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Good afternoon

I am contacting you to seek your Council’s support for a possible Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO) which would introduce a 7.5 tonne weight restriction on the A436 Adlestrop railway bridge. The attached plan shows the approximate location of the proposed weight restriction (shown in red) and the locations of the signs for the restriction (shown in blue).

As you may already know, Burford Town Council are proposing to introduce a similar weight restriction on the bridge over the River Windrush on the A361, also on an experimental basis, to protect the structure of that bridge. The proposed “official” alternative route for anything over

7.5 tonnes (i.e. lorries) would then be via the A40 to Northleach and then onto the A429. However, this could lead to increased lorry traffic using Stow-on-the-Wold, specifically Sheep Street, to gain access to the A429, especially for southbound traffic which would otherwise use the A361. This could potentially lead to quite a big increase in lorry traffic, resulting in both an increase in congestion and a decrease in air quality. There is also the potential for lorry drivers to be tempted to use other less appropriate ‘short-cuts’.

Therefore, the proposed weight restriction on the Adlestrop bridge would not only protect Stow from this potential increase in lorry traffic but would also protect the structure of the railway bridge and improve the safety of other road users. Visibility for drivers over the bridge is poor due to the fact that it is narrow and situated on a bend. The fact that the road slopes up to the bridge on both sides further reduces visibility. There is also a very narrow, substandard footway across the bridge which leaves pedestrians feeling vulnerable especially if two large vehicles pass each other on the bridge. The proposed weight restriction would also encourage lorries to use the most appropriate routes in the area and reduce the number travelling through your Parish.

The County Council are proposing to introduce this Order on an experimental basis so that we are able to react to results of the Burford experimental Order i.e. if they do not make their Order permanent after the trial period or it is found that the potential increase in extra lorry traffic does not materialise, then it gives us the option of removing the weight restriction on the railway bridge should it be felt that it is no longer required.

For information, an experimental TRO can run for up to a maximum of 18 months, the first 6 months of which is used as the consultation period, where comments either in support or objection to the scheme can made. After this consultation period all comments will be considered before a decision is made to either make the Order permanent; modify the Order or to abandon the Order completely. We would be looking to introduce the experimental Order to mirror the timescales of the Burford Order being done by Oxfordshire County Council, which is due to commence in April 2020.

Your local support, at this stage, would help strengthen our case to present this experimental Order to the Police as a proposed scheme. I would be grateful therefore for your comments on the Adlestrop bridge experimental weight restriction proposal by email to troconsultation@gloucestershire.gov.uk by ***31st July 2019*** please. In the meantime, if you would like any further information or have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Regards

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