

Report Title

Proposed amendment to Bus Lane Traffic Regulation Order – A6178 Sheffield Road, Templeborough Rotherham

Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan

No

Officer Approving Submission of the Report

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Ward(s) Affected

Boston Castle

Report Summary

To seek approval to amend the current bus lane traffic regulation order on the A6178 Sheffield Road. The aim is to maintain the free and safe movement of vehicles by allowing heavy goods vehicles (HGV's) to also use the bus lane, as shown on drawing 126/18/TT750.

Recommendations

That the head of Service authorises:

1. Consultation with local Ward Members and Cabinet Member;
2. The insertion of the proposal into the Forward Plan for Officers Decisions; and,
3. Submission of a report to the Assistant Director of Planning, Regeneration and Transportation, subject to no objections being received.

List of Appendices Included

Appendix 1 Equalities Analysis Initial Screening Template

Appendix 2 Drawing No 126/18/TT750.

Background Papers

RMBC Traffic Regulation Procedure updated 2018

DfT Traffic Signs Regulations General Directions 2016

Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 (SI 1996/2489) as amended.

The Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel

N/A

Council Approval Required

No

Exempt from the Press and Public

No

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| 1. | Background |
| 1.1 | The scheme has been developed as part of the successful ‘Transforming Cities Fund’ bid and the amendment to the existing bus lane traffic order will assist with the implementation of the improved pedestrian and cycle facilities along the A6178 Sheffield Road. |
| 1.2 | The highway layout along the A6178 Sheffield Road is being adjusted to improve the experience for pedestrian and cyclists along the route. Highway works have commenced from the borough boundary with Sheffield and will continue to the town centre via Westgate. |
| 2. | Key Issues |
| 2.1 | On Sheffield Road the proposals will reduce the width of the carriageway and it is felt that the inclusion of HGV’s in the bus lane will reduce the potential for conflict between large vehicles in opposing lanes. |
| 2.2 | Due to the reduced carriageway width because of the proposed cycle infrastructure, it is proposed to remove the Sheffield bound bus lane. This has been discussed with operators and the passenger transport executive who are supportive. |
| 3. | Options considered and recommended proposal |
| 3.1 | Maintaining the current bus lane arrangement was considered but it was felt that this arrangement could lead to conflict between large vehicles using opposing lanes as all lanes (where the bus lane is retained) are less than 3m wide on this section of the route. |
| 3.2 | The removal of both bus lanes was considered but discounted as they were introduced as part of grant funding for a bus rapid transit scheme running between Sheffield and Rotherham. Therefore, discussions with operators and the PTE concluded that one lane could be deleted as there was very little congestion in this direction so should not adversely affect bus journey times. |
| 3.3 | It is therefore proposed to amend the existing bus lane orders such that the Sheffield bound lane will be removed and the Rotherham bound lane will allow HGV’s to use the Rotherham bound lane. This is shown on drawing number 126/18/TT750 Appendix 2. |
| 4. | Consultation on proposal |
| 4.1 | South Yorkshire Police have been consulted and have raised concerns about the shared use of the bus lane. Their concerns are to be considered further as part of the road safety audit of the proposed scheme. It is felt prudent to embark on statutory consultation to gain the views of the wider community. |

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| 5. | Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision |
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| | If the recommendations are approved the proposals will be shared with the local Ward Members and the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment. The proposal will also be placed on the Forward Plan for Officer Decisions. If no objections are received after 28 days, a report will be submitted to the Assistant Director, Planning and Transportation. |
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| 5.1 | If the recommendations are approved, then the proposal will be sent to the statutory consultees and the Head of Legal Services will be asked to publicly advertise the proposed order. The public consultation period lasts for 28 days. Premises affected by the proposal will also receive a letter outlining the proposal. |
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| 5.2 | If objections are received, then the Director of Regeneration and Environment will determine how to proceed. |
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| 5.3 | If there are no objections raised at this stage, then Legal Services will make the Order. |
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| 6. | Financial and Procurement Advice and Implications (to be written by the relevant Head of Finance and the Head of Procurement on behalf of s151 Officer) |
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| 6.1 | The changes to the traffic orders will be funded using the 'Transforming Cities Fund' grant and these costs will form part of the overall works package. |
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| 7. | Legal Advice and Implications (to be written by Legal Officer on behalf of Assistant Director Legal Services) |
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| | The Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 allows the Council to make and vary Traffic Regulation Orders to regulate the movement of vehicular traffic, restrict or prohibit certain classes of vehicle and to improve the amenities of an area. |
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| 8. | Human Resources Advice and Implications |
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| 8.1 | Staff time will be spent guiding the proposal through the traffic order procedure including consultation and order drafting. |
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| 9. | Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults |
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| 9.1 | The improved highway facilities will assist in creating a road environment where young people and vulnerable adults feel more comfortable when travelling on foot or by bike. |
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| 10. | Equalities and Human Rights Advice and Implications |

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| 10.1 | Improved pedestrian and cycle facilities should give users more opportunities to use the route and cross the road in a safe manner. |
| 11. | Implications for Ward Priorities |
| 11.1 | Two of the Ward priorities that this proposal contributes towards are: <i>We will seek to examine and address road safety concerns</i> <i>We will improve and protect the environment.</i> |
| 12. | Implications for Partners |
| 12.1 | There is the potential for South Yorkshire Police to undertake enforcement, but Rotherham does have the ability to prosecute for illegal use of a bus lane. To undertake enforcement will require Council approval. |
| 13. | Risks and Mitigation |
| 13.1. | Not Applicable |
| 14. | Accountable Officers |
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Approvals obtained on behalf of Statutory Officers:-

| | Named Officer | Date |
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| Chief Executive | Sharon Kemp | Click here to enter a date. |
| Strategic Director of Finance & Customer Services (S.151 Officer) | Graham Saxton | Click here to enter a date. |
| Head of Legal Services (Monitoring Officer) | Stuart Fletcher | |

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