

Division(s): Burford and Carterton North
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## **CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT – 12 OCTOBER 2017**

### **A361 BURFORD HIGH STREET - PROPOSED ENVIRONMENTAL WEIGHT LIMIT**

#### **Report by Director for Infrastructure Delivery**

#### **Introduction**

1. This report presents objections and comments received in the course of a statutory consultation on proposals to prohibit use of the A361 Burford High Street as a through route for north to south heavy goods vehicle traffic.

#### **Background**

2. Burford Town Council has made representations to the County Council over the impact on the local environment of HGV movements through this town, and in particular in the historic town centre. Following a number of meetings to discuss options for addressing these concerns, Burford Town Council offered to fund the consultation on a weight restriction, and its implementation if approved.
3. The specific option that has been taken to formal consultation is a prohibition of vehicles exceeding 7.5 tonnes maximum gross weight travelling between Burford and Fulbrook roundabouts (A40 to A424). Access only for HGVs to make deliveries etc. would be permitted, as well as exemptions for emergency services and vehicles used for roads and utilities works. A plan showing the proposal is shown at Annex 1. A draft proposal for signing and advance notification of the restriction is shown at Annex 2.
4. An extensive signing scheme will be designed to advise drivers of the restriction and to divert them to alternative routes. Experience shows that signing is an effective deterrent but proper enforcement will be required in addition if the scheme is to be fully successful. The Counties Trading Standards Department have been working in conjunction with Burford Town Council to determine a suitable means of enforcement. It is proposed this will be taken on by Trading Standards as part of their existing countywide role. It is also proposed that should Burford Town Council wish to see a higher level of attendance by officers at Burford, additional external funding would be needed to further resource Trading Standards enforcement activity.
5. A formal consultation on the above proposals was carried out between 17 August and 15 September 2017. This comprised a public notice being published in the Oxford Times newspaper on 17 August and emails being sent to the statutory consultees, including Thames Valley Police, Ambulance,

Fire & Rescue, Road Haulage Association & Freight Transport Association, Cabinet Member & Shadow Member for Transport. Additionally...

Council Officers within Oxfordshire & Gloucestershire County Councils.  
District Councils - West Oxon, Vale of White Horse, South Oxon, Cherwell & Oxford City,

**11** OCC Members of directly impacted or neighbouring Divisions,

**80** Oxfordshire Parish/Town Councils,

**32** Gloucestershire Parish/Town Councils (list provided by Gloucs. CC)

6. 217 responses were received, comprising 67 objections, 143 expressions of support, and 7 making comments and raising queries on specific aspects of the proposals. A petition objecting to the proposal was also received from residents of Stow-in-the-Wold, which was signed by 82 individuals. All of the responses are summarised at Annex 3.
7. Thames Valley Police formally object to the proposal.
8. Other authorities responded as follows...

Ship ton-under-Wychwood	Neither
Barrington Parish	Neither
Woodstock Town Council	Object
County Councillor Hanborough	Object
Crawley Parish Council	Object
Witney Town Council	Object
Salford Parish Council	Object
Northleach with Eastington Town Council	Object
Little Rissington Parish	Object
Wyck Rissington Parish	Object
District Councillor	Object
Moreton in Marsh Town	Object
Bourton on the Water Parish	Object
Stow, Maugersbury & the Swells	Object
Broadwell Parish	Object
Upper Slaughter Parish	Object
Upper Rissington Parish	Object
Idbury Parish.	Object
Stow on the Wold Town Council	Object
Gloucestershire CC	Object
Crawley Parish	Object
Woodstock Division Cllr	Object
Bourton & Northleach	Object
Upper Slaughter Parish Council	Object
Broadwell Parish Council	Object
Burford Town Council	Support
Fulbrook Parish Council	Support
South Newington Parish	Support
Burford Town	Support
Swinbrook & Widford Parish	Support

Bloxham Parish	Support
District Councillor WODC	Support
District Councillor WODC	Support
Evenlode Parish	Support
Burford Division Cllr	Support
Taynton Parish Meeting	Support
Lechalde-on-Thames Town Council	Support
Burford & Carterton	Support

## **Response to objections and concerns**

9. Annex 4 contains a condensed summary of the main points raised with officer comments.

## **How the Project supports LTP4 Objectives**

10. Burford has long been included as a priority in the Local Transport Plan as a town the County Council would consider suitable for an environmental weight restriction due to the significant levels of HGV traffic.
11. The proposed Order is considered desirable on the grounds of promoting road safety, reducing danger and congestion, and improving the environment of the area. The proposal is primarily intended to protect the historic residential streets and its community from heavier lorry traffic. The restriction would also force heavy goods vehicles to make full use of the alternative major road network around the area.

## **Financial and Staff Implications (including Revenue)**

12. Funding for the proposal has been committed to by Burford Town Council; the appraisal of the proposals and consultation has been undertaken by County Council officers as part of their normal duties.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

13. **The Cabinet Member for the Environment is RECOMMENDED to defer the implementation of proposals as advertised, pending further investigation to determine the wider effect the scheme would have on neighbouring areas as a result of displaced vehicles.**

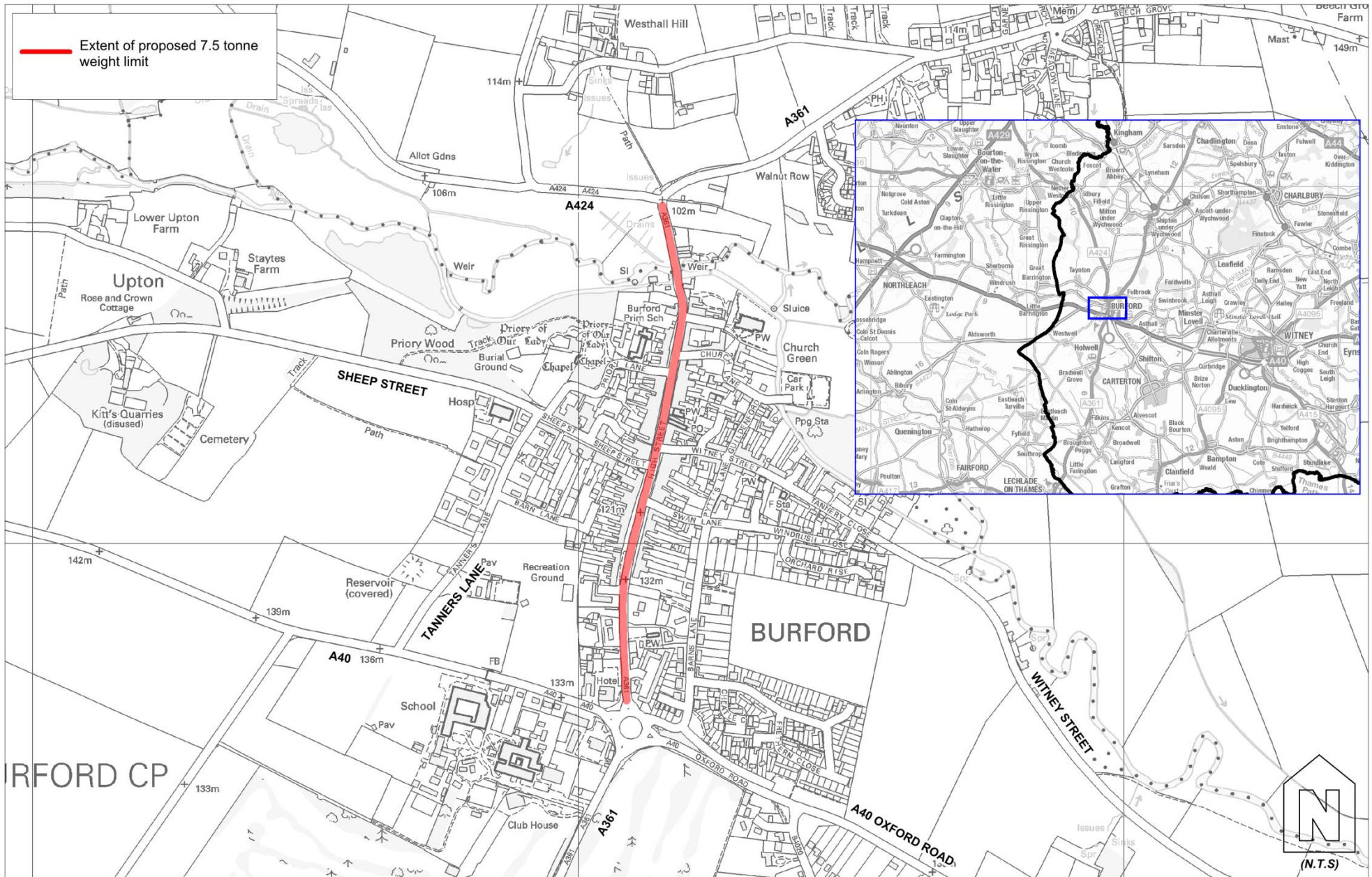
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Background papers:            Consultation responses

