

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Executive Decision Record**

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Culture, Recreation and Countryside
Date:	15 August 2014
Title:	Proposal to make a Traffic Regulation Order on Hook Byway Open to All Traffic No.1 and Winchfield Byway Open to All Traffic No.14
Reference:	6047
Report From:	Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services

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1. The decision:

1.1 That the Executive Member supports the introduction of a permanent Traffic Regulation Order under section 1 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, to prohibit motor vehicles with three or more wheels from proceeding along Hook BOAT No.1 and Winchfield BOAT No.14, as shown on the attached plan.

2. Reason(s) for the decision:

2.1 The surface conditions of Hook BOAT No.1, and to a lesser extent Winchfield BOAT No.14, have been very badly damaged primarily by vehicle use, especially in wet weather conditions. The route has become virtually impassable (on foot, bike and horse as well as in a vehicle) at most times of the year, because it is heavily shaded and rarely dries out.

2.2 The route has been subject to temporary closure since 1st November 2013 owing to the significant surface damage that has occurred. 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 at all times of year as the surface is very vulnerable to damage.

2.3 The route from A30 along Hook BOAT No.1 and Winchfield BOAT No. 14 is effectively a 'dead end' for vehicles as it leads to Old Potbridge Road, which has a Traffic Regulation Order prohibiting access using any motor vehicle having three or more wheels. Therefore all vehicles using Hook BOAT No.1 and Winchfield BOAT No. 14 have no option but to return the way they came, thus increasing damage to the route.

2.4 Extensive consultation has taken place over many weeks and the results show that there is strong local support for this proposal.

3 Other options considered and rejected:

3.1 Continual repair would be an option, but this was ruled out almost immediately due to inefficient use of resources.

3.2 Taking no action.

4 Conflicts of interest:

4.1 Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker:
None.

4.2 Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted:
None.

5 Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: 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, Recreation and Countryside Councillor Keith Chapman	