

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Culture and Recreation
Date:	17 May 2011
Title:	Proposal to apply for a Traffic Regulation Order on part of Ashmansworth Byway Open to All Traffic No. 18
Reference:	2884
Report From:	Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services

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1. The decision:

- a) It is recommended that Hampshire County Council should advertise its intention to introduce a **permanent** Traffic Regulation Order under section 1 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to restrict vehicles with three or more wheels and horse-drawn carriages on Ashmansworth Byway Open to All Traffic (BOAT) 18 **between points C and D** on the report plan.
- b) It is further recommended that Hampshire County Council should advertise its intention to introduce a **seasonal** Traffic Regulation Order, to be in force between 31 August and 31 May each year, under section 1 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to restrict vehicles with three or more wheels on Ashmansworth Byway Open to All Traffic (BOAT) 18 **between points A and B** on the report plan. The Traffic Regulation Order to be reviewed after a period of 2 years to assess its continued suitability.
- c) Once comments have been received on this proposal from interested parties a further report should be prepared for the Executive Member seeking approval for the making of the abovementioned Traffic Regulation Orders, should it still be considered appropriate to do so in light of those comments.

2. Reason(s) for the decision:

- a) Ashmansworth Byway Open to All Traffic No. 18 has been subject to temporary closures for a period of approximately 3 years to allow significant repairs to take place. These repairs have now been completed and the surface allowed to settle. In order to limit restrictions whilst also taking practical measures to protect this route from further erosion it is desirable to exclude motorised vehicles with 3 or more wheels during the winter months when the surface is vulnerable to damage.

- b) Road safety concerns have been raised regarding the potential danger when exiting from this route onto the A343. Visibility at this point is not sufficient for 3 or 4 wheeled vehicles, or horse-drawn carriages, to emerge safely.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- a) Following surface repairs in February 2008 the route was subject to a temporary closure to all users to allow the surface to settle. After six months the route was made available to walkers, cyclists, horse riders and horse-drawn vehicles. From June 2009 the route was opened to motorcycles but remains closed to 3 or more wheel vehicles. Through this staged reopening of the route the appropriate level of restriction has been tested so that the least-restrictive option can be taken for the long term.

4. Conflicts of interest:

- a) Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker:
None.
- b) Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted:
None.

5. Dispensation granted by the Standards Committee: none.

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.

7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

Approved by:	Date:
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Executive Member for Culture and Recreation Councillor K. Chapman	