

# Report to Deputy Leader & Cabinet Member for Transportation

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**Decision to be taken on or after 26 March 2020**

**Decision can normally be implemented at least  
3 working days after decision has been signed.**

**Cabinet Member Report No. [number]**

**Title:** The Buckinghamshire County Council (Beaconsfield  
A355 Improvements project) Traffic Regulation  
(consolidation) Order 2020

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## Summary

The County Council has delivered a new relief road to the east of Beaconsfield along with a new roundabout and a number of improvements. The key objective of the scheme is to reduce congestion on the A355 and at the London End roundabout. The scheme will also improve north-south connectivity in Buckinghamshire. The new relief road has been built with a new junction at Maxwell Road at the northern end, and will connect with the A40 at Pyebush roundabout at the southern end. It has been delivered in two parts; northern section by BCC from Maxwell road to Minerva Way and southern section by Inland Homes from Minerva Way to Pyebush Roundabout. Whilst there are a number of elements of the project, such as the re-alignment of Maxwell Road, the new roundabout, and the upgraded footpath, which are already in use; the new link road - which is to be named Bowl Barrow Way - will remain unopened until potentially late 2022.

A consultation was carried out to implement a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to enforce the necessary restrictions. Following the completion of the statutory consultation period (3 weeks) it is recommended that the following restrictions are implemented:

- New Maxwell Road link up to its junction with the south arm of the new roundabout. – Extend permanent waiting restriction on both sides of the road.
- New Maxwell Road link up to its junction with the south arm of the new roundabout. – Extend 30mph speed limit restriction.
- New relief road (to be named A355 Bowl Barrow Way) – Introduction of 40mph speed limit restriction.
- A355 Amersham Road between 45 Amersham Road and the new tie in point of the new roundabout north arm. – Revoke existing 40mph speed restriction.

## **Recommendation**

**That the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Transportation approves;**

- **the making of the the Buckinghamshire County Council Beaconsfield A355 Improvements project Traffic Regulation (consolidation) Order 2020**
- **The implementation of the traffic regulation order and associated works as required.**

### **A. Narrative setting out the reasons for the decision**

- 1 The A355 Improvements Project is a partnership project between Buckinghamshire County Council, South Bucks District Council and Buckinghamshire Thames Valley Local Enterprise Partnership with funding secured from the Local Growth Fund and Local Transport Body. A Cabinet Member decision (Commissioning of construction – A355 Improvements Project) was made on the 19 July 2018 to implement the construction of A355 Improvements Project.
- 2 New and amended traffic regulation orders (TRO) are required to facilitate the implementation of the traffic restrictions on the new constructed scheme. The TROs are set out as follows:
  - 2.1 Maxwell Road new link: The effect of the Order is to extend the permanent waiting restriction on both sides of the road and extend the 30mph speed limit restriction as detailed in the attached sketches SK/146 and SK/149.
  - 2.2 New relief road – To be named Bowl Barrow Way -.
    - Introduction of a 40mph speed limit restriction, starting from the north arm of the new roundabout by the railway bridge to Minerva Way, as detailed on the attached SK/148.
  - 2.3 A355 Amersham Road between 45 Amersham Road and the new tie in point of the new roundabout north arm.
    - Reduce the speed limit from 40 to 30mph. As detailed on attached SK/146.

### **B. Other options available, and their pros and cons**

- 1 No alternatives options as scheme has been constructed and finalised, therefore legal orders are formalising traffic arrangements present on the ground.

### **C. Resource implications**

- 1 The implementation of the traffic regulation order is funded as part of the A355 Improvements Project. A Cabinet Member decision (Commissioning of construction –

A355 Improvements Project) was made on the 19 July 2018 to implement the construction of A355 Improvements Project.

**D. Value for Money (VfM) Self Assessment**

- 1 Signage and lining installation work have been carried out by Buckinghamshire County Council as part of the commissioned roadworks for the approved scheme.

**E. Legal implications**

- 1 A statutory consultation was carried out in accordance with The Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996.
- 2 If approved, this key decision will be the authority for Legal Services to 'seal' the traffic regulation order and advertise the Notice of Making in the local press in accordance with the Procedure Regulations. The order is to be made under sections 1, 2, 4, 37, 53, 65, 68, 69, 71, 92, 124 and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

**F. Property implications**

- 1 The traffic regulation order for motor vehicles is contained within the current highway extents.  
There is no requirement for land acquisition to facilitate this order.

**G. Unitary Council**

- 1 Buckinghamshire County Council as highway authority has the power to make the traffic regulation order.

**H. Other implications/issues**

- 1 No further issues have been identified.

**I. Feedback from consultation, Local Area Forums and Local Member views**

- 1 A statutory consultation for the traffic regulation order was undertaken from 28 January to 18 February 2020. Full details of the content and advertisement of the consultation are contained within the following link.
  - <https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com/highway-projects/a355-amersham-road/>
- 2 There were no responses to the Statutory Consultation
3. Local Member views  
Cllr Anita Cranmer, Local Member for Beaconsfield has no objections with this proposal.

**J. Communication issues**

- 1 The result of the consultation will be published and the formal decision will be uploaded to the Council's consultation web page.

**K. Progress Monitoring**

- 1 Following a decision on this report, the implementation of the scheme will commence with the making of the order.

- 2 Buckinghamshire County Council will undertake significant monitoring and evaluation work post completion of the schemes. Further feedback will also be sought from the Passenger Transport team and Bus Operators to assess the operational impact once the orders are in place.

**L. Review**

- 1 None

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**Background Papers**

None

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***Your questions and views***

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