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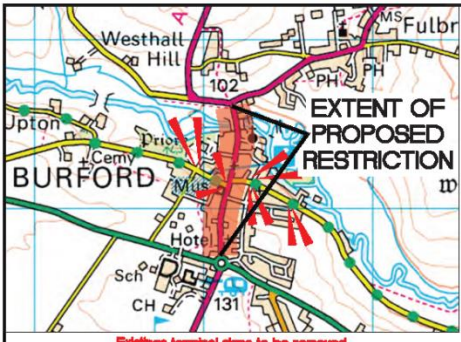


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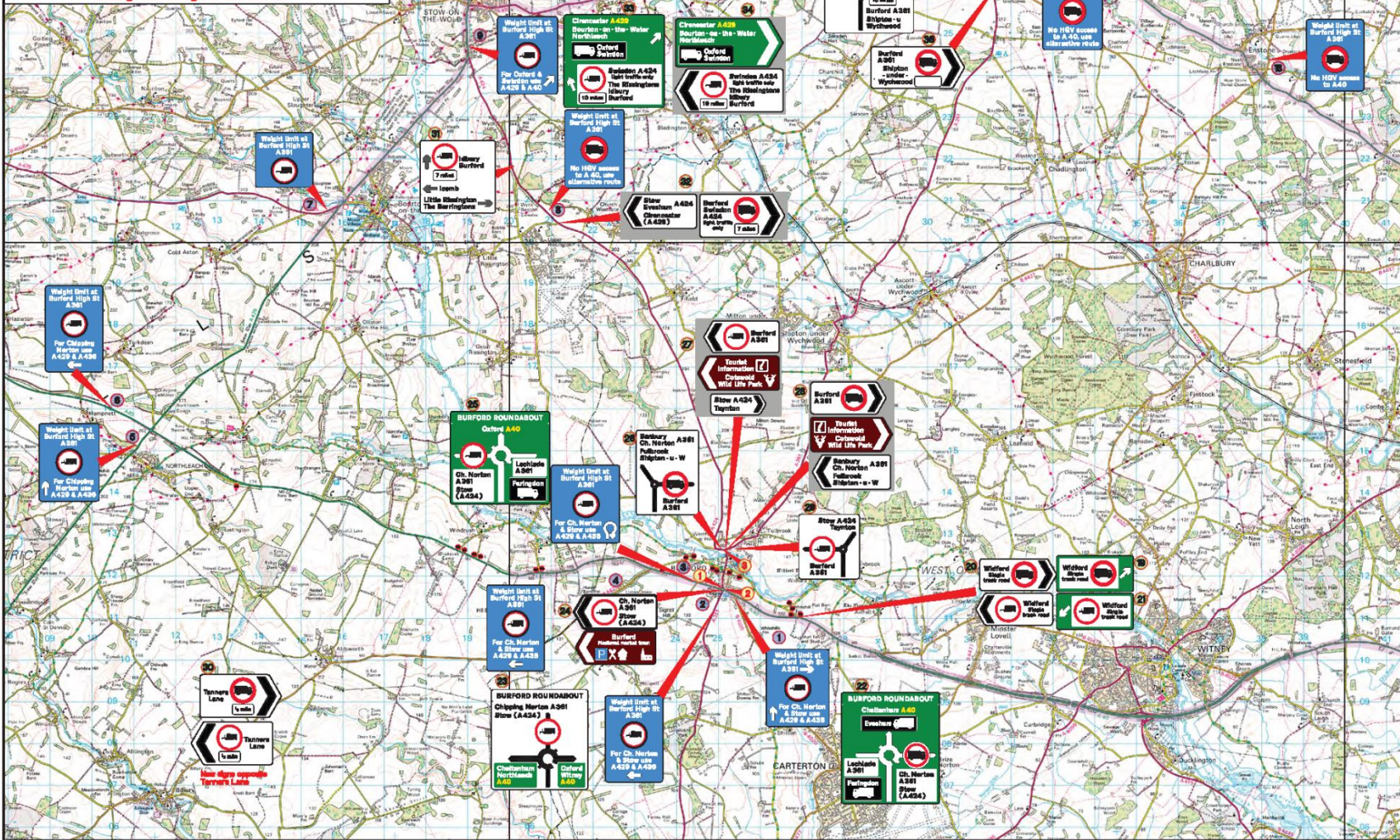
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**Draft signing proposals**

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## ANNEX 3

Officer Response	RESPONDENT	SUMMARISED COMMENTS
1	Democratic, (Burford)	<b>Support</b> - A white line on the single carriageway bridge separates pedestrians, including mother and child using the Primary School, from 44 tonne articulated trucks using the bridge. It is a frightening experience being so close to a moving heavy goods vehicle on this bridge. All other reasons, vibration damage to buildings and pollution also supported.
2	Individual, (Faringdon)	<b>Object</b> - My daughter has an 18 tonne MAN horsebox with a carrying capacity of 5 horses. We use Lyneham just north of Burford for training and exercise. From her base between Coleshill and Highworth are we now going to be required to travel halfway round the county to get to Lyneham should this restriction happen. Or will there be exceptions? Plus we also travel via Burford on about 6 occasions per year to travel to Horse Trials.
3	Individual, (Burford)	<b>Support</b> - one of the other issues is speed.....hgv's regularly drive too fast in a northward direction as they try to beat the traffic lights changing.
*	Individual, (Burford)	<b>Support</b> – <i>No comment.</i>
2,4,5,6	Individual, (Burford)	<b>Object</b> - The bridge at Burford connects 3 A roads. Bridges on such roads should be passable by HGVs

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		<p>Diverting along alternative longer routes increases pollution, will increase journey time for drivers and expense for hauliers.</p> <p>Many lorries may try to cut through Swinbrook over the bridge by the Swan or use the bridge at Worsham. They may also try to cut through down Blacksmiths Lane to avoid Burford. This would be disastrous for Swinbrook village due to the narrow and unsuitable nature of the lanes. Windrush might also have the same problem</p> <p>The A40 is already very busy and is frequently closed due to accidents on the Cheltenham side of Burford. Increasing the number of lorries will exacerbate this further.</p> <p>Closing Burford bridge to HGVs is just moving the problem and transferring it to Stow, which is also an old and historic town. Why should Stow have to contend with Burford problems? It also is frequently jammed up and it can take some time to get through. The other villages and towns on the alternative routes will also suffer just to reduce the problem in Burford. This seems unfair</p> <p>Burford needs a bypass or a new bridge next to the existing one so that the traffic does not have to stop and start and queue up and down the hill</p>
1	Individual, (Lechlade)	<b>Support</b> - I am in support of this restriction on environmental, safety and heritage grounds.
1	Individual, (Carterton)	<b>Support</b> - I have just driven up the hill in Burford and the journey was extremely slow because of a large lorry at the head of the traffic. This caused considerable tailbacks down the High Street.
*	Individual, (Burford)	<b>Support</b> – <i>No comment.</i>
1	Individual, (Burford)	<b>Support</b> - I regularly walk to school with 4 children over the bridge in burford and it's extremely dangerous. There is considerable pollution from stationary lorries and the beautiful town of Burford



		looks like a car park most of the time. I feel it is only a matter of time before there is a fatality either on the high street or the bridge.
7,	Individual, (Banbury)	<p><b>Support</b> - The signage proposal in the consultation documents does not explicitly show the best route to Banbury for traffic coming north to the A40 Burford roundabout. There should signs showing that Banbury traffic should turn east and take the A40/A34/ M40 (preferred) or the A40/A4260. Without this explicit signage HGVs will probably follow the signed route via the A40/A429/A436 to Chipping Norton and then up the A361 to Banbury, thus unnecessarily creating additional traffic through Stow-on-the Wold. Lack of signage for the preferred A40/A34/M40 route to Banbury will also lose the opportunity provided by the weight limit in Burford to divert traffic away from Chipping Norton, South Newington and Bloxham, all of which suffer problems from HGVs similar to those in Burford.</p> <p>Similarly, the weight limit in Burford should be signed in Banbury so that HGVs have the opportunity to select the M40/A34/A40 or the A4260/A40 routes to reach the A361 at the A40 roundabout south of Burford.</p> <p>I assume that companies whose HGVs regularly using the A361 through Burford will be informed in advance of the weight limit and the preferred alternative routes.</p>
1	Individual, (unknown)	<b>Support</b> - Much needed to reduce damage to highway and buildings and reduce noise nuisance on The Hill.
*	Individual, (Carterton)	<b>Support</b> – <i>No comment.</i>
1	Individual, (Burford)	<b>Support</b> - A limit would be welcome in order to reduce pollution and congestion, protect the historic buildings on the high street, and improve safety for residents and visitors. However it must be made clear that coaches will also be allowed access in order not to harm the important tourism industry.

