

**Hampshire County Council**

**Report to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment**

**December 2016**

**Traffic Order Proposal: Prohibition of Driving in Eddeys Lane at Headley Down**

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**1. Summary**

**1.1 The following decision is sought:**

That a Traffic Order be made under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to prohibit vehicles from entering that length of Eddeys Lane between a point 2 metres east of the eastern kerbline of its junction with Southview Road and a point 4.2metres north east of that point.

**2. Reason**

**2.1** Eddeys Lane is a small residential road (largely without footways) and is currently subjected to rat running during both peak and non-peak hours from users of the busy B3002 Grayshott Road and Beech Hill carriageways located at each end of the road. It suffers due to linking these two roads and this impact is further heightened when peak hour traffic queues to the nearby Roundabout at Glayshers Hill.

**2.2** There have been ongoing concerns reported from both residents and pedestrians in the area and near misses between pedestrians and vehicles have been documented from rat running traffic despite an existing prohibition of vehicles 'except for access' order being in force. The proposals to physically prohibit vehicles passing through the described length of Eddeys Lane would stop this.

**2.3** The proposal has support from the Parish Members, the Council Councillor and the Police who have no objection to this prohibition.

**3. Other Options Considered and Rejected**

**3.1** Other options that were initially considered and consulted on via the Parish Councillors and residents were:  
a) traffic calming measures.

b) a one way system.

4. **Conflicts of Interest Declared by the Decision Maker or Other Executive Member Consulted – None.**
5. **Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel – None.**
6. **Reason(s) for the Matter being dealt with if Urgent – None.**

**Approved by:**

**Date:**

21/12/16

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**Stuart Jarvis**  
**Director of Economy, Transport and Environment**

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**1. Introduction**

- 1.1 This report considers the implementation of a new prohibition of driving order for vehicles in Eddeys Lane, Headley Down.

**2. Recommendation**

That a Traffic Order be made under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to prohibit vehicles from entering that length of Eddeys Lane between a point 2 metres east of the eastern kerbline of its junction with Southview Road and a point 4.2metres north east of that point.

**3. Justification and Details of Proposal**

- 3.1 As part of the scaling back of the traffic management service, the County Council's Traffic Management team is aiming to substantially complete its outstanding commitments (such as the Eddeys Lane scheme) by the end of the current financial year (31<sup>st</sup> March 2017).
- 3.2 The advertised proposals consist of a closure in Eddeys Lane between its junctions with Southview Road and Eddeys Close.
- 3.3 The closure would enable motorists attempting to travel along Eddeys Lane to turn around in either the Southview Road junction area or the Eddeys Close junction area. Residents would continue to be able to enter/exit Eddeys Lane at either the Beech Hill junction or the Grayshott Road junction. There is limited visibility at both of these junctions – to the south at the Beech Hill junction; to the west at the Grayshott Road junction.
- 3.4 The five year injury accident record for these junctions shows one slight accident (in 2013) at the Beech Hill junction and no accidents at the Grayshott Road junction.

- 3.5 The proposal to physically prohibit vehicles passing through Eddeys Lane would stop any through traffic whilst still allowing residents access and this would help to improve the environment.
- 3.6 The proposal has the local support from Parish Members, the Council Councillor and the Police who have no objection to this prohibition.
- 3.7 Attached are:
- (i) the traffic order;
  - (ii) a location plan.

#### 4. Consultation

- 4.1 Local members at County and Parish Council level were consulted and supported the proposal. Other statutory consultees included the Police, Freight Transport Association, Road Haulage Association and the Hampshire Chamber of Commerce.
- 4.2 A response was received from the Police confirming that they do not object to the proposal. No objections were received from the other consulted statutory bodies.
- 4.3 A total of 11 representations were received during the Statutory Consultation period which took place from the 8<sup>th</sup> July to 29<sup>th</sup> July 2016. 10 of these responses were from residents and 1 from Grayshott Parish Council. A summary of these responses is shown in **Integral Appendix C** and a summary is also shown below.

