

The County of Cumbria (Various roads, Carlisle Urban and Rural area) (Consolidation and Minor Amendment of Traffic Regulations) (Order 2001) Variation Order (No. 59) (Sewell Lane, Carlisle) Order 2021

Statement of Reasons

(As amended by a Decision of the Executive Director – Economy & Infrastructure, in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of Carlisle Local Committee – Officer Decision Record dated 27 October 2020)

Due to the proposed scheme to improve the carriageway width of Sewell Lane, Carlisle, Cumbria County Council propose to make the above Order for the following reasons: -

- (i) To avoid danger to persons or other traffic using the road or any other road or to prevent the likelihood of any such danger arising; and
- (ii) To prevent damage to the road or to any building on or near the road, and
- (iii) To Prevent 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, and
- (iv) To Preserve or improve the amenities of the area through which the road runs.

The current one-way traffic flow on Sewell Lane was introduced to improve road safety due to vehicular conflict, which can occur on narrow sections of the carriageway. Work to widen the route will provide an adequate width for two-way traffic and significantly reduce the risk of conflict.

The proposed introduction of a 7.5 tonne weight limit for the full length of Sewell Lane is to ensure road safety due to vehicular conflict. Emergency Service Vehicles and vehicles being used by the local authority in pursuance of their statutory powers and duties, including refuse vehicles, will be exempt from the weight limit.

The changes have taken into account the desirability of securing and maintaining reasonable access to premises, the effect on amenities of an area, the national air quality strategy prepared under section 80 of the Environment Act 1995, the

importance of facilitating the passage of public service vehicles and of securing the safety and convenience of persons using or desiring to use such vehicles; and any other matters appearing to the authority to be relevant.

Details of the Officer Decision Record -

The introduction of the Traffic Regulation Order for Sewell Lane, Carlisle. The statutory consultation and advertisement period had not expired by the time of September Carlisle Local Committee on 14th September 2020. Carlisle Local Committee therefore delegated the decision making in relation to the bringing into operation of the TRO to the Executive Director for Economy and Infrastructure in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Carlisle Local Committee.

Decision: -

That the Executive Director for Economy and Infrastructure in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Carlisle Local Committee, agrees that The County of Cumbria (Various Roads, Carlisle Urban and Rural Area) (Consolidation and Minor Amendment of Traffic Regulations) (Order 2001) Variation (No. 59) (Sewell Lane, Carlisle) Order to 20>< ("the TRO") be brought in to operation, as advertised, the effect of which will: -

(i) remove the entry in Schedule XXX relating to Sewell Lane (formerly known as Sewells Lonning) in order to remove the existing section of One-Way traffic restriction (105m in length) thereby restoring two-way flow along its entire length; and

(ii) introduce a 7.5 Tonnes maximum gross vehicle weight restriction on the entire length of Sewell Lane.

Dated 27 October 2020