*	Individual, (Burford)	<b>Support</b> – <i>No comment.</i>
2,4,5,6	Individual, (Burford)	<p><b>Object</b> - I object to the proposed restrictions on Burford bridge as it links 3 A roads The alternative routes for lorries over long distances will result in extra congestion and pollution Oxfordshire County Council in collaboration with Burford Town Council are simply moving the problem to other towns in AONB which are already congested themselves. A bypass should be discussed If the proposal goes through, the local villages without weight restrictions on bridges, will be severely affected</p>
1	Individual, (Burford)	<b>Support</b> - I strongly support a weight limit, since existing heavy traffic is damaging this beautiful Cotswold town's buildings. Can the limit be reduced further? Less would be better!
1,	Individual, (Chipping Norton)	<p><b>Support</b> - I live in Milton under Wychwood and there is a shocking amount of congestion in Burford. Not only does it delay my journey to/from work, I feel sorry for the people who live in the town. The removal of HGVs is one small step in the right direction.</p> <p>However, these proposals do not go far enough. Limiting the times at which delivery vehicles may attend is also needed, and in particular, the creation and proper enforcement of restrictions on where and how they park is needed. They often double park creating an obstruction, or park right on junctions, creating a real hazard.</p> <p>Second, there are a number of coaches going into town to park near the priory. There really should be a coach park closer to the A40.</p>
1,	Individual, (Burford)	<b>Support</b> - The proposal to limit the weight of traffic travelling through Burford's historic centre is not

		<p>only environmentally sensible, given the size and capacity of the alternative route using the nearby North/South Fosse Way, but is essential if the listed buildings in the town's High Street are to be preserved.</p> <p>As a committee member of Burford's Museum and the publisher of the town's community magazine I can vouch for the fact that these buildings are suffering increasing damage as the lorries grow in size and capacity. Added to which the congestion caused by these enormous lorries is such, in the confined space of Burford's narrow street, that traffic is increasingly brought to a standstill by their transit. This in turn leads to hold-ups right back to the roundabout on the A40 which then slows the traffic on the A40 and approaching the roundabout on the A361 south of Burford. This congestion has reached chronic proportions now.</p>
1	Individual, (Fulbrook)	<p><b>Support</b> - There has long been a need for a restriction on heavy lorries. It causes noise and vibration to our and other properties and is dangerous for pedestrians crossing Burford Bridge. Burford is an historic town and the vibration caused cannot be good for old properties on the High Street. It is also highly disturbing noise-wise, especially at night.</p>
*	Individual, (Fulbrook)	<p><b>Support</b> – <i>No comment.</i></p>
1	Individual, (Burford)	<p><b>Support</b> - This is a very important issue and long overdue. The bridge over the river will not survive with such heavy vehicles continually using it. The historic buildings of The Hill must suffer from the HGVs using Burford as a quick way from the A40 to the Fosseway at Stow on the Wold.</p>
1	Individual, (Burford)	<p><b>Support</b> - Long overdue to protect this historic town. At the top of the hill it is so narrow that the mirrors on the huge lorries almost hit you when walking on the footpath..Such a heavy lorry going down the hill,in the event of brake failure or loss of control, is likely to cause massive damage and loss of life. The alternative via Northleach does not pass through any built up areas and would only add 7 .miles to the journey via Stow which is the route</p>

		followed by the vast majority of the heavy lorries.
1	Individual, (Burford)	<p><b>Support</b> - My husband and I live at the top of burford hill and use the footpath next to the road on a daily basis. We feel unsafe on a daily basis due to the many heavy vehicles travelling up to the A40 roundabout at very excessive speeds. As walking on this footpath involves being a 2 to 3 ft distance from the traffic, all are extremely vulnerable to injury, be they people walking their dog, people using their motorised scooters, anyone with a slight disability, families with small children etc., all are in constant danger. We therefore need a restriction on heavy goods vehicles and a 20 mile an hour speed limit with adjoining speed cameras. A pelican crossing would be much appreciated positioned where there is an island crossing at the moment as the traffic using the hill has increased enormously over the last few years making crossing difficult.</p>
*	Individual, (Great Coxwell)	<p><b>Support</b> - This is an eminently sensible proposal, I hope it succeeds.</p>
1	Individual, (Burford)	<p><b>Support</b> - These vehicles add noise and air pollution to the town, add to the already unbearable traffic congestion, (especially at peak times as they reduce the width of road available making it impossible in some parts of the high street to have two way traffic) and are extremely dangerous. Many come flyers no down the hill at well over the speed limit and make it almost impossible to cross the road.</p> <p>There is also an economic impact of tourism as many people we meet remark on how noisy it is and that that wouldn't visit again because of this</p>
*	Individual, (Chipping)	<p><b>Support</b> – <i>No comment.</i></p>

	norton)	
1	Individual, (Burford)	<b>Support</b> - Large vehicle traffic has an obvious and significant negative impact on this historic village. I would certainly spend more time on the High Street if traffic were reduced. Vehicle emissions must be substantially increased by the constant traffic jams that occur with engines revving within a few feet of visitors and tourists trying to enjoy a snack or a drink at one of the establishments on the street. Recent damage to buildings and verges caused by vehicles trying to escape from jams also highlights the vulnerability of the centre. Why must we risk a prized piece of our heritage so that lorries can save a few minutes on their journey?
*	Individual, (unkown)	<b>Support</b> – <i>No comment.</i>
1	Individual, (Burford)	<b>Support</b> - As Burford residents, we see every day the adverse impact of heavy vehicles navigating the steep hill of Burford High Street. There is often double parking by delivery vehicles which effectively restricts the road width. The heavy vehicles strain to make the gradient. The old buildings close to the road, many of them listed, shake with the rumbling traffic. The road surface, manholes and underground services seem to need more frequent repairs than should be the case.  We hope that the council approves the weight restriction for the good of the town's environment.
1	Individual, (Burford)	<b>Support</b> - Large vehicles block the high street, stop the traffic flow and rattle the foundation of historic buildings
1	Individual, (Burford)	<b>Support</b> - We live just over the bridge from Burford on A361 and the volume of large lorries is a real blight on this area of such beauty. Over the bridge itself when walking you are inches from a juggernaut. This change would improve Burford incredibly and benefit the many residents and visitors. It is long overdue and much welcomed.

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1	Individual, (burford)	<b>Support</b> - Long over due proposal to rid the town of constant flow of heavy, noisy and stinking large vehicles destroying the rural setting.
1	Individual, (Leamington Spa)	<b>Support</b> - Over 7.5 T HGVs currently use this route for time/distance saving, without any regard to the local heritage and not supporting the local needs. Its dangerous, damaging, polluting and causes congestion. The bridge and road surface is often damaged, with repeat offenders being local haulage companies.
1	Individual, (unknown)	<b>Support</b> - I feel a 7.5 tonne weight limit will benefit residents living in Burford and Fulbrook like myself as I am often getting stuck in standstill traffic at the Burford/ Fulbrook roundabout as lorries ignore the new keep clear sign and block up the roundabout. It also causes a great deal of traffic in Burford Highstreet as the lorries often find it difficult turning and coming out of the side roads causing other traffic to be stopped and delayed.
*	Individual, (Moreton-in-Marsh)	<b>Support</b> – <i>No comment.</i>
2,4,5	Business, (Birmingham)	<b>Object</b> - As a hgv driver that uses this main road upto 10 times a week this restriction will cause chaos , by closing this vital road it will force me and many other Hgvs to use unrestricted roads that really aren't suitable . I frequently have to go from Carterton to chipping norton and without this road it will push me through an already heavily congested stow on the wold , or my route from Witney to chadlington will have to be via the small roads linking finstock / charlbury / chadlington . Without this vital artery we will undoubtably add to congestion and cause problems elsewhere .
1,6	Individual, (Fulbrook, Nr	<b>Support</b> - I have lived in Fulbrook for 25 years.

