

# Equality Impact Assessment



## Name of project/proposal

Byway Traffic Regulation Orders 2016

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## Purpose for project/proposal

This assessment supports the Byway Traffic Regulation Orders 2016 report that seeks approval from the Executive Member Culture, Recreation and Countryside on 4 Oct 2016 for the proposed approach to managing the 10 Byways Open to All Traffic (referred to as the byways) in Hampshire which were originally included or related with the 2014 Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO).

1.1 The purpose of this paper is to seek approval from the Executive Member Culture, Recreation and Countryside for the proposed approach to managing the 10 Byways Open to All Traffic (referred to in this report as the byways) in Hampshire which were originally included or related with the 2014 Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO).

1.2. The report also proposes a more sustainable approach to traffic management on byways in order to reduce the need for major capital expenditure to keep the routes open in the long term.

1.3. Following a review of the 10 byways which were originally included or related with the 2014 ETRO Process, it is proposed that these byways are managed in one of three different ways: remain open and monitor usage, closed to motorised vehicles with 3 wheels or more or closed to all vehicles.

1.4. In considering how to move to a sustainable management model for the maintenance of byways and to reduce the need for major capital expenditure, it is proposed to make greater use of Seasonal Traffic Regulation Orders and Temporary Closures. This will result in a more dynamic approach thereby reducing the risk of damage to byways by using more adaptive closures and will reduce or prevent traffic using byways when there is an increased risk of damage i.e. during the winter months or periods of extreme weather.

## Consultation

Has a consultation been carried out?

Planned

Consultation has taken place with the Hampshire Countryside Access Forum (an independent statutory advisory group) and with local members. Initial consultation has taken place with user groups who will be affected by this decision. There will be a period of 6 weeks statutory public consultation as part of the order making process.

## Statutory considerations

### Impact

Age	None
Disability	None
Sexual orientation	None
Race	None
Religion and belief	None
Gender reassignment	None
Sex	None
Marriage and civil partnership	None
Pregnancy and maternity	None

### Other policy considerations

Poverty	None
Rurality	Low
Other factors	Nothing selected

Geographical impact

East Hampshire

Have you identified any medium or high impact?\*

Yes

No

Why do you consider that your project/proposal will have low or no impact?

This decision does not affect any people who fall into the protected characteristics.

A decision to continue to restrict access by motorised vehicles on some routes will enable surface improvements to be maintained, making the route more easily accessible by a wider range of path users including those who are less mobile. It does not affect mobility vehicle users.

To minimise the impact on motorised vehicle users the least restrictive option available has been recommended in line with the Council's adopted policy.

This affect byways in the rural areas of East Hampshire District and is likely to have a low impact on rural communities. There will be a low negative impact on specific users of the access network (4 wheel drive and motorbike drivers) and a low positive impact on the majority of users e.g. walkers, cyclists and horse riders as

routes are managed to ensure that they continue to be accessible. These routes are not used for school/employment access and are predominantly recreational. This supports the no impact on age.

## **Final decision date**

Final decision date due  
Decision to be made by

04 Oct 2016  
Executive Member