


OFFICER DECISION RECORD

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Officer name and title:	Scott Headey - Deputy Strategic Manager, Highways and Transportation, Highways PFI Contract Management Team
Directorate/Service:	Neighbourhoods
Subject of decision:	The Isle of Wight Council (Various Streets, Cowes) (Traffic Regulation) Order No 1 2021 and The Isle of Wight Council (Various Streets, Gurnard) (Traffic Regulation) Order No 2 2021
Type of decision (tick as appropriate):	1. Key Decision 2. Material Decision 3. Significant Decision
Divisions affected:	Causeway, Freshwater
Subject to call-in (yes/no):	No
Source of delegated power (specific authorisation or scheme of delegation):	Scheme of Delegation
Decision taken (specify details, including any grant of permission/licence; whether affecting the rights of an individual; or awarding a contract/incurring expenditure materially affecting the council's financial position):	<p>Option 1: To approve the proposed restrictions that are subject to this record in relation to The Isle of Wight Council (Various Streets, Isle of Wight) (Speed Limits) Order No 1 2022 and to implement it as proposed.</p> <p>The TRO proposal is to introduce new lower speed limits, as detailed in the Notice of Intention and proposal map in Appendix 1.</p>
Reasons for the decision (including reference to relevant council policy):	<p>To facilitate the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians) and 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.</p> <p>The Statutory Authority for Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO) is contained within the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. Orders are progressed in accordance with the Local Authority's Traffic Regulation Order (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996. The Statutory Authority for signs and road markings are by virtue of the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.</p>

	<p>The restrictions proposed by any Order should be reasonable and should not go further than necessary to deal with the highway problems identified.</p> <p>The Local Authority is required to undertake a balancing exercise between the need to provide suitable parking facilities against the harm that may occur in highway safety terms of not making the Order.</p>
<p>Alternative options considered and rejected:</p>	<p>Option 2: To approve the proposed restrictions that are subject to this record in relation to The Isle of Wight Council (Various Streets, Isle of Wight) (Speed Limits) Order No 1 2022 with amendments, lowering the proposed restrictions / their extend.</p> <p>Option 3: To not approve the proposed restrictions that are subject to this record in relation to The Isle of Wight Council (Various Streets, Isle of Wight) (Speed Limits) Order No 1 2022, and to abandon the proposal.</p>
<p>Persons/organisations consulted and their comments:</p>	<p>A public notice, outlining the draft proposal and inviting public comments, was published in the Isle of Wight County Press on 4 February 2022 and notices were displayed on-street for a period of 28 days, see Appendix 1. The closing date for representations was 4 March 2022.</p> <p>One representation in total was received, containing the following objections:</p> <p>We live in Church Place close to its junction with Copse Lane/Hooke Hill. Every time we leave our house whether by car or on foot we take the risk of being mown down by the constant stream of vehicles that speed up Church Place. The road from its Middle Road/Afton Road junction to Hooke Hill has become a regular rat run for people wishing to avoid approaching/leaving Freshwater via the slower main road. As you may be aware (or may be not given your ridiculous proposals) there is no pavement from beyond our house (Crumwell) to the eventual junction with The Causeway and Afton Road. You make no mention of any speed limit in Church Place itself (I am assuming it is 30 mph) which is far too high for a conservation area attracting a large number of walkers and horse riders leading down to a much photographed local beauty spot. And what do locals and visitors alike find when they reach The Causeway and its bridge – a dilapidated wooden and concrete fence falling into The Yar against which red Island Roads barriers have been propped for some years. The road has partially collapsed and the fence is hanging off but nothing has been done by Island Roads to repair this safety hazard. However it is important enough it would appear to warrant some speed limit proposals. Given the volume of rat run traffic, several blind corners, lack of pavements and increased footfall, 30 mph is far too fast. As a local driver I know it is difficult to get into third gear safely in this area.</p> <p>We strongly recommend you ditch the proposals and someone does a survey of the level of traffic during the day and particularly at weekends. A more sensible approach would be to have a 20 mph speed limit along Church Place and The Causeway to the point at which the road widens into a straight section and make it one way. Thereafter this section to Afton Road could be two way with a 30mph speed limit. And fix The Causeway fence!</p> <p>Response:</p> <p>This restriction was requested by the Freshwater Town Council and it is supported by the local residents.</p> <p>It appears from the representation that the resident agrees with the need of reducing the speed limit, but disagrees with the proposed new limit of 30mph, suggesting new 20mph limit.</p>