	Burford)	<p>Over the past 5-10 years the volume and weight of traffic, going over the Windrush Bridge and Burford High Street appears to have increased considerably. This results in lengthy delays using the bridge and High Street either to go to Burford shops and facilities or when travelling beyond Burford.</p> <p>Removing the heaviest vehicles from routinely using the bridge and High Street would be a valuable start to reducing this problem as well as making the route safer for pedestrians and cyclists. A by-pass, as proposed some twenty years ago, would be an even better long-term solution.</p>
4,8	Individual, (Charlbury)	<p><b>Object</b> - Velcourt Cotswold Contracting is an agricultural contracting business that currently farm land either side of Burford and we regularly have to move our agricultural machinery through Burford.</p> <p>If the weight limit was to be imposed, our only alternative route is through Taynton, Great Barrington and Little Barrington which is considerably further. Some of our machinery is wide (we have a Police dispensation to move machinery up to 4.2m in width on the road without a Police escort) and the alternative route would not be suitable due to the narrowness of the roads and cars parked on the road in the villages. Also with HGVs being stopped from using Burford, they are likely to use the same alternative route that we are looking at. If we were to meet these lorries with our machinery, they would not be able to pass each other easily and damage to the verges is likely to be caused. If the weight limit is to be brought in, I would ask that you consider granting a exemption for agricultural vehicles.</p>
1	Individual, (unknown)	<p><b>Support</b> - The historic buildings and all access roads to it are being severely damaged by heavy goods vehicles rumbling through this area. The vehicles are only using it as a short cut instead of following the more purposely built road systems for those types of vehicles.</p>
*	Individual, (unknown)	<p><b>Support</b> – <i>No comment.</i></p>
1	Individual,	

	(Burford)	<b>Support</b> - The road at the A40 roundabout is frequently blocked due to traffic descending through Burford High Street making it more dangerous for pedestrians. The increase in housing west of Oxford will only make this situation worse and so the sooner we upgrade the road system the better.
1	Individual, (Burford)	<b>Support</b> - The bridge is far too narrow for large hgv trucks and it feels very dangerous walking to school over the bridge. The congestion on the Hill is also extreme and forces local traffic to go around single track lanes to swinbrook and asthall just to avoid the traffic. Please consider the use of lights on the mini roundabout as traffic regularly queues back to the carpenters arms pub and beyond.
1	Individual, (Burford)	<b>Support</b> - As a resident of Burford living on the A361 between the A40 and the Burford Bridge, I would be delighted to see a weight restriction placed on vehicles using the Hill and the town, as the large vehicles make parts of our house vibrate as they pass, especially during the night, when I am sure many are travelling over the 30 MPH speed limit. I fully support the weight restriction to protect Burford Hill and High Street, which has so many historic listed buildings which deserve proper protection to conserve them.
2,4,5,6	Business, (Chadlington)	<b>Object</b> - We are a family run haulage business which has been operating in Chadlington since 1929. We have many customers in the Witney area, this proposal will now mean that we have to travel via Woodstock/Bladon or Oxford forcing our trucks past many schools and pedestrian areas not to mention the extra operating costs and additional pollution. The answer to this issue is to build a proper bypass for Burford.
1,4	Individual, (Burford)	<b>Support</b> - As a resident of Fulbrook I support this weight restriction throughout Burford, Walking 4 Children to School over the bridge into Burford is hazardous due to the large lorry's that force there way over the bridge leaving very little room to walk, An accident waiting to happen. Also Burford's road infrastructure struggles with the vast amount of vehicles so the reduction of HGV's passing through would make a massive impact to both the road congestion and the beautiful views through



		<p>this town.</p> <p>My only concern would be that vehicles coming from stow / Warwick area would pass through the village of Fulbrook using it as a rat run to get to their designation rather than following the recommended route. Hopefully your signage would make it clear that this was not an acceptable alternative.</p>
1	Individual, (Chipping Norton)	<p><b>Support</b> - The passage of a large number of heavy lorries through the town and across the medieval bridge is completely inappropriate. Alternative routes are available which could and should be used. Long-term damage to buildings in Burford High Street will occur unless heavy lorries are prevented from using it.</p>
1	Individual, (Burford)	<p><b>Support</b> - Our house, which is located near the bridge is subject to severe vibrations when heavy lorries drive past. The property is Grade 2* listed and a major programme of repairs to the facade have recently been completed. It is very likely that the vibrations created by heavy traffic contributed to the damage over time.</p>
2,4,5,9	Business, (Banbury)	<p><b>Object</b> - Proposed Burford 7.5 tonne weight limit I am providing these comments in my capacity as transport manager of Smith &amp; Sons (Bletchington) Ltd.</p> <p>We are strongly opposed to the proposed 7.5 tonne weight limit in High Street, Burford. As a locally based quarry operator providing essential materials to our local customer base, this weight limit would have far reaching implications on both our business and many of our customers. Typically, smaller quarry operators such as ourselves supply local markets, with the majority of our aggregates being supplied only a few miles from our quarries. Accordingly, Burford High Street is a key route for the marketing of aggregates from Burford quarry to our local customers including builders, construction companies, Councils, domestic users and particularly at this time of year, the supply of lime dust for soil conditioning by local farmers.</p> <p>Ironically, the proposed weight limit would damage a quarrying business, where its quarried stone is</p>

		<p>used in construction making Burford such an attractive town to start with and gives character to the wider Cotswold area.</p> <p>We carried out a study of our goods vehicle movements through Burford High Street week commencing 4th September which totalled 108 in each direction. Whilst this may be of concern to the residents of Burford, these journeys were to and from customer sites using the most appropriate, direct and environmentally friendly route for the vehicle type. If the vehicles had been prohibited from using Burford High Street, the additional mileage and time required to carry out these deliveries would have had major cost implications on our business and ultimately on our customers.</p> <p>If the proposed weight limit had been in place based, on the above movements, there would have been a major impact on the local environment even though our modern vehicle fleet with state of the art technology is less polluting than many of the smaller vehicles travelling through Burford.</p> <p>We also question the depiction of huge trucks thundering through Burford which has cropped up a few times. As a member of the public as well as an employee of Smiths who travels through Burford regularly, I have never seen a truck thundering through Burford, invariably they are stuck in a queue of cars and vans which are the prime cause of the congestion in the town.</p> <p>Regarding our specific use of Burford High Street, below are two examples of journeys made last week:</p> <p>Burford Quarry to Hickman Brothers, Fullbrook via Burford – 4 miles          Alternative - A40 west via North Leach, Stowe – 29 miles          Alternative - A40 east via Eynsham, Woodstock, Chipping Norton – 38 miles</p> <p>Burford Quarry to Shipton under Wychwood via Burford – 7 miles (various deliveries to farmers and builders)          Alternative - A40 west via North Leach, Stowe, Chipping Norton – 35 miles          Alternative - A40 east via Eynsham, Woodstock, Chipping Norton – 34 miles</p> <p>In each of these cases, both alternative routes highlighted above use the A road alternatives proposed by OCC. Should the weight limit be introduced we would not necessarily use the A road alternative because of the enormous and unsustainable increase in road miles which would result in additional vehicle movements to deliver the same tonnage to the customer's timescales. We would therefore look at other alternative routes to keep total vehicle movements to a minimum. One of these for example would be the use of the B4022 from Witney through Hailey and Charlbury to gain</p>
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		<p>access to the villages between Chipping Norton and Burford.</p> <p>Having argued the effect the weight limit would have on a local business and local customers, we would strongly argue that the following conditions should be considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Look at an alternative weight limit such as 32 tonnes which would affect articulated vehicles but allow some rigid vehicles to use the route.</li> <li>• In Particular - Issue exemption permits to local companies carrying out local deliveries.</li> </ul> <p>We stress again our strong opposition to this proposed weight restriction.</p>
<p>1,5</p>	<p>Individual, (unknown)</p>	<p><b>Support</b> - Think it is a good idea. Burford is a piece of heritage that is a popular part of the tourist economy. The amount of heavy goods vehicles is spoiling it.</p> <p>Concerned that asking HGV to turn right at the junction of the A429 and A436 would cause problems in stow.</p> <p>Can you not route it up to the junction of the A44 with A429 to access chipping norton.</p> <p>Assuming a lot of traffic is looking for the quickest route back onto the M40 when it is going through Burford and Chipping Norton?</p> <p>Will there be restrictions on the time of day deliveries can be made in burford town centre by HGV?</p>
<p>1</p>	<p>Individual, (Burford)</p>	<p><b>Support</b> - I have lived on Burford High Street for 4 years and the HGVs are a blight and a menace to the town. Nighttime is worst, when many of them seem to have the view that the 30mph speed limit is merely a suggestion. Friends of mine who are unfortunate enough to have there bedrooms facing onto the High St have a terrible time with them, as I did for several months when I first moved in, before the bedroom (at the back) was ready. The entire of the front of the house shakes as they go past, and the noise is horrendous. The HGVs must go, they are badly compromising the physical structure of a High St (not to mention the Windrush bridge) that was designed for nothing faster,</p>

		heavier or louder than a coach and four.
*	Individual, (Carterton)	<b>Object</b> – <i>No comment.</i>
*	Individual, (Burford)	<b>Support</b> - Excellent idea
4	Individual, (Witney)	<p><b>Neither</b> - Whilst I agree that it restricting the weight limit of lorries passing through Burford will be good for Burford itself, I am concerned about the knock-on effect on the surrounding villages. Any lorries travelling between Chipping Norton and Witney are likely to pick a route through Leafield or Charlbury. They are very unlikely to to pick the major trunk roads via Northleach or Wolvercote, because it will be too far out of the way. The roads in and around Leafield in particular are not suitable for large and heavy traffic, because they are far too narrow. In addition, the village school doesn't have a playing field, so the children do their sports activities on the village green which is unfenced and next to the road. We can't risk heavy lorries passing so close to them. Even if you put signs up directing traffic elsewhere, they will still undoubtedly follow their sat navs through these villages.</p> <p>I would be interested to hear how you intend to prevent this traffic rerouting via the villages.</p>
2	Business, (Ducklington)	<b>Object</b> - We are a Witney-based manufacturer of reproduction roof tiles and make regular deliveries to building sites immediately north of Burford, including three sites in Fulbrook in the last year. There is no access to the A361 or A424 from the A40 except by passing through the High Street, so I'm not sure what is meant by 'the alternative major road network' except if that means diverting to the A429 or A44, either of which would mean significant extra costs to us in, for example, our five or six deliveries to Fulbrook over the past year.
1	Individual, (Burford)	<b>Support</b> - I think this proposal should improve the environment for residents and tourists and slightly