#### **Statutory Consultation Responses summary**

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| Support: | 6 responses (1 from the Parish Council) |
| Object:  | 5 responses                             |
| Total:   | 11 responses                            |

(Note: 10 of the 11 responses received were from residents)

#### 5. Local Member's View

- 5.1 Local Parish Councillors and the County Councillor have supported the scheme to prohibit vehicles from passing through Eddeys Lane. Councillors identify that the proposed measures are designed to prevent the use of Eddeys Lane from rat-running and this change has been supported unanimously by them.

#### 6. Cost

- 6.1 The cost of implementation will be met from the existing Traffic Management Programme budget.

## **7. Conclusion**

- 7.1 The Prohibition or Driving Order will remove the ability to rat-run along Eddeys Lane and help promote lower traffic speeds and more appropriate driver behaviours for this residential area.
- 7.2 No objections from statutory bodies were received during the consultation period and unanimous support was given by Councillors from the adjoining Grayshott Parish Council.
- 7.3 There are two main risks in not proceeding with the advertised proposal and progressing an alternative proposal: Firstly, implementing the advertised proposal is likely to take four to five months and could therefore be achieved by the end of March 2017; progressing an alternative proposal through the redesign/re-advertise/approval steps would be likely to take a minimum of an additional three months thereby moving the implementation of the scheme well beyond the end of the current financial year. Secondly, there is the possibility that, when an alternative proposal is advertised, objections to that proposal could be received which counter the representations already received during the original advertisement leaving no clear consensus as to the way forward for the scheme.
- 7.4 In view of the representations already received during the original advertisement, the advertised proposal could be implemented and then reviewed after a six month monitoring period. Preformed kerbs and removable bollards could be used for the closure.
- 7.5 The existing Prohibition of Vehicles (except for access) Order will be revoked when implementing these measures.
- 7.6 Whilst there is a scaling back of the Traffic Management service from 1 April 2017 there will be staff resources and funding to carry out the monitoring and review of the implemented scheme.
- 7.7 On this basis Officers recommendations are for the Director of Economy Transport and Environment to consider and make a recommendation to approve the proposed prohibition measures from this Statutory Consultation.

**CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:****Links to the Corporate Strategy**

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| <b>Hampshire safer and more secure for all:</b>          | yes |
| Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate): |     |
| <b>Maximising well-being:</b>                            | yes |
| Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate): |     |
| <b>Enhancing our quality of place:</b>                   | yes |
| Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate): |     |

**Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents**

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

DocumentLocation

Work file

 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
 Elizabeth II Court West,  
 Winchester

## **IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:**

### **1. Equalities Impact Assessment:**

- 1.1 The proposals in this report have been developed with due regard to the requirements of the Equality Act 2010, including the Public Sector Equality Duty and the Council's equality objectives.
- 1.2 It is considered that the issues covered by this report will not have impacts requiring further specific actions by the Council above those already established in its existing policies and working procedures.

### **2. Impact on Crime and Disorder: No impact**

### **3. Climate Change: No impact**

**Traffic Regulation Order**  
**Eddeys Lane Road Closure - Consultation comments**

| Representations from:                | Summary of Representations                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Officer comments                                                                                                |
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| Email 1:<br>Grayshott Parish Council | Grayshott Parish Council confirmed that the traffic order proposal was discussed at its recent Parish Council meeting and was unanimously supported by Councillors.                                                                                                                                                               | Support noted                                                                                                   |
| Email 2:<br>Mr and Mrs McBain        | Confirm their support for the proposals without any further comments.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Support noted                                                                                                   |
| Email 3:<br>Mr Simon Parton          | Confirms his full support for the proposals                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Support noted                                                                                                   |
| Email 4:<br>Mr Robert Rodwell        | Confirms that he supports the Councils solution to the rat running.<br><br>Also highlights awareness to his neighbours support for closing the Grayshott Road end of the Eddeys Lane and suggests this will reduce the need for vehicles to turn around in Eddeys Lane.                                                           | Support noted                                                                                                   |
| Email 5:<br>Mrs Doreen Rampton       | She confirms that a safer solution would be to prohibit vehicles from Eddeys Lane at the Grayshott Road junction.<br><br>Confirms that Eddeys lane is used as a cut through and expresses concern about safety for vehicles and road users exiting Eddeys Lane at the Grayshott Road junction and from driveways within the road. | The extent of the highway at the Grayshott Road end of the lane limits the provision of any turning facilities. |



