

**CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**PORTFOLIO HOLDER DELEGATED DECISION**  
**by**  
**COUNTY COUNCILLOR HEULWEN HULME**  
**(PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR HIGHWAYS, RECYCLING AND ASSETS)**  
**JANUARY 2020**

**REPORT AUTHOR:** Traffic and Travel Manager

**SUBJECT:** B4356 Hereford St, Presteigne, Experimental One Way

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**REPORT FOR:** Decision

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**1. Summary**

To implement a trail one way along Hereford Street between Lugg View and the public car park.

**2. Proposal**

Following the completion of the Phase II of the Active Travel improvements within Presteigne it has been highlighted that the narrowest section of Hereford Street would benefit from being made one way.

Prior to the improvements, Hereford St was already too narrow to cater for parked vehicles outside the terraces on the one side whilst still permitting 2 vehicles to pass. Therefore, vehicles used to mount the footways and drive along them to pass each other. To prevent this from happening bollards were placed within the footway. As part of the Active Travel Scheme the footways have been widened slightly and the bollards removed to provide an obstacle free space for pedestrians and cyclists to share.

To avoid the improved footway being driven along it is considered making the narrow section of Hereford St one way is necessary.

Placing the bollards back in the footway is considered counterproductive to the Active Travel Scheme which was to make better provision for pedestrian and cyclists. The bollards would then act as an obstruction to the full width of the path that has been provided.

**3. Options Considered / Available**

Option 1 – Do Nothing. This means vehicles will drive along the footway to allow them to pass each other.

Option 2 –make the section of Hereford Street one way between Lugg View and the public car park. Under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 an experimental Traffic Regulation Order [TRO] can be made. Undertaking this as an experiment allows changes to be made during the first 6 months of the order coming into force, following comments/objections from the public. The trial can

last for 18 months and can be made permanent should the trial prove successful.

Option 3 – place bollards in the footway at strategic places to prevent vehicles from driving along it. This will reduce the effective space pedestrian and cyclists have to use and may also lead to increased congestion on the road.

Option 4 – remove the parking completely. This would not be a popular option for the residents of the terraced housing that have no provision for off street parking.

#### **4. Preferred Choice and Reasons**

Option 2 is the preferred option as it ensure that the Active Travel facility remains unobstructed by bollards and stops the practice of vehicle driving along it placing the users in conflict with moving vehicles.

#### **5. Impact Assessment**

5.1 Is an impact assessment required? No

5.2 If yes is it attached? N/A

#### **6. Corporate Improvement Plan**

6.1 This supports the priority of improving our infrastructure to support regeneration by ensuring the newly built Active Travel route is safe for people to use to access employment, education or leisure activity. This should enhance the town as being a better place to live, work and visit by improving the public space for people which should help in the sustainability of existing and future business.

#### **7. Local Member(s)**

7.1 County Councillor Beverly Baynham supports the proposal.

#### **8. Other Front Line Services**

Does the recommendation impact on other services run by the Council or on behalf of the Council? No

If so please provide their comments

#### **9. Communications**

Have Communications seen a copy of this report? Yes

The Communications Manager states - 'The report is of public interest and requires news release and use of appropriate social media to publicise the decision'

**10. Support Services (Legal, Finance, Corporate Property, HR, ICT, Business Services)**

10.1 The Principal Legal Assistant has reviewed the proposal and, subject to the proper process being followed, has no comment to make.

10.2 The Finance Manager notes the contents of the report, all works will be carried out within the current revenue budget of the service.

**11. Scrutiny**

Has this report been scrutinised?                      No

**12. Data Protection**

If the proposal involves the processing of personal data then the Data Protection Officer must be consulted and their comments set out below.

The proposal does not alter any current arrangements for processing data.

**13. Statutory Officers**

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services ( Monitoring Officer ) has commented as follows: “ I note the legal comment and have nothing to add to the report”.

The Head of Financial (Section 151 Officer) notes the comments of the Finance Manager.

**14. Members' Interests**

The Monitoring Officer is not aware of any specific interests that may arise in relation to this report. If the Portfolio Holder has an interest, he/ she should declare it, complete the relevant notification for and refer the matter to Cabinet for decision.

<b>Recommendation:</b>	<b>Reason for Recommendation:</b>
<p><b>1 To commence the consultation on the making of an experimental TRO as per the preferred option [Option 2] in accordance with the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 and to make any permitted changes within the first 6 months of that experiment. Should the experiment prove successful and no substantive objections received then the TRO is to be made permanent.</b></p>	<p><b>Improve the traffic flow on Hereford Street and to remove the need for passing motorists to mount and drive along the Active Travel route.</b></p>

<b>Relevant Policy (ies):</b>	N/A		
<b>Within Policy:</b>	Y	<b>Within Budget:</b>	Y

<b>Relevant Local Member(s):</b>	Cllr Mrs Beverley Baynham
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<b>Person(s) To Implement Decision:</b>	Jo Lancey
<b>Date By When Decision To Be Implemented:</b>	Legal procedure to commence upon approval

<b>Is a review of the impact of the decision required?</b>	No
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**Background Papers used to prepare Report:**

# Appendix A – Proposed One Way