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		reduce the congestion on the hill
1	Individual, (Burford)	<b>Support</b> - The HGVs are a major problem here. They make the foundations of our medieval buildings shake and because they have to shift gear to get up Burford High Street and Hill they are particularly noisy. The street is a major tourist destination but can be ruined by the HGVs. It really is not a suitable route, especially since the HGVs have to cross our tiny Medieval bridge.
1	Individual, (Burford)	<b>Support</b> - An excellent idea which has my full support.
1	Individual, (Burford)	<b>Support</b> - I feel this will be a positive move for Burford. You can feel the vibration of the lorries going up and down the high street, which is surely detrimental to the long term prospects of the ancient buildings on the hill. I will certainly feel happier cycling in the town and surrounding roads with fewer large HGVs squeezing me onto the pavement. It should also help reduce standing traffic and the regular pollution-generating tailbacks that are a feature of the 'commuter' time of day.
4	Individual, (Chipping Norton)	<b>Object</b> - All lorry drivers use Sat Nav and many will travel the shorter rural routes through villages like Swinbrook, which are quite unsuitable and the roads are in appalling condition already.  Would it not be possible to widen/strengthen the existing bridge so the traffic lights are no longer needed, or build an extra bridge alongside?
1	Individual, (Burford)	<b>Support</b> - I regularly ride my bike in Burford High Street to go shopping, and am often obliged to get off and wait for huge lorries to pass, because I am not confident that they can see me on the inside of the traffic lane. It is a frightening experience as they are so out of scale with surrounding traffic and buildings on this village street. They are often as big as many of the ancient buildings which are shaken by their passage up and down the steep hill. At a right angle to the medieval bridge over the Windrush, facing up the hill, is a row of historic houses called Wysdom Cottages. If the brakes

		<p>should fail on one of these lorries those buildings would be flattened, and with ever increasing numbers of them on the High Street this is more and more likely to happen. Residents of Burford, including me, have been begging for a weight limit on the bridge for several decades, and during that time the traffic has increased and the HGVs have got heavier and bigger. Please help preserve out town from the damage they cause. They not only undermine the interesting and beautiful buildings and distress the residents, they also destroy the pleasure of the many visitors who contribute so much to the local economy.</p>
1,6	Individual, (Fulbrook)	<p><b>Support</b> - Having lived in Burford, on the High Street, for over 30 years I can attest to the damage HGV's cause to buildings. Additionally Burford is a tourist destination as well as being the home to residents, and the level of traffic passing through on a daily basis makes life a misery and a hazard to pedestrians. There is a constant queue of traffic both up and down the High Street. Removing some part of the traffic, in the shape of HGV's will make things much better. This is the best interim solution, though a bypass would be even better. I suggest a visit to Broadway to see how a town can be vastly improved by having a bypass!</p>
*	Individual, (Burford)	<p><b>Support</b> - I absolutely support the proposed weight restriction but question the need for continued access for HGVs for deliveries etc. Notwithstanding the fact that this essentially increases the difficulty in policing the restriction it should not be a difficult matter for deliveries to be made in smaller vehicles, that are within the weight restriction.</p>
2,4,5, 6,10, 11	Individual, (Chipping Norton)	<p><b>Object</b> - I am writing to object to the 7.5t weight limit proposal on the major A road (A361 Burford) for several reasons:</p> <p>1: You say that 'it is considered necessary on the grounds of promoting road safety, reducing danger and congestion.' I would like to argue this point for the following reasons.</p> <p>It will not significantly reduce congestion as the whole reason for the congestion is the bridge at the</p>

		<p>bottom of the hill over the Windrush River. Even without HGV traffic the fact that the bridge is not wide enough to allow two way traffic to flow through the town is the reason for the extensive congestion, not the HGV's. I would like to point out that free flowing traffic would cause fewer emissions too.</p> <p>It will not reduce danger and improve road safety, as, unless it is the middle of the night, traffic is never moving more than 5 mph or 10 mph due to the heavy congestion, as I have addressed above. Therefore I argue this point and will look into finding out just exactly how many incidents and occurrences have been recorded involving HGV's on the high street in Burford.</p> <p>I would support a 20mph speed limit through the town if you really wanted, but the chance for the traffic to get to that speed is unachievable most of the day anyway.</p> <p>I would also firmly support the building of a wider or additional bridge over the river, which I believe there is space and scope for either where the existing bridge is or further upstream, which would then divert all the through traffic round the town.</p> <p>And in any case, on the issue of public road safety and reducing danger, the regular HGV traffic provides a welcome natural traffic calming measure to the rest of the A361 and A424 which would obviously cease should this proposal go through meaning that the traffic speed will likely increase when these roads are already renowned for many serious accidents due to their long straights and rolling landscapes.</p> <p>2: You say 'The proposal is primarily intended to protect the historic residential streets and its community from heavier lorry traffic.'</p> <p>I argue this point on the same basis as above, but also having lived in the area for almost all of my life, I don't see any excessive signs of damage other than the general wear and tear/deterioration. I realise that bits of some roads have recently been resurfaced but that we pay our taxes for anyway.</p> <p>3: You say 'The restriction would also force heavy goods vehicles to make full use of the alternative major road network around the area.'</p> <p>I argue this too as yes it would but the proposed diversions (if used...) are already incapable of taking the current traffic demand without extra traffic such as the Wolvercote roundabout which you have just spent some astronomical sum trying to improve and still the A40 has broken Que's right back past Eynsham every day.</p>
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1	Individual, (Burford)	<b>Support</b> - A restriction on HGVs in Burford High Street and The Hill is long overdue. Burford is a



		unique town with 252 listed buildings, many of them in the High Street and Hill. These are literally being shaken to the foundations by heavy lorries.
1	Business, (Burford)	<p><b>Support</b> - Dear Sirs</p> <p>You have our total support at Elm of Burford. After years of diesel dust deposited both outside and inside or shop, Multiple huge vehicles shaking the windows and property we agree and always have that the extra few minutes to go via the Foss way is no big deal.</p> <p>Might we highlight that should the A40 roundabout junction to Burford allow access to HGV's then some will buck the system, particularly in the night. An access restriction would help and suggest that HGV's who have statutory rights to enter Burford, enter via Sheep Street continuation to the A40.</p>
*	Individual, (Burford)	<b>Support</b> – <i>No comment.</i>
4,6	Individual, (Leaffield)	<p><b>Object</b> - Burford has always been a bottle neck with traffic even when I worked there as a district nurse in the early 1980s. Banning large trucks from Burford High Street will only send them into other small villages close by. I now live in Leaffield and there has been a considerable increase in very large lorries and trucks through our very small village over the past year or more possibly because of sat-nav. Lately even more have found their way into and through our village. When Caterham and the other F1 teams were operating out of Langley (a mile out of the village towards Shipton Under Wychwood) all of their large trucks were only allowed to go towards the Burford to Chipping Norton Road therefore NEVER coming through our small village. Leaffield village school is situated right on the village green and the staff have no parking other than on the road by the green. This makes getting by the school very difficult indeed and large vehicles would make it impossible for everyone trying to safely get around.</p> <p>For many years cars have made the short cut through Leaffield from Witney to Chipping Norton and the other way around. They go via Ascot Under Wychwood. The amount of traffic going through the village morning and evening has increased a great deal and if you add trucks and lorries to this it will become untenable.</p>

