

Hampshire County Council

Report to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

March 2016

Traffic Order – The Hampshire (Footpath Linking Kingsway and Brownhill Road, Chandler’s Ford) (Revocation of Prohibition of Cycling) Order 2016

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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 revoke the prohibition of cycling on the footpath linking Kingsway and Brownhill Road at Chandler’s Ford.

That the footway be converted to enable shared use by cyclists as well as pedestrians under the Highways Act 1980, section 65(1).

2. Reason

2.1 This proposal supports the objective ‘Hampshire safer and more secure for all’ and the key theme ‘Economy’ through the development of infrastructure that provides a link for cyclists between local schools and residential areas. The footway conversion will encourage more non car based trips and a reduction in school gate congestion as well as supporting increased child physical activity and travel independence.

3. Other Options Considered and Rejected

3.1 The option to retain the existing situation has been considered but rejected on the basis that there is a local desire for the route to be available for use by cyclists as well as pedestrians, plus there are benefits in supporting travel to and from the local schools. It is considered that the needs of the local community could be met, at minimal cost, through the revocation of the prohibition on cycling and the conversion to allow use by cyclists as well as pedestrians.

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:

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

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 This report considers the revocation of a prohibition on cycling on a footway linking Kingsway and Brownhill Road, Chandler’s Ford and the conversion of the footway to allow shared use by both cyclists and pedestrians.

2. Recommendation

That a Traffic Order be made under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to revoke the prohibition of cycling on the footpath linking Kingsway and Brownhill Road at Chandler’s Ford.

That the footway be converted to enable shared use by cyclists as well as pedestrians under the Highways Act 1980, section 65(1).

3. Justification and Details of Proposal

- 3.1 The scheme was prepared as part of the 2015/16 Minor Works programme. The footway link between Kingsway and Brownhill Road, Chandler’s Ford has been identified as a useful link between local schools and areas of housing. A conversion for use by cyclists as well as pedestrians will encourage more non car based trips which will contribute to reducing school gate congestion at the nearby Chandler’s Ford Infant School and Merdon Junior School, as well as supporting increased child physical activity and travel independence. The footway is suitable for conversion in terms of both width and condition, requiring only signing to be provided.

- 3.2 There are no injury accidents recorded for this footway link and its junctions with Kingsway and Brownhill Road for the five year period ending 31 December 2015.
- 3.3 This proposal supports the objective 'Hampshire safer and more secure for all' and the key theme 'Economy' through the development of infrastructure that provides a link for cyclists between local schools and residential areas. The footway conversion will encourage more non car based trips and a reduction in school gate congestion as well as supporting increased child physical activity and travel independence.
- 3.4 Attached are:
- (i) the draft traffic order ([Kingsway to Brownhill Way - rev PoC - Order 2016 \(A964\)](#));
 - (ii) a location and descriptive plan of the area ([Kingsway to Brownhill Road - footway conversion](#)).

4. **Consultation**

- 4.1 As part of the initial stages of consultation in June 2015 Sustrans was invited to comment on the proposals and offered its full support.
- 4.2 The Police were consulted in May 2015 and have raised no objection to the proposal.
- 4.3 The proposed traffic regulation order to revoke the prohibition of cycling and the proposed conversion to allow shared use of the footway link were advertised from 22nd January to 12 February 2016. As a result nine representations were received, of which three represent objections to the proposal. The three objectors were on the whole supportive of the initiative but raised concerns about the impact on a residential access at the Kingsway end of the footway, mainly in respect of the visibility on exiting the driveway, and also the safety of pedestrians when using a route shared with cyclists. The details of all the representations received and Officers comments are attached as Appendix C ([Kingsway to Brownhill Road APPENDIX C](#)) to this report.

5. **Local Member's View**

- 5.1 The local Member, Councillor Grajewski, supports the proposal and comments that the route is already well used by cyclists.

6. **Cost**

- 6.1 The cost of implementation will be met as part of a scheme in the 2015/16 Minor Works sub programme of the Capital Programme.

7. **Conclusion**

- 7.1 It is recommended that the proposal to revoke the prohibition of cycling and convert the footway for shared use by pedestrians and cyclists be approved.

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

Hampshire safer and more secure for all:	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
Maximising well-being:	no
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
Enhancing our quality of place:	no
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

None

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. The website contains a summary [assessment of the impacts](#) on 'Develop Hampshire's highway network and transport systems'.
- 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:

- 2.1 The proposals aim to enable cyclists to use a route on which they are currently prohibited from travelling. It is noted that the route is already used by cyclists and therefore the proposal will reduce the level of contravention and the associated enforcement requirement on the Police.

3. Climate Change:

- a) How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption?

The proposal aims to encourage a greater level of cycling and walking, particularly in relation to accessing the local schools. It is hoped that this will result in reduced car travel and school gate congestion resulting in positive impact on our carbon footprint.

- b) How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts?

The proposal seeks to encourage a local modal shift in travel behaviour, provides an alternative option for cyclist travel through extending the local cycle network.