

THE COUNTY OF POWYS
(VARIOUS ROADS, NEWTOWN)
(PROHIBITION OF HEAVY VEHICLES) ORDER 2019

Statement of Reasons

1.0 Background

- 1.1 As a consequence of the construction of Newtown Bypass, heavy goods vehicles with a height in excess of 13 feet and 3 inches will no longer need to utilise the residential roads along Heol Treowen, Plantation Lane, Maesyrrhandir and Lon Gerylli to avoid the low railway bridges at Nantoer and Dolfor Road within Newtown. The existing 7.5 tonne amenity weight limit Order relating to these high sided vehicle diversion routes includes an exemption to permit goods vehicles above that height to travel along those routes to avoid the railway bridges. This exemption is no longer considered to be appropriate as high sided vehicles can utilise the bypass to avoid the railway bridges, unless the bypass is closed for emergency reasons.
- 1.2 The removal of this height exemption will reduce the volume of high sided heavy goods vehicles travelling along these residential roads past the residential properties, education and recreational facilities located along the route.
- 1.3 The existing high sided vehicle diversion signage located along Pool Road, Kerry Road, Dolfor Road and Llanidloes Road will be removed once the new Order has been made. Alternative high sided vehicle diversion signage will be put in place to divert high sided vehicles via the bypass.
- 1.4 The northern end of Middle Dolfor Road has also been extended to the newly constructed Lower Dolfor Road roundabout as part of the bypass operations, therefore there is a need to modify the existing 7.5 tonne amenity weight limit along Middle Dolfor Road to incorporate this additional length of highway.
- 1.5 The Welsh Government has allocated additional funding to enable Powys County Council to carry out necessary modifications to the existing county maintained roads and their associated traffic regulation orders as a result of the completion of the bypass construction works.
- 1.6 Powys County Council has the authority and responsibility to make the necessary Traffic Regulation Order. The costs for introducing the permanent Traffic Regulation Order and associated signage will be funded from the additional monies allocated by the Welsh Government referred to above.

2.0 Proposal

- 1.0 To introduce a permanent Traffic Regulation Order to modify the existing 7.5 tonne amenity weight limits associated with the roads detailed above. The Order will remove the 13 feet 3 inches height exemption (except for emergency situations if the bypass needs to be closed), and modify the extent of the Middle Dolfor Road prohibition to incorporate the additional length of that road.