		<p>For year a Burford bypass has been discussed and then dropped. I think it is about time this was considered again. We cannot allow these oversized trucks to encroach on the roads of our small village that has extremely narrow roads.</p> <p>Please reconsider this 7.5 tonne restriction from Burford High Street because of the mayhem it will cause small villages close to Burford.</p>
1	Individual, (Fulbrook)	<p><b>Support</b> - The current situation is very dangerous and it is only a matter of time before a fatality happens on Burford bridge.</p> <p>Large lorries cross at great speed and there is very little room (and often time) for pedestrians to take cover.</p> <p>I am healthy and able adult and have personally almost been hit.</p> <p>The safety situation for people with disabilities and children is even more dire and inappropriate.</p> <p>I fully support the proposed 7.5 tonne Weight Limit for the Burford area.</p>
4,6	Individual, (Burford)	<p><b>Object</b> - The weight limit is in force in many of the surrounding villages with narrow and/or weak bridges, yet it is not enforced as lorries bigger than 7.5 tonnes regularly pass through the villages (and not for local loading/deliveries). A weight limit in the Burford area will merely mean some of the lorries that usually pass through Burford will seek alternative routes through the villages knowing that the weight limits there are not enforced.</p> <p>However, I am supportive of reducing the amount of traffic and HGVs through Burford via other initiatives. Burford is the confluence of two important A-roads, yet it is an inadequate route with traffic backed up through the town everyday. A far more sensible solution would be to have Burford by-pass that keeps the traffic moving along these roads, but the town safe for tourists and pedestrians.</p>

<p>1</p>	<p>Individual, (Chipping Norton)</p>	<p><b>Support</b> - I wish to add a comment from Shipton under Wychwood, a few miles north of Burford, which sees most of the heavy traffic on the A361 which passes though Burford. I live on the A361 (High Street) in Shipton and suffer from the heavy traffic in a number of ways.</p> <p>The noise and vibration from heavy lorries wakes us in the early morning and we lose sleep. This continues through the day shaking the house. It is virtually impossible to use our front garden and gardening is a most uncomfortable activity. Conversation is impossible when heavy lorries go through.</p> <p>There are manholes in the road outside our house and the heavy traffic progressively causes the collapse of these, this in turn causes enormous shaking and noise when a heavy vehicle passes over a manhole which is no longer flush with the road surface. At our request, the highways department have had to repair these manholes three times in recent years to correct the damage.</p> <p>As a pedestrian, it is extremely distressing to use the footpath in our village with lorries thundering past at or above the 30mph speed limit. On some bends the noise, wind and vibration is very frightening for a pedestrian. We recently started up a Speedwatch in our village with the support of TVP, but the radar equipment was blown over by the draft from a lorry exceeding the speed limit and has had to be sent off for repair.</p> <p>Vibration to our 18th century, grade 2 listed cottage we believe is causing damage and we are concerned about several fractures in the dressed stone front of our house. I suspect this is at least equal to damage experienced in Burford town by historic buildings as the traffic is moving more quickly through Shipton.</p>
<p>1</p>	<p>Individual, (Fulbrook, Burford)</p>	<p><b>Support</b> - As a resident of Fulbrook for over 27 years, and a daily walker/driver into Burford using the bridge as our only means of getting into town I have noticed the increase in heavy goods traffic. Not only are they destroying the road surfaces &amp; bridge, they are downright dangerous; they tend to speed coming down the hill from Fulbrook on the A361 to the mini roundabout and onto the bridge. As a pedestrian on the bridge the only option is to stand aside and let them pass - there's not</p>

		<p>enough room to walk safely. Burford is severely congested and traffic coming down the hill from the A40 invariably backs up to the roundabout at any time of day. By imposing a weight restriction can only help alleviate some of this congestion. Hopefully it will improve the lives and safety of the residents on both sides of the bridge.</p>
1	Individual, (Burford)	<p><b>Support</b> - I believe Burford High Street is the largest continuous stretch of Middle Ages buildings in the country, and I live in the middle of it. It is a priceless piece of heritage, and we have allowed it to be shaken to bits by vibrations and pollution from heavy lorries for too many years. The situation has been made much worse recently with the advent of really huge lorries from EU countries.</p> <p>Congestion arising from the bottleneck caused by the single way bridge is unbearable, with huge lorries straining noisily and cars/vans silting up all side roads seeking rat run relief. Burford has become a traffic nightmare.</p> <p>I am a private citizen and this is not a technical contribution by way of "evidence". But it is a plea for common sense and fairness from one who daily witnesses what goes on.</p> <p>I heartily support the proposal.</p>
1	Individual, (Burford)	<p><b>Support</b> - I strongly support this proposal. The volume and weight of traffic in Burford High Street and over Burford bridge increases constantly and has become intolerable. Please note that it will also be aggravated, as will that in Barnes Lane and Witney Street, by WODC's proposal to build a large new housing estate on Cole's Field. I strongly urge the County Council to look again at that proposal and to object to it on those grounds.</p>
1,3	Individual, (unknown)	<p><b>Support</b> - I would go a step further and introduce a 20 mph speed limit. Although I do not myself live in the area,i regularly use the road and am very surprised that the limit has not already been enforced.During my daily commute,i have had severel 'near misses' with 40 tonne lorries driving at frankly dangerous speeds on this road.I feel sorry for the people that actually have to live with this</p>

		<p>situation every day. Should the restriction come into force, i sincerely hope that the lorries will not be replaced by droves of 'white vans' driving at break neck speeds?</p>
1	Individual, (Fulbrook)	<p><b>Support</b> - I would hope that this will also be enforced by relevant authorities.</p>
1	Individual, (Fulbrook)	<p><b>Support</b> - Decades of inaction has led to steady and unacceptable level of HGVs including those with trailers using Fulbrook, Burford and the bridge as a way of reducing mileage versus the recommended routes for HGVs. Causes excess pollution, traffic congestion, danger to foot passengers and bikes on the bridge and surrounding roads. Congestion in turn causes extra traffic on small roads in Burford and through Fulbrook, Swinbrook, Taynton etc. The HGV traffic brings no local benefit whatsoever.</p> <p>Enforcement measures will be required not just proposed signage. Cameras, ANPR, regular spot checks by uniformed police. Needs pollution measurement to demonstrate improvements to counteract appeals, slippage in enforcement.</p> <p>Licences for "local" businesses must not be handed out to major users since they also should use recommended routes. In this I would include Hayter, Hacklings, Hickman and others with regular and heavy use of the bridge. There are no doubt many others. Any licences must have a way of measuring how many vehicle movements are to be permitted.</p>
1	Individual, (Burford)	<p><b>Support</b> - I appreciate the need for transportation requirements in the area but Burford relies heavily if not almost completely on tourism, and the high street is being ruined as a pleasant space for both tourists and locals by huge lorries belching out fumes all day long. In addition, not only is the the pollution harming the beautiful architecture but I have personally witnessed a lorry attempting a u-turn in the high street resulting in one of the residential properties being hit in the process. I believe strongly that a weight limit on traffic will help this.</p>

1	Individual, (Shipton under Wychwood)	<b>Support</b> - The 45 years that I have lived close by to Burford have seen an enormous increase in HGVs driving through, blocking and spoiling the unrivalled beauty of Burford High Street. Not for nothing did the eminent art historian, Professor Pevsner, call it 'a quite remarkable small medieval town'. It is becoming remarkable because of the endless clogging up by heavy traffic. I strongly support the weight limit proposal.
*	Individual, (unknown)	<b>Support</b> – <i>No comment.</i>
1	Business, (Burford)	<b>Support</b> - As a residents, business and property owners on Burford High Street we completely support this proposal . Firstly as residents the heavy transport causes damage to our building. It necessary to have the pointing checked twice a year as the vibration caused by the lorries when they hit imperfections in the carriageway causes the building to shake this is worst at night and in the early morning when the lorries are travelling at speed there can also be vibrations caused by the engines of the lorries when they are stuck in traffic this is most noticeable in the windows . Whilst the light traffic adds to the vitality of the town the large vehicles clog the flow of traffic thereby increasing the pollution and congestion. As a trader who oftener talks to people who have been staying in the hotels on the High Street over night we constantly hear the comment that their stay has been spoilt by the noise created by the heavy lorries which goes on all night. Burfords survival is heavily dependant on the tourist industry and one often hears that the presence of the heavy vehicles is spoiling peoples enjoyment of the town .
4,5,12	Individual, (Cheltenham)	<b>Object</b> - The request to put a weight limit on Burford High Street is totally understandable, as expressed in the reasons stated in the application - to reduce danger to persons or traffic, prevent damage to roads or buildings on or near the road, facilitate the passage of traffic and improve amenities of the area by restricting the amount of heavy goods vehicles - and is long overdue. However, the proposal in its current form to divert the traffic from Burford impacts significantly on Stow on the Wold and the A436. The reasons for the proposal in Burford, with which I agree, also

