

COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR COPELAND
Meeting date: 3 October 2017
From: Corporate Director – Economy and Highways

BECKERMET EXPERIMENTAL TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER (ETRO)

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 *The purpose of this report is to seek approval to proceed to statutory consultation on the suggested introduction of an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order at Beckermets, as shown on the overview plan attached as Appendix 1.*

2.0 STRATEGIC PLANNING AND EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

- 2.1 *The measures which are being considered support the Councils Plan by providing a safe and well managed highways network. The Plan also outlines the need to develop and work with local communities to develop transport solutions for their area.*
- 2.2 *The suggested Experimental Traffic Regulation Order also links to key themes as part of the Cumbria's Strategic Plan relative to the Whitehaven Major Transport Scheme. The environment theme references the need to reduce the impact of through traffic on local communities and the environment by reducing the need to use alternative unsuitable roads.*
- 2.3 *There are no Equality implications arising out of this report at this stage.*

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 *That Members agree that the statutory consultation procedure be undertaken in relation to the introduction of an Experimental Traffic Regulation (ETRO) that will;*

a) prohibit any vehicle, other than buses and pedal cycles, which is proceeding along the B5345 in either a southerly or south-easterly direction, from entering the C4014 Morass Road, Beckermets, as shown on the plan attached as Appendix 2; and

b) prohibit any vehicle, other than buses and pedal cycles, proceeding in a south-westerly direction along the C4013 Nursery Road, Beckermat, from continuing in that direction beyond a point 295m south-west of its junction with the A595, as shown on the plan attached as Appendix 3.

4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval to proceed to statutory consultation on the suggested introduction of an ETRO at Beckermat.
- 4.2 This follows longstanding concerns from communities along the A595 that have suffered from increasing pressure caused by excessive commuter traffic by rat-running. Given the large volumes of traffic that use this road; not too dissimilar in numbers to that using the A66 from Penrith to the West, Cumbria County Council is keen to develop proposals that support the communities affected.
- 4.3 As the Strategic Highway Authority it is incumbent upon Cumbria County Council to develop a long term solution to address this problem. Part of this long term solution is to ensure that the A595, as the only trunk road in Copeland, is fully utilised rather than traffic flowing onto all the smaller lanes, linnings and roads.
- 4.4 The suggested introduction of the experimental restrictions (shown on the plans attached as Appendices 2 and 3) in Beckermat is part of a package of potential improvements that support and encourage the use of the A595. We are keen to work with businesses and local communities to develop, deliver and monitor such schemes to ensure maximum impact to prevent such rat-running.
- 4.5 A discussion was tabled at Copeland Highways Group on 27th July 2017 where the group AGREED that a report should be taken to Copeland Local Committee seeking approval to proceed to statutory consultation on the introduction of the ETRO.
- 4.6 Should Members agreed the Recommendation at paragraph 3.1 of this report, the results of the consultation exercise will be reported back to Local Committee with a recommendation regarding the suggested introduction of the ETRO, having taken into account the responses received.

5.0 OPTIONS

- 5.1 Members instruct local officers to proceed to statutory consultation on the proposed ETRO restrictions referred to in the Recommendation at paragraph 3.1 of this report.
- 5.2 Members may instruct local officers not to proceed with the statutory consultation of the proposed ETRO referred to in para 3.1

6.0 RESOURCE AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 If approved, given it is only a consultation exercise, at this stage there would be no financial implications on Local Committee.

7.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 There are no legal implications to note at this stage.

8.0 CONCLUSION

8.1 The suggested measures identified, support Cumbria County Councils long term strategy to develop a solution to manage the effect of vehicular traffic flows on communities which are impacted by the large amount of commuter traffic utilising rural roads as opposed to the strategic network.

8.2 The proposed improvements that will be consulted upon link to key themes within the Whitehaven Major Transport Study.

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Overview of restrictions
Appendix 2 – Morass Road Restrictions
Appendix 3 – Nursery Road Restrictions

Electoral Division(s): Gosforth

** Please remove whichever option is not applicable*

Executive Decision	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes*	<input type="checkbox"/>
Key Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> No*
If a Key Decision, is the proposal published in the current Forward Plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A*
Is the decision exempt from call-in on grounds of urgency?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> No*
If exempt from call-in, has the agreement of the Chair of the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee been sought or obtained?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A*
Has this matter been considered by Overview and Scrutiny? If so, give details below.	<input type="checkbox"/> *	<input type="checkbox"/> No*
Has an environmental or sustainability impact assessment been undertaken?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A*

Has an equality impact assessment been undertaken?

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N.B. If an executive decision is made, then a decision cannot be implemented until the expiry of the eighth working day after the date of the meeting – unless the decision is urgent and exempt from call-in and necessary approvals have been obtained.

PREVIOUS RELEVANT COUNCIL OR EXECUTIVE DECISIONS
[including Local Committees]

Decision as part of Copeland Local Committee - Friday 25 November 2016

CONSIDERATION BY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

Not considered by Overview and Scrutiny

BACKGROUND PAPERS

No background papers

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