Jenny Lane via the A674 Blackburn Road. This licence requirement presumes that Jenny Lane has two way traffic and so would be inconsistent with the proposed restriction unless the licence was varied.

#### **Officer Comments**

The provision of one way working on Jenny Lane, Wheelton, was proposed to address a problem with larger vehicles damaging properties whilst exiting Jenny Lane to Blackburn Road. Following changes in operations by local businesses, including the use of shorter vehicles, there have been no recent reports of damage.

Taking into account the split in view on the proposals, the improved traffic management position and considering the needs of the local business this element of the order has been removed and is not proposed to be implemented.

**Implications:**

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

**Financial**

The costs of the Traffic Regulation Order will be funded from within the 2018/19 revenue budget for new signs and lines at an estimated cost of £26,000.

**Risk management**

Road safety may be compromised should the proposed restrictions not be approved.

**List of Background Papers**

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N/A

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A