	<p>The restriction was proposed to improve the road safety and slow down the traffic flow, after assessment performed by the Island Roads highways engineers, based on the existing traffic data.</p> <p>The impact of the new restriction will be monitored and the order can be amended if necessary.</p>
<p>Any conflicts of interests declared by any member consulted and any dispensations granted in respect of any declared conflict:</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>Background reports/information considered and attached (legal, personnel, financial implications, etc):</p>	<p>The Isle of Wight Council (IOWC), as a Local Highway Authority, has a duty to ensure the expeditious and safe movement of people, services, and goods on the island's highway.</p> <p>This restriction was requested by the Freshwater Town Council on behalf of the local residents. It was assessed by the Island Roads' highway engineers of road safety point of view - using appropriate engineering methods, traffic data and other assessment tools.</p> <p>It was identified that the proposed restriction will enhance safety in this location.</p> <p>The proposal was prioritised in line with the IOWC's obligations as a Local Highway Authority.</p>
<p>Consideration of the Public Sector Equality Duty and relevant Equality, Environmental and/or Community Impact Assessments:</p>	<p>Under the Equality Act 2010 the Council is required to have due regard to its equality duties when making decisions, reviewing services, undertaking projects, developing, and reviewing policies.</p> <p>Due regard to the Council's responsibilities under the Equality Act 2010 has been given as part of this process. Through the consultation exercise, the opportunity to provide comment and write representation on all the proposed changes has been permitted. The Council consider that the safety and convenience of all persons, including the protected characteristics, using the highway is aided by the proposed changes.</p>
<p>Risk analysis:</p>	<p>A risk has been identified to pedestrians, drivers and free movement of traffic in Causeway, Freshwater.</p> <p>If approved and implemented, the proposal will see the introduction of new lower speed limit to increase the safety for all road users including pedestrians, and to aid the traffic flow appropriately.</p>

	The Authority will monitor the impact of the changes and review the restrictions if necessary.
Any information exempt from publication:	No
Signature:	
Date:	13 April 2022

Appendix 1 – Notice of intention and proposal map

The Isle of Wight Council (Various Streets, Isle of Wight) (Speed Limits) Order No 1 2022

Notice is hereby given that the Isle of Wight Council in exercise of their powers under section 82, 83, 84 and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and with all other enabling power and after consultation with The Chief Officer of Police proposed to make an order, the effect of which will be:

1. To enact the provisions within this order subject to the following amendments:
2. To introduce a 30mph speed limit in the following lengths of road:
 - a) Church Place – between a point 117 metres east of its junction with Cope Lane to its junction with the Causeway, a distance of approximately 85 metres.
 - b) The Causeway – between its junction with Church Place and a point 120m south-east of Public Bridleway F61, a distance of approximately 345m.
3. To introduce a 40mph speed limit in the following lengths of road:
 - a) The Causeway – between a point 120m south east of Public Bridleway F61 and its junction with Afton Road, a distance of approximately 525 metres.
4. No speed limit imposed by this order applies to vehicles falling within regulation 3(4) of the Road Traffic Exemptions (Special Forces) (Variation and Amendment) Regulations 2011 when used in accordance with regulation 3(5) of those regulations.

The amendments are being proposed to facilitate the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians) and 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.

A copy of the draft Order, this Notice and the relevant plan may be inspected between normal office hours at the Customer Service Centre, County Hall, Newport, Isle of Wight during the objection period. If you wish to object to the proposal contained in this notice you should send the grounds for your objection, in writing, to Scott Headey | Deputy Strategic Manager, St Christopher House, 42 Daish Way, Newport, Isle of Wight, PO30 5XJ or pfi@iow.gov.uk no later than 12 noon on Friday 4 March 2022.

Scott Headey | Deputy Strategic Manager

4 February 2022

Church Place and The Causeway,
Freshwater

Proposal: Introduce a 30mph Speed restriction
Reason: to ensure road safety

Proposal: Introduce a 40mph Speed restriction
Reason: to ensure road safety

