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**Committee Name and Date of Committee Meeting**

Delegated Officer Decision – 08 July 2024

**Report Title**

Proposed 7.5t Environment Weight Restriction, Maltby

**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**

Borough-Wide or Name of Ward  
Maltby East

**Report Summary**

To seek approval to implement a 7.5 tonne environment weight restriction on various roads, Maltby as shown on drawing no 126/47/TT25 attached as Appendix 1

**Recommendations**

That the Assistant Director of Regeneration & Environment exercises his delegated powers and approves in principle the proposals shown on drawing number 126/47/TT25 and gives authority that:

1. That the proposals shown on drawing numbered: 126/47/TT25 attached as Appendix 1 are implemented.
2. The Director of Legal Services is authorised to make the Order.

**List of Appendices Included**

Appendix 1 Drawing No 126/47/TT25  
Appendix 2 Equalities Screening  
Appendix 3 Carbon Impact Assessment

**Background Papers**

None

**Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel**  
**None**

**Council Approval Required**

No

**Exempt from the Press and Public**

No

## **Proposed 7.5t Environment Weight Restriction, Maltby**

### **1. Background**

- 1.1 Holme Hall Quarry is located just outside the Borough of Rotherham at Stainton. A number of Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGV's) travel daily to and from the quarry. These vehicles predominantly use Grange Lane and subsequently the A631 Tickhill Road/High Street to access the M18 and M1.

### **2. Key Issues**

- 2.1 Concerns have been raised by residents about HGV's using Grange Lane.
- 2.2 It is also reported that some HGV drivers are diverting onto adjacent residential roads to the east and west of Grange Lane to avoid queuing at the traffic signals, located at the junction of Grange Lane with the A631 Tickhill Road/High Street.

### **3. Options considered and recommended proposal**

- 3.1 A proposed 7.5t environmental weight restriction on Grange Lane and the residential roads between Grange Lane and the A631 was initially considered. However, there are 2 low bridges on the alternative routes from the quarry to the A631 via either Scotch Spring Lane or Limekiln Lane.
- 3.2 Doncaster Council also raised concerns that additional HGV's may travel via Braithwell, an area where they had already received complaints from residents about HGV's using this village. Subsequently this proposal was not progressed.
- 3.3 In view of the lack of an alternative route for HGV's between the quarry and the A631, it was determined that Grange Lane could not be included in the proposed Environmental Weight Restriction. Whilst residents' concerns about HGV's using Grange Lane are acknowledged, this is a classified road forming part of the highway network, around a long-established quarry operating with planning consent.
- 3.4 It is proposed to implement a 7.5t environment weight restriction on the residential streets to the east and west of Grange Lane as shown on drawing No 126/47/TT25.

### **4. Consultation on proposal**

- 4.1 The South Yorkshire Police were consulted but were unsupportive of the proposals. This is based on difficulties they have had managing local expectations of enforcement of similar restrictions in other areas of South Yorkshire.
- It is anticipated the proposed restrictions would be self-enforcing.
  - Rotherham Council has acquired new powers following the implementation of Part 6 of the Traffic Management Act, which will allow the Council to enforce certain moving traffic offences by

camera. This could be applied to HGV's contravening the proposed restriction, if this becomes an issue with residents.

4.2 The Cabinet member for Transport and Environment has been consulted and supported the decision.

4.3 Maltby East Councillors have been consulted and support this proposal.

4.4 Residents and Maltby Town Council were consulted. 26 responses were received of which 23 supported the proposals. The comments/objections included:-

- 4 respondents would have like to have seen the restriction implemented on Grange Road
- 1 respondent felt it was a waste of time and money if Grange Lane wasn't included.
- 1 respondent felt that it would direct traffic to other areas.
- 1 respondent would like to have seen the restriction implemented on Braithwell Road.

## **5. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision**

5.1 If the recommendations are endorsed the proposed 7.5t Environmental Weight Restriction on No 126/47/TT725 attached as Appendix 1 will be implemented in due course.

## **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 scheme costs will be met from the Council's Transport Capital Programme (reported to Cabinet – 19 December 2022, Item 90). The estimated total cost for the project is £10,000.

6.2 There are no direct procurement implications associated with this recommendation.

## **7. Legal Advice and Implications (to be written by Legal Officer on behalf of Assistant Director Legal Services)**

7.1 Legal Services have prepared the statutory notices and if the proposal is supported for implementation, they will also make the traffic regulation order.

7.2 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.

7.3 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.

## **8. Human Resources Advice and Implications**

- 8.1 This scheme will be delivered through existing staff resources within the Transportation and Highways Design Service within Planning, Regeneration and Transportation. Specialist consultants will be used where required

## **9. Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults**

- 9.1 The removal of HGV's from residential roads will benefit children and young people and vulnerable adults who live adjacent to the restricted roads, by improving road safety and air quality.

## **10. Equalities and Human Rights Advice and Implications**

- 10.1 The removal of HGV's in neighbourhoods can improve people's perception of safety, thus removing major barriers to people walking or cycling. This can improve a community's health and wellbeing through more active living, resulting in environmental improvements such as less air and noise pollution and safer, healthier neighbourhoods.

## **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 3.

## **12. Implications for Partners**

- 12.1. The South Yorkshire Police have raised concerns about managing subsequent local expectations of enforcement of the proposed restriction.

## **13. Risks and Mitigation**

- 13.1 The restricted roads will be monitored and if there is regular contravention of the proposed restrictions by HGV's, then the affected roads will be considered for camera enforcement of moving traffic offences.

## **14. Accountable Officers**

Simon Quarta, Engineer

Matthew Reynolds, Head of Transportation Infrastructure Service

Approvals obtained on behalf of Statutory Officers: -

	<b>Named Officer</b>	<b>Date</b>
Chief Executive	Sharon Kemp	<a href="#">Click here to enter a date.</a>

Strategic Director of Finance & Customer Services (S.151 Officer)	Named officer	Click here to enter a date.
Head of Legal Services (Monitoring Officer)	Named officer	Click here to enter a date.

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