		<p>apply to Sheep Street and Park Street - A436 in Stow on the Wold - and a weight limit should be put onto this road for exactly the same reasons.</p> <p>However, none of these factors take in the bigger picture and the problem of HGVs rat running through the Cotswolds, something that has to be stopped. The Cotswolds include historic market towns with listed buildings, conservation areas and AONBs alongside wonderful historic Cotswold villages. These form a world class heritage site, the preservation of which needs to be recognised. Tourism in the Cotswolds brings in well in excess of a billion GBP a year as a contribution to the British economy, but will only continue to do so if the Cotswolds are given the proper protection to prevent environmental damage being done through inappropriate transport and housing.</p> <p>It is West Oxfordshire Council that is making this application and it is wrong that only one single authority should be making such an application. It is absolutely imperative that an overall plan for the Cotswolds be put together to secure its future. This would require the cooperation and involvement of all the adjoining counties, which would include Glos, Wilts, Oxon, Warks &amp; Worcs, who all have roads leading into the Cotswold area. Stow on the Wold has suffered from increased HGV traffic from the Air Balloon roundabout on the A436 through Stow and onto Oxfordshire, which is getting out of hand. We have already suffered HGV traffic increases on the Evesham/Broadway/Stow road (A424 - A44), where traffic has been diverted from Bourton on the Hill and Moreton in the Marsh through Stow and onto Sheep Street, the A436. All of this ignores the other major problem in the Cotswolds, which is the North/South route - A429 - for which a long term solution needs to be established, which appears currently not to be the case. At peak times, the A429 is currently experiencing traffic flows in Stow in excess of 13,000 cars a day. The overall picture at Stow, sitting as it does on an arterial route, is that we are now suffering gridlock traffic at many times of the day, throughout the week and throughout the year.</p>
<p>1</p>	<p>Individual, (Chipping Norton)</p>	<p><b>Support</b> - I live in Shipton under Wychwood and many of the large lorries that pass through Burford also pass through this village. The A361 is single carriage and within the village there are two sharp bends. Often the lorries cross the central line to negotiate these bends causing danger to the other road users. On arrival in Burford they have to negotiate the narrow bridge at the bottom of the high street. The</p>

		noise, pollution and vibration caused by these lorries is very unpleasant and is probably causing discomfort to the residents and long term damage to the many old buildings. Banning these lorries would create a safer and more pleasant environment.
5,12	Individual, (Stow on the Wold)	<p><b>Object</b> - Whilst i understand the desire to restrict HGVs to improve safety, protect buildings and improve amenities, it is totally unacceptable to do this by re routing traffic in such a way that it will have the equal and opposite negative effect on other neighboring settlements, such as Stow on the Wold.</p> <p>The A436 (Sheep Street and Park Street) already suffers from such high volumes of traffic that they are gridlocked daily, and for whole weekends during the summer. To re route even more traffic through a conservation area, with a significant number of listed buildings and high pedestrian flow would be dangerous, damaging to the protected buildings in the area, and damaging to the economic viability of Stow on the Wold which depends so heavily on tourism, and the ability of tourists to reach the town and enjoy it without being subject to additional traffic pollution.</p> <p>Oxfordshire County council, please think again about where you re route traffic and come up with a scheme that takes account of the needs of the whole of the Cotswolds, rather than simply shifting a problem from one sensitive community to another.</p>
1	Individual, (Chipping Norton)	<b>Support</b> - Non essential heavy vehicles should use the alternative routes to preserve the heritage and character of Burford.
*	Business, (Minster Lovell)	<b>Object</b> – <i>No comment.</i>
1	Individual, (Shipton under Wychwood)	<b>Support</b> - This will reduce the amount of HGV traffic through villages surrounding Burford, these villages have many graded properties that will benefit from less impact from vibrations due to heavy weight traffic. Road surfaces will be preserved due to less traffic of this type.
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	(Chipping Norton)	<b>Support</b> - As a former resident of Burford, I understand that heavy vehicles have been a problem since at least the 1970s. They are detrimental to the environment and to the precious historic High St.
1	Individual, (unknown)	<b>Support</b> - It's important to protect the historic Burford high street and make it a more appealing place to be, given the tourist attraction and benefit to the local economy. BUT - in putting such a restriction in place it is also important not to create lorry rat-runs and put safety at risk, so clearly marking and communicating an acceptable alternative route for HGVs is vital.
1	Individual, (Chipping Norton)	<b>Support</b> - As the roads come under constantly more pressure this restriction will help ease the safety and maintenance issues around Burford's High Street and its medieval bridge. Living on the A361 in Shipton, it may also reduce the heavy traffic past our bedroom window which shakes our house and wakes us up at night. I fully support the proposal.
*	Individual, (Bampton)	<b>Support</b> - Strong support for proposal
*	Individual, (Burford)	<b>Support</b> – <i>No comment.</i>
1	Individual, (Minster Lovell)	<b>Support</b> - For years the ancient town of Burford has been subjected to increasingly heavy lorry traffic. It ruins the ambience of this beautiful Cotswold town. It is not inconceivable that one of these lorries could suffer a brake failure, and a horrendous accident would result.
13	Individual, (Burford)	<b>Object</b> - The issue is not about the weight of the vehicles using Burford High Street, but the vehicles that exceed the speed limit of 30 mph. Those heavy vehicles that travel legally along the A361 should not be penalised because of the actions of those who exceed the speed limit. If the speed limit was 20 mph during the day, with active camera enforcement, then none of the people who want

		<p>the lorries banned would notice the passing of any cars. In the late-afternoons/early-evenings, the traffic is always in a jam, and then it doesn't make any difference what weight a vehicle is. The proposal to ban lorries obeying the speed limit must be illegal as there are no safety concerns over the weight limit on the bridge at the bottom of the High Street and so those lorries travelling within the speed limit have as much right to use the High Street as any of us.</p> <p>Enforce the speed limit effectively and you eliminate the problem.</p> <p>The proposed weight limit is taking a hammer to crack an egg... ...and will affect law-abiding businesses along the A361 adversely.</p> <p>I am a Burford resident who is fed up with a small clique advancing their own agenda at the expense of others.</p>
2,5,6	Business, (Witney)	<p><b>Object</b> - Two Major A roads go through Buford. Who pays for the extra cost for routing vehicle miles out of there way.</p> <p>If people do not want large vehicles on the roads, STOP creating the demand for them, What about the other people you want to inflict with the extra traffic.</p> <p>If you want weight limit it should apply to ALL TRAFFIC and do not cherry pick.</p> <p>Try building a BYPASS first. A route was suggested in the 1930s</p> <p>The council have not replaced the bridge at NEWBRIDGE and put weight limit in BAMPTON. LOOK AT THE EFFECT THIS IS HAVING ON THE A40 AND ALL OF THE PEOPLE LIVEING EAST OF BURFORD.</p> <p>YOU SAY ABOUT SAFTY WHERE ARE THE ACCIDENT STATISTIC FOR BURFORD.</p> <p>MOST PROBLEMS I have seen are caused by BAD PARKING OF CARS.</p>
1	Individual, (unknown)	<p><b>Support</b> - Brilliant idea ! Hopefully this will also help with some of the traffic queues !</p>
2,9	Individual, (unknown)	<p><b>Support</b> - The Road Haulage Association (RHA) is the leading trade association representing road</p>

		<p>haulage and distribution companies, which operate HGVs as profit centres. Our 7,000 members, operating near to 100,000 HGVs, range from single-truck firms to those with thousands of vehicles. These companies provide essential services on which the people and businesses of the UK depend.</p> <p>The RHA understands why the council is introducing the 7.5 tonne, however the RHA strongly opposes attempts to reduce HGV mobility. HGVs play vital part in delivering goods to local stores, businesses and construction sites.</p> <p>The RHA welcomes the fact that the council has recognized this fact with the proposed exemption for HGVs to make their deliveries, as such the RHA gives a cautious support to the proposal. However, the 7.5 weight limit could place a financial strain on local haulage companies who need to use the road just to pass through. The RHA therefore asks that local haulage companies be allowed permits to go through the zone.</p>
6	Individual, (Carterton)	<p><b>Object</b> – Burford needs a bypass. Stop trying to get drivers to divert from Burford it aint gonna happen. Build a bypass. Problem solved.</p>
1	Individual, (Burford)	<p><b>Support</b> - It can take 10-15 minutes to pass through Burford and anything that reduces that the volume of traffic is a good thing. HGV traffic is detrimental to both residents, tourists and the fabric of the buildings of this ancient town - not to mention the bridge itself.</p>
1	Individual, (Burford)	<p><b>Support</b> - I fully support the proposed restriction.</p> <p>It is much needed to help alleviate the heavy traffic through the town. This is worsened at times of deliveries to the shops when delivery vehicles are sometimes double parked and local traffic is regularly backed up.</p> <p>For the through traffic of heavy goods vehicles, there appears to be no disadvantage to them in bypassing Burford by traveling north from the A40 at Northleach up to Stow.</p>

