

Officer Decision Report

Title: Clappins Lane, Walter's Ash and Stocking Lane, Naphill
7.5T weight limit Traffic Regulation Orders

Date decision taken:

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Local Members Affected Cllr David Carroll, Ridgeway East

Decision

1. That the Head of Highways approves the implementation of the 7.5T weight limits Traffic Regulation Order for Clappins Lane, Walter's Ash and Stocking Lane, Naphill as advertised.
2. That responders to the Statutory Consultation be informed of the Director of Growth, Strategy and Highways Decision.

Reasons for the decision

3. Planning consent was granted in 2014 for the change of use of land and buildings of the 'Shana' equestrian riding school / livery on New Road, Walter's Ash to the storage and distribution of landscaping and fencing materials operated by 'Country Supplies'.
4. The S106 agreement associated with the consent imposed conditions on the applicant requiring them to make a ...

'financial contribution of £4,000 to fund a Highway Authority scheme to mitigate the effects of the development by seeking to introduce weight restrictions on Clappins Lane and Stocking Lane' ... and a ... 'financial contribution of £4,000 to fund a Highway Authority scheme to mitigate the effects of the development by seeking to introduce waiting restrictions on New Road'.

5. This combined financial contribution of £8,000 has subsequently been paid to Buckinghamshire County Council.

6. Proposals to introduce 7.5T weight restrictions on the entire lengths of Clappins Lane and Stocking Lane with respect to the first condition were developed and are shown on drawing TEE17053 / 001 (Appendix A).
7. These proposals were advertised and promoted locally through a Statutory Consultation process carried out between Friday 23rd November 2018 and Friday 21st December 2018 in accordance with the requirements of the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 ("the TRO Regulations").
8. This included Public Notices being erected on site; a letter drop to properties situated on and adjacent to the affected roads; a Public Notice published in the 23rd November edition of the 'Bucks Free Press' newspaper; an online 'Have Your Say' portal on the Buckinghamshire County Council website and letters being sent to consultees detailed on the statutory consultee list including Thames Valley Police, Bucks Fire and Rescue and South Central Ambulance Services. See Appendices for further information.

Authority to take this decision

9. Council scheme of delegation July 2015, TEE 3e.

Other options available, and their pros and cons

10. None.

Conflicts of interest

11. None

Feedback from Consultation

12. A total of twelve (12) responses were received during the Statutory Consultation process. Without exception, all of these responses supported the introduction of the 7.5T weight limits on Clappins Lane and Stocking Lane.
13. Seven (7) of the responses were submitted online through the 'Have Your Say' page answering 'yes' to the question 'do you support the advertised proposals?' No further comment was provided with these responses.
14. The remaining five (5) responses were submitted via email and these are quoted below ...
 - *I would like to congratulate and thank you for proposing that both Stocking Lane and Clappins Lane are to have a weight limit placed upon them. Both lanes suffer from the passage of large, heavy lorries and the danger, damage and inconvenience that brings. Stocking Lane is particularly vulnerable, being a narrow lane with many bends and high banks. It is lined by very ancient hedges – mostly woodland relic hedges – and it would be sheer vandalism to remove them.*
 - *I represent the landlord of the TRADA Business Campus on Stocking Lane, where there are five tenants. We agree that these narrow lanes with passing places should be restricted from regular traffic and we are pleased to note that access and delivery requirements to this site will be exempted, as our tenants' businesses all rely on access for deliveries being maintained.*
 - *Thank you for proposing this scheme, which I support.*
 - *Please impose a 7.5 tonne limit on vehicles using Clappins Lane and Stocking Lane. Since objections to allowing 'Country Supplies' use of Sana at Walters Ash were overridden there has*

been the predicted great increase in the use of local roads by large lorries. As was pointed out to the planning authority at the time, the Main Road is already often congested particularly at the schools down the road either side of the Shana site. To avoid the congestion, it is tempting for the lorries to use Clappins and Stocking which are entirely unsuitable. This use is inevitable, unless restricted, because of Country Supplies sister site at the Warren.

- *The Chilterns Conservation Board supports the proposed 7.5 tonne weight limit on the entire length of Clappins Lane and Stockings Lane, Naphill.*

Background papers

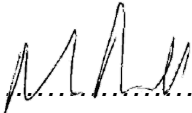
15. None

Appendices to the report

- Appendix A: Drawing TEE17053 / 001
- Appendix B: Statutory Consultation Letter
- Appendix C: Statement of Reasons
- Appendix D: 7.5T weight limits draft Traffic Regulation Order

Your questions and views

If you have any questions about the matters contained in this paper please get in touch with the Contact Officer whose email address is given at the head of the paper.

Approved signature 

Mark Averill
Head of Highways

Date 15 February 2019