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| <p>Email 6:<br/>Mr Ben Arlow</p>                   | <p>Object to the proposals on the following grounds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He and his wife turn into Eddeys Lane from Grayshott Road to access their property.</li> <li>• He can see no benefit to the proposal and suggests that there is misconception as to the extent that Eddeys Lane is being used as a cut through</li> <li>• He has concerns about any changes being made to the road before a decision is made regarding the site of the former Londis and Post Office store.</li> <li>• Objects on the basis that the proposals state that "local views support replacing the existing access only order when he believes there has been no previous consultation.</li> </ul> | <p>Implemented scheme to be monitored for a six month period and then reviewed.</p>                                    |
| <p>Email 7:<br/>Jon Aldred and Paula Underhill</p> | <p>Welcome proposals that halt traffic using the road as a cut through but think that a better solution would be to block the entrance with the junction of Grayshott Road.</p> <p>They confirm that they have spoken to other residents and that this option seems to be locally supported.</p> <p>They also report two near misses, one with a vehicle reversing from a private driveway and the other when a car narrowly missed his dogs when he was leaving his driveway to walk them.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <p>The extent of the highway at the Grayshott Road end of the lane limits the provision of any turning facilities.</p> |

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| <p>Email 8:<br/>Mrs Joan Bennett</p> | <p>Is very pleased that the problem of through traffic rat running is being addressed after many years of coping with the problem but is concerned that the prohibition in the middle section of the road would create problems of its own.</p> <p>Further to discussions with other neighbours they feel that a more satisfactory solution would be to prohibit vehicles at the junction of Grayshott Road.</p> <p>Also express concerns with various type of vehicles turning around in the street</p> <p>Concerns about heavy plant, refuse and delivery vehicles to the area not easily being able to turn around.</p> | <p>The extent of the highway at the Grayshott Road end of the lane limits the provision of any turning facilities.</p> |
| <p>Email 9:<br/>Mr Brad Davis</p>    | <p>He confirms that he objects to the proposals based on the proposed location of the prohibition.</p> <p>Highlights concerns with safety when turning out from Eddeys Lane into Grayshott Road.</p> <p>Highlights the lack of safety for pedestrians when in Eddeys Lane at the junction of Grayshott Road</p> <p>Does not want the opportunity of improving safety at Grayshott Road junction and prohibiting traffic at that point to be missed.</p>                                                                                                                                                                    | <p>The extent of the highway at the Grayshott Road end of the lane limits the provision of any turning facilities.</p> |

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| Email 10:<br>Mr David<br>Blackwell | <p>He is in favour to support the proposal to close off Eddeys Lane but has concerns regarding vehicles being parked and left near to junction with the Beech Hill junction and wants to know what measures would be put in place to either discourage or stop this.</p> <p>Has concerns about emergency vehicles, large delivery trucks and articulated vehicles being able to access Southview Road.</p>                            | <p>Wants to see additional measures</p> <p>Implemented scheme to be monitored for a six month period and then reviewed.</p> |
| Email 11:                          | <p>Is delighted that this long standing issue is making progress to improve the quality of life to local residents whilst addressing safety.</p> <p>Thinks the road closure proposal seems to be an excellent suggestion but seeks clarity on whether it would be a permanent solution and what barriers would be used.</p> <p>Asks if consideration could be given to a closure option at the Grayshott Road end of Eddeys Lane.</p> | <p>The extent of the highway at the Grayshott Road end of the lane limits the provision of any turning facilities.</p>      |