



Report to the Leader (Transport portfolio)

Decision Date:	18 September 2024
Reference number:	TR18.24
Title:	MK18 4AB, Main Street, Radclive cum Chackmore HGV ban
Cabinet Member(s):	Councillor Steve Broadbent, Deputy Leader, and Cabinet Member for Transport
Relevant councillor(s):	Councillor Caroline Cornell, Councillor Patrick Fealey, Councillor Robin Stuchbury
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Ward(s) affected:	Buckingham West
Recommendations:	

- a. That the Leader authorises the implementation of the Heavy Goods Vehicles Weight Restriction Zone (MK18 4AB, Main Street, Radclive cum Chackmore), as presented in the Statutory Consultation.
- b. To implement the Weight Restriction detailed in this report, that the Leader authorises the making of the relevant Traffic Regulation Order (TRO)

Reason for Decision:

Proposed 7.5t weight limit (except for access) restriction to be implemented on MK18 4AB, Main Street –the whole length through Radclive between its junction with the A422 (in the north) and the A421 (in the South) and the side road to the church has been requested by the Radclive cum Chackmore Parish Council, based on reports/ complaints from residents using Radclive as an unofficial bypass for Buckingham.

1. Executive summary

- 1.1 Radclive-cum-Chackmore Parish Council has raised concerns related to road safety on a considerable portion of MK18 4AB, Main Street which is too narrow to allow HGVs to safely pass other traffic. The grass verges are reported to have been damaged by vehicles forced to take avoiding action to prevent a collision. Lack of pavement along most of the road length and the raw verges poses risk to pedestrians, cyclists, and young children.
- 1.3 The request is to introduce 7.5t weight limit (except for access) restriction on MK18 4AB, Main Street. This will help reduce local impacts by removing unnecessary through-traffic whilst ensuring that local business can continue to operate (with buses, farm traffic and public service access retained). This proposal is supported by the Local Members and the Parish Council.
- 1.4 The recommendations in this report follow the statutory consultation period.

2. Content of report

- 2.1 The area subject to the restriction would be the whole length of the road through Radclive between its junctions with the A422 (in the north) and the A421 (in the south), and the side road to church as highlighted in Map 1 below.

MAP 1 - MK18 4AB, Main Street, Radclive



2.2 A notice of the proposal was advertised and promoted locally through a statutory consultation process carried out between 15 May 2024 and 12 June 2024.

- The activity and the consultation documents (Appendices 1, 2, 3 and 4) can be accessed via this link:

<https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com/roads-parking/mk18-4ab-main-street-radclive-cum-chackmore-hgv-ba>

2.3 The reason given for implementing the proposals detailed in the report are:

- For avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road or any other road or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising.
- For preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the road runs.

2.4 There were **43** responses to Statutory Consultation from the general public, received via YourVoiceBucks, email and letter – this can be seen in Appendix 5:

- **42** respondents supported the proposal for HGV ban on MK18 4AB, Main Street.
- **1** respondent opposed the proposal.

2.5 Table 1 below represents the results from the statutory consultation:

Table 1 Responses received from consultation

Responses from consultation	Count	Percentage (%)
Yes	42	97.67
No	1	2.33
Total	43	

3. Other options considered

3.1 Any other options considered would also involve a Statutory Consultation process. The proposals outlined above are considered to be the most viable options to proceed with.

4. Legal and financial implications

4.1 Section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 places a duty on Buckinghamshire Council to secure the expeditious, convenient, and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians), on its highway.

- 4.2 Regulation 14 of the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulation 1996 state that an order making authority may be modify an order, whether in receipt of any objections or otherwise, before it is then made.
- 4.3 When the decision is taken and recommendations agreed, a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) will be made. Responders to the consultation and those who will likely be affected will be informed of the decision taken.
- 4.4 If approved, this key decision will be the authority for Buckinghamshire Council to 'make' as well as publicise the TRO and advertise a Notice of Making in the local press in accordance with the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996.
- 4.5 Buckingham and Villages Community Board is fully funding this project.
- 4.6 Future maintenance of the associated signs will be through Buckinghamshire Highways general maintenance budget.

5. Corporate implications

- 5.1 The following corporate implications have been considered:
 - a. **Equality** – An Equality Impact Assessment (Appendix 6) has been undertaken and the decision is not expected to have any negative impacts on persons with protected characteristics.
 - b. **Property** - All land for this project is already within the Highway Boundary.
 - c. **Data protection** – A privacy statement was included on Buckinghamshire Council's citizen space consultation online page which stated the following: "We will use the information you provide here only for this activity. We will store the information securely in line with data protection laws and will not share or publish any personal detail".
 - d. **Value for money** - The signs installation works will be tendered and carried out by an approved sub-contractor on behalf of Buckinghamshire Highways. Costs associated with this scheme has been allocated within its agreed budget and sufficient remains to implement the proposed speed limit restriction measures on the ground.

6. Local councillors & Community boards consultation & views

- 6.1 Buckinghamshire Highway invited comments from ward members and Parish Council for MK18 4AB, Maine Street, Radclive cum Chackmore between 13 February 2024 and 26 February 2024.
- 6.2 Table 2 below shows the responses received from Local Members.

Table 2 Initial Feedback from Local Members

Consultee	Response
Cllr Caroline Cornell	I am fully in favour of there being a ban on HGV's going through Radclive. It is a narrow road and used as a cut through. The lorries are damaging the bridge and road surface. I look forward to this being implemented.
Cllr Patrick Fealey	I am happy with this proposal and to go to consultation.
Cllr Robin Stuchbury	Have no problem with the scheme but would like to be kept informed how it progresses and please can you let me know whether it is passed all its consultation and at what point this is likely to happen as I'm sure this will be of interest to the parish, and have you informed the parish of this or is it still confidential, but I would imagine they were being informed as part of the consultation with this be correct.

7. Communication, engagement & further consultation

- 7.1 A period of statutory consultation was undertaken between 15 May 2024 to 12 June 2024.
- 7.2 The draft notice was also advertised in Bucks Free Press local newspaper. Residents received letters and Site notices were installed on light columns and telegraph poles within the village.

8. Next steps and review

- 8.1 If these recommendations are accepted, a Traffic Regulation Order will be made to introduce 7.5t weight limit (except for access) restriction.
- 8.2 Following a decision on this report, should the recommendations be approved the implementation of the scheme will be undertaken by the new council's highways contractor in the 2024/25 financial year.

8.3 All consultees and responders to the consultation will be contacted by either e-mail or letter and will be informed of the decision including where they can find the details of the statutory consultation as well as the decision taken. This report will be published on the Buckinghamshire Council web page.

9. Background papers

Appendix 1 – Statutory Consultation Notice

Appendix 2 – Map Tiles

Appendix 3 – Statement of Reasons

Appendix 4 – Street Notice

Appendix 5 – Consultation Response Document and Responses to Objections

Appendix 6 – Equality Impact Assessment

10. Your questions and views (for key decision)

10.1 If you have any questions about the matters contained in this report, please get in touch with the author of this report. If you have any views that you would like the Cabinet Member to consider, please inform the Democratic Services team. This can be done by email democracy@buckinghamshire.gov.uk by 5pm on 16 September 2024.

