

Committee Name and Date of Committee Meeting

Delegated Officer Decision – 28 June 2024

Report Title

Rotherway, Motorway Service Area (northern exit) - Banned right turn

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

No, but it has been included on the Forward Plan

Strategic Director Approving Submission of the Report

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Ward(s) Affected

Brinsworth

Report Summary

The purpose of this report is to consider the introduction of a banned right turn movement on Rotherway, Motorway Service Area (northern exit), also shown on Appendix A. The key recommendation of the report is to continue with the making of the order for the proposal.

Recommendations

1. That the Assistant Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment exercises his delegated powers with regard to the traffic regulation order proposals shown on Drawing No 200750-N-1200-001, attached as Appendix A, and gives approval to:-
2. Authorise the Head of Legal Services to make the order and implement the banned right turn movement as described within the report.

List of Appendices Included

Appendix A Drawing No 200750-N-1200-001
Appendix B Equalities Assessment
Appendix C Carbon Impact Assessment

Background Papers

None.

Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel

Not applicable

Council Approval Required

No

Exempt from the Press and Public

No

Rotherway, Motorway Service Area (northern exit), Banned right turn

1.	Background
1.1	Following approval of a planning application for a new Motorway Service Area (MSA) at junction 33 of the M1, (application No RB2021/1372, approved November 2021), it was required that a traffic regulation order banning the right turn of vehicles exiting the northern exit of the new Motorway Service area be introduced. This banned movement would support the proposed road layout of the northern exit of the MSA, which requires all vehicles to travel along the A630 Rotherway (towards Rotherham). This proposed banned the right turn, provides further guidance for drivers that they should not enter the circulatory carriageway of junction 31 of the M1. See Appendix A.
2.	Key Issues
2.1	The approved planning application will develop the land to the north and south of junction 33 of the M1 into a Motorway Service Area. As part of the approved layout and due to the height of the motorway bridge which splits the site into two distinct areas, high sided vehicles accessing the service area from Rotherway are required to stay on the north side of the development where washing facilities, refreshment facilities etc. are located, and exit the site onto Rotherway, with no access to the circulatory carriageway of the M1. All other vehicles are directed to the south side of the service area where the main motorway service area facilities are located, and then they are directed to exit via the A630 Parkway i.e. the south side.
2.2	The proposed road layout for vehicles exiting the northern exit, requires vehicles to merge with vehicles on the A630 Rotherway and head toward Rotherham. Those drivers wishing to access the M1 motorway (both directions) will then be signposted at the A630 / West Bawtry road roundabout to travel back along the A630 Rotherway to access the motorway.
2.3	To support the proposed layout, it is intended that a banned right turn movement at the point where the exit of the motorway service area meets the A630 Rotherway and circulatory carriageway of junction 33 of the M1 be introduced to reinforce to drivers, that they should head toward Rotherham on the A630 and not try to access the circulatory carriageway of the motorway junction.
3.	Options considered and recommended proposal
3.1	Do nothing and manage traffic flow without the banned right turn movement.
3.2	It is proposed to implement the banned right turn movement, as shown on drawings Drawing No 200750-N-1200-001, in accordance with Department for Transport guidance.

4.	Consultation on proposal
4.1	All statutory consultees including South Yorkshire Police, South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue etc. the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment, Brinsworth Members, and the general public via notices on street and in the Rotherham Advertiser have been consulted. No objections were received.
5.	Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision
5.1	The purpose of this report is to consider the introduction of a banned right turn movement on Rotherway, Motorway Service Area (northern exit), also shown on Appendix A. Should approval be granted, the order will be undertaken by the Councils Legal department.
5.2	The works to implement the proposed banned right turn on site, will be undertaken by the developer through an agreement under section s278 of the Highways Act. The changes will be coordinated with the sealing of the orders.
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)
6.1	The cost of the traffic regulation order and amendments to the signing and lining on site will be met by the developer
7.	Legal Advice and Implications (to be written by Legal Officer on behalf of Assistant Director Legal Services)
7.1	The relevant Traffic Regulation Order will be amended as set out in the body of the report to reflect the proposals described. The TRO is made pursuant to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 which helps the Council to manage the highway network for all road users, including pedestrians with the aim to improve road safety and access to facilities.
7.2	The appropriate statutory procedure including consultation had been followed as set out in the body of the report.
8.	Human Resources Advice and Implications
8.1	There are no human resources implications arising from this report.
9.	Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults
9.1	There are no specific implications for children, young people and vulnerable adults arising directly from this proposal. However, a banned right turn movement, will enhance the road safety environment for all vulnerable road users.
10.	Equalities and Human Rights Advice and Implications

10.1	An Equalities Assessment has been completed for this report and is attached at Appendix B.
11.	Implications for CO2 Emissions and Climate Change
11.1	A Carbon Impact Assessment has been completed for this report and is attached at Appendix C. There is no planned carbon capture associated with this scheme.
12.	Implications for Partners
12.1.	The proposal will improve the road safety environment for all road users along this section of Rotherway. South Yorkshire Police, as enforcement agents of banned vehicle movements, have not raised any concerns about the proposal.
13.	Risks and Mitigation
13.1	There is a risk that without implementing the proposed banned right turn to better reflect the road environment, drivers may try access the adjacent circulatory carriageway of the m1 junction 33, with the potential for a collision to increase.
14.	Accountable Officers
	Nigel Davey, Engineer
	Matthew Reynolds Head of Transport Infrastructure Service

Approvals obtained on behalf of Statutory Officers: -

	Named Officer	Date
Chief Executive	Sharon Kemp	Click here to enter a date.
Strategic Director of Finance & Customer Services (S.151 Officer)	Judith Badger	31/05/24
Head of Legal Services (Monitoring Officer)	Bal Nahal	30/05/24

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