

STATEMENT OF REASONS

TELFORD AND WREKIN COUNCIL (HORTON LANE) (PROHIBITION OF MOTOR VEHICLES) TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER 2022

Significant investigations were undertaken in 2011, 2015 and again in 2017 in relation to concerns raised regarding traffic flows and vehicular speeds along Horton Lane and previous consultation have been undertaken during each of the aforementioned years. On each occasion no consensus has been reached on how to proceed and subsequently a scheme was not previously implemented. Concerns continue to be raised by Hadley and Leegomery Parish Council and the Borough Councillors for Hadley and Leegomery on behalf of the residents of Horton Lane.

Vehicle speeds and volumes have continued to increase, partly prompted by increased development on the Hortonwood industrial estate. The consultation exercise in 2016 re-examined the possible options to traffic calm or close the lane to through traffic. On this occasion the emergency services provided no objection to the closure option provided emergency access to the southern end of Horton Lane could be maintained. This emergency access is to be accommodated by the use of a locked Gate. Access for non-motorised use and pedestrians will also be maintained.

The closure of Horton Lane is being proposed to;

- To avoid danger to persons or other traffic using the road or any other road or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising, or
- for facilitating the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians), or
- for preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the road runs

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