

# OFFICER DECISION REPORT – TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER (TRO)

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## PRELIMINARY CONSULTATION (Cabinet Member for Highways)

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<b>TITLE OF REPORT:</b>	<b>Radford Hill / South Road, Timsbury</b>
<b>PROPOSAL:</b>	<b>Prohibition of the right hand turn &amp; prohibition of the left hand turn.</b>
<b>SCHEME REF No:</b>	<b>24-035</b>
<b>REPORT AUTHOR:</b>	<b>Gina West</b>

### 1. DELEGATION

The delegation to be exercised in this report is contained within **Part 3, Section 4** of the Constitution under the **Delegation of Functions to Officers**, as follows:

<b>Section A</b>	The Chief Executive, Strategic Directors, Divisional Directors and Heads of Service have delegated power to take any decision falling within their area of responsibility....”
<b>Section B</b>	Without prejudice to the generality of this, Officers are authorised to: serve any notices and make, amend or revoke any orders falling within his/her area of responsibility.
<b>Section D9</b>	An Officer to whom a power, duty or function is delegated may nominate or authorise another Officer to exercise that power, duty or function, provided that Officer reports to or is responsible to the delegator.

For the purposes of this report, the Director of Place Management and the Head of Highways Delivery holds the delegated power to make, amend or revoke any Orders.

### 2. LEGAL AUTHORITY

This proposal is made in accordance with the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, which under Section 1 provides, generally, for Orders to be made for the following reasons, and in the case of this report specifically for the reason(s) shown below:

(a)	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, or	X
(b)	for preventing damage to the road or to any building on or near the road, or	X

(c)	for facilitating the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians), or	
(d)	for preventing the use of the road by vehicular traffic of a kind which, or its use by vehicular traffic in a manner which, is unsuitable having regard to the existing character of the road or adjoining property,	
(e)	(without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (d) above) for preserving the character of the road in a case where it is specially suitable for use by persons on horseback or on foot, or	
(f)	for preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the road runs, or	
(g)	for any of the purposes specified in paragraphs (a) to (c) of subsection (1) of section 87 of the Environment Act 1995 (air quality)	

### 3. **PROPOSAL**

- Prohibition of the right hand turn from Radford Hill to South Road, Timsbury.
- Prohibition of the left hand turn from South Road to Radford Hill, Timsbury.

### 4. **REASON**

Funding has been secured to introduce a prohibition of the right hand turn from Radford Hill to South Road and a prohibition of the left hand turn from South Road to Radford Hill. This proposal was requested by local Ward Members and Timsbury Parish Council.

Motorists are finding it difficult to make the sharp turn from Radford Hill to South Road and vice versa, resulting in significant damage to the stone wall and the protective bollard.

The Council has had in mind and discharged the duty (as set out in section 122(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984) to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians) so far as practicable. It has also had regard to the factors which point in favour of imposing the prohibition of the right hand turn from Radford Hill to South Road and the prohibition of the left hand turn from South Road to Radford Hill. It has balanced the various considerations and concluded that it is appropriate to promote the prohibition of the right hand turn from Radford Hill to South Road and the prohibition of the left hand turn from South Road to Radford Hill. The Council has also considered and discharged its network management duty under section 16 of the Traffic Management Act 2004. It has concluded that the proposed the prohibition of the right hand turn from Radford Hill to South Road and the prohibition of the left hand turn from South Road to Radford Hill is consistent with that duty, having regard to its other policies and objectives.

**5. IMPACT ON EQUALITIES**

An Equality Impact Assessment has been undertaken in relation to traffic restrictions of this nature, which is available upon request. The Council has had due regard to the needs set out in section 149(1) of the Equality Act 2010. It considers that the proposed Order is consistent with the section 149 public sector equality duty, which it has discharged.

**6. IMPACT ON HUMAN RIGHTS**

The proposals are considered to have a minimal impact on human rights (such as the right to respect for private and family life and the right to peaceful enjoyment of property). However, the Council is entitled to affect these rights where it is in accordance with the law, necessary (in the interests of public safety or economic well-being, to prevent disorder and crime, to protect health, or to protect the rights and freedoms of others), in pursuit of a legitimate aim and proportionate to do so. The proposal(s) within this report are considered to be in accordance with the law, necessary, in pursuit of a legitimate aim and proportionate.

**7. SOURCE OF FINANCE**

The scheme is included in the 2024/25 Local Active Travel and Safety Programme.

**8. CONSULTATION REQUIREMENT**

The proposal requires consultation with the Chief Constable, Emergency Services, Road Haulage Association, Freight Transport Association (Logistics UK), Parking Services, Waste Services, Ward Members and the Cabinet Member for Highways.

**9. COMMENTS RECEIVED TO DATE**

**Chief Constable** – Thank you for your email and attachments regarding the proposed prohibition of the right hand turn and prohibition of the left hand turn on Radford Hill / South Road, Timsbury, as shown on the attached plan.

It is understood from the Officer Decision Report regarding the proposal for the prohibition of the right hand turn from Radford Hill to South Road, Timsbury and prohibition of the left hand turn from South Road to Radford Hill, Timsbury that *“Funding has been secured to introduce a prohibition of the right hand turn from Radford Hill to South Road and a prohibition of the left hand turn from South Road to Radford Hill. This proposal was requested by local Ward Members and Timsbury Parish Council.*

*Motorists are finding it difficult to make the sharp turn from Radford Hill to South Road and vice versa, resulting in significant damage to the stone wall and the protective bollard.*

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It is not possible to dedicate an enforcement presence to such a restriction. The signage and any other physical measures to be introduced to enforce / heighten motorist awareness of the proposed prohibition of movement is therefore of importance. Any enforcement will be targeted, and intelligence led.

**Emergency Services** – No comment.

**Road Haulage Association** – No comment.

**Freight Transport Association** - No comment.

**Parking Services** – No comment.

**Waste Services** - No comment.

**Ward Members**

Cllr Shaun Stephenson-McGall - Very happy to support obviously.

**Timsbury Parish Council** - Thank you for sending us the TRO for Radford Hill. I am pleased to inform you that Timsbury Parish Council is wholly in favour of the proposals for the banned turns at the junction with Radford Hill.

REPORT APPROVED FOR CIRCULATION TO CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAYS



Paul Garrod  
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Date: 16<sup>th</sup> December 2024