*	Individual, (unknown)	<b>Support</b> – <i>No comment.</i>
1	Individual, (Burford)	<b>Support</b> - I know from experience that local houses shake
1	Business, (Burford)	<b>Support</b> - The sooner this happens the better. Our old building shakes and is being damaged when the larger lorries speed down the road at night.
1	Democratic, (County Cllr, Burford and the Windrush Valley)	<p><b>Support</b> - As the County Councillor for Burford, I most strongly support the weight restriction limit in around Burford as did all of the previous County Councillors for this division for 20 years at least. Every resident I have met supports the HGV ban. I fully understand and support the detailed analysis the Burford Town Council has made on Burford HGVs (along with OCC) and also on the wider impact in towns and villages in West Oxfordshire when HGVs are re-routed.</p> <p>In Burford HGVs are causing significant damage to the unique listed buildings and houses along the High Street - one has to be repointed every two years. Burford is the gateway to the Cotswolds and is in an AONB. Tourism is Burford's main business with 120 shops, restaurants and hotels. The hotels repeatedly have guests leaving due to being unable to sleep because of the HGVs 24/7. As tourists criss-cross the High Street the 44 tonne HGVs cause much worry. Air pollution in Burford is just below the safe limit but that does not stop primary school parents worrying about the pollution as the school comes out at peak times when HGVs are stationary on the hill. The school is only 25 yards from the High Street.</p> <p>There is a perfectly good alternative route to use: for Stow traffic along the A40 to Northleach and then up the Fosseway to Stow. This route is 8 miles longer but the HGVs burn more fuel waiting sometimes for 20 minutes in the traffic congestion due to the traffic lights on Burford bridge. This is a small price to pay to save Burford. For Chipping Norton traffic who go all the way to Banbury they can use a shorter route using the A34/M40.</p>

		<p>There has been much misrepresentation that these HGVs will find alternative routes such as the A44 through Woodstock. There is no evidence of this or is there any signage to encourage this route. There is no reason whatsoever to think displaced HGVs will use the A429 to Salford and back down A44 through Chipping Norton and Woodstock.</p> <p>The benefit to Chipping Norton on air pollution reduction, maybe to safe levels, is a major benefit to the imposition of the Burford HGV ban. The reduction of HGV traffic in South Newington and Bloxham will give them much relief.</p> <p>Furthermore local traffic and deliveries would not be effected by this ban. Some nearby businesses will be sadly inconvenienced, but they are few and they can find alternative routes on main roads.</p> <p>This proposal has met with significant support in West Oxfordshire, especially in Burford and Chipping Norton. It is absolutely vital for the future of Burford, its buildings, tourists, and local trade. Burford is the only major town in the Cotswolds AONB with HGV traffic through its centre. The use of Burford as a through route by HGVs must be stopped and there is no reason why this cannot be finally achieved.</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>Individual, (Burford)</p>	<p><b>Support</b> - Although I support the proposal in principle I am concerned about the increase in heavy lorry traffic that this may cause on the narrow road from the A40, 1 mile east of the A40 Burford roundabout, through Swinbrook to Fulbrook and onto the A361 in Fulbrook. Also the equivalent route from the A40, 2.5 miles west of the A40 Burford roundabout, through the Barringtons and Taynton to the A424. Some of these roads have "Unsuitable for HGV" signs but they need to be enforced with additional 7.5 tonne Weight limit restrictions. These country lanes are dangerous at the best of times and an increase in heavy lorry activity will lead to jams and almost certainly accidents.</p>
<p>1</p>	<p>Business, (Burford)</p>	<p><b>Support</b> - The buildings shake and rattle when HGV drive past</p>

*	Business, (Burford)	<b>Support</b> – <i>No comment.</i>
1	Individual, (Ripon)	<b>Support</b> - I live in North Yorkshire, another beautiful part of Britain. Some 4-5 years ago I stayed at The Lamb Inn, Burford which thankfully is not on the High Street. I was appalled to see the "rape" of this historic and almost perfect Cotswold, stone built town by huge trucks trundling slowly toward the narrow bridge never designed to carry 44 tonners. Walking across it was not easy! At the time I sent my photographs of this desecration to the County Council. I am pleased now to have this opportunity to support the Burford High Street weight limit. Trucks will have to use A40 to reach A44
1	Individual, (unknown)	<p><b>Support</b> - I support the proposed weight limit for traffic in the Burford area.</p> <p>Since 2007 I have been a resident of Barns Lane, adjacent to Burford High Street, and over that time have seen traffic congestion levels increase considerably on the High Street. This has led to a knock-on increase in traffic along Barns Lane as vehicles try to avoid queues on the High Street - this poses considerable risk to residents and other pedestrian users of Barns Lane, as it is a single-track road with no pavement and walls either side at its narrowest point.</p> <p>Aside from the general increase in traffic congestion, there has been a marked increase in heavy goods vehicle traffic along Barns Lane. In the past 2 years alone there have been at least half a dozen instances where an HGV has come down Barns Lane and become stuck because of the narrow road and sharp corner at the intersection with Swan Lane. In all incidents, the road has been blocked for at least an hour or more while the HGV concerned reversed back up to the A40 roundabout; several incidents have seen damage to property (because the HGVs have clipped buildings and/or garden walls); and at least one incident required the HGV to be removed with the aid of a tow-truck. Emergency vehicle access to Barns Lane would have been impossible for the duration of these incidents. As a direct result, road signs warning HGVs not to access Barns Lane have been erected by the A40 roundabout - unfortunately these have had little effect, as HGV drivers tend simply to follow their sat-nav devices regardless.</p>

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		Burford High Street and the bridge over the River Windrush are inappropriate for continual use by heavy goods vehicles and I therefore support the proposed weight restriction.
1	Individual, (Burford)	<b>Support</b> - I think that this restriction is absolutely necessary. At times the High Street resembles a coach and lorry park with a medieval high street as its backdrop. Most days I drive up and down the High Street multiple times a day and I am increasingly shocked by the size and number of articulated lorries coming through. I had understood that the lorry drivers were meant to avoid Burford by taking the A40 towards Northleach and then the A429 to Stow, however, this guidance is clearly IGNORED. The noise, vibrations and fumes are tremendous. The lorries also effect the smooth running of the traffic lights before the bridge since the drivers have to slow down considerably as they cross the bridge and this can cause traffic to build up on either of the bridge.
1	Individual, (Burford)	<b>Support</b> - The buildings on the high street and the hill are suffering from the vibrations on the foundations
1	Business, (Burford)	<b>Support</b> - The majority of the buildings on the Burford High Street date back to as early as the 1400s. To allow the size and amount of heavy vehicles on this road to continue, will result in the rapid deterioration of the beautiful structures that Burford is so famous for.
1	Individual, (Lechlade)	<b>Support</b> - Burford is a beautiful, old town. Like many others in this area, it is being hammered unmercifully by HGV's, many weighing 40 tons or more. The bridge at the bottom of the hill was not built to take the traffic or weight of traffic it now endures. I hope that this weight restriction will be passed and look forward to a similar restriction on St. John's Bridge, Oxfordshire, near Lechlade which is also suffering increased HGV traffic on a rat-run.
*	Individual, (unknown)	<b>Support</b> – <i>No comment.</i>

<p>4,5</p>	<p>Individual, (Burford)</p>	<p><b>Object</b> - Seems pretty unfair to pass on the HGV traffic to other communities in Oxfordshire or Gloucestershire. Will just put more lorries onto the A40 east or west of Burford and that is already a very busy and dangerous trunk road. Car and LGV traffic causes the major traffic congestion in Burford. Burford should not have turned down the bypass proposal many years ago and is now reaping the results of that bad decision. If this proposal is accepted Burford ( the gateway to the cotswolds) will only be a gateway for some vehicles. For HGV vehicles going north west towards Stow on the Wold, they will then have to reroute via Northleach, a 10mile detour. For those going north west towards Chipping Norton, where do they go. There are no good roads east of Burford until you get to Oxford and we all know how busy the A40 towards Oxford is almost all day long. The roads from Witney towards Chipping Norton via Charlbury are not good for HGVs. Any weight restriction is a stupid idea dreamed up by some Burford Nimbys.</p>
<p>*</p>	<p>Individual, (Fulbrook)</p>	<p><b>Support</b> – <i>No comment.</i></p>
<p>2,4,5,6, 9</p>	<p>Business, (Carterton)</p>	<p><b>Object</b> - As a Director of a local removal company i am objecting to the introduction of the proposed weight restriction as this will not only financially affect this business but also many others in Towns and Villages in and around the Burford area through the additional costs associated with higher mileages and labour costs incurred , which unfortunately will be passed on to the local population by way of higher charges for goods and services. The proposed restriction will also lead to a significant rise in local air pollution due to many extra miles being travelled to avoid the town of Burford - this is a big concern of mine and many others. I do fully understand the impact of heavy traffic along the high street and over Burford bridge , but feel it is unjust to be penalizing so many business owners and local residents through higher costs when the real answer to the problem should be a western bypass as was proposed many years ago but never delivered. Also why would the proposed limit be only 7.5 tonnes when a limit of 18 tonnes gross vehicle weight would be far more practical as coaches carrying people are generally rated at 18 Tonnes. The Heavy goods vehicles causing the real problem are generally the large Articulated Trucks with a gross vehicle weight of 44 Tonnes just passing through with satellite navigation. In addition to this</p>



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		although not directly related to the proposed weight restriction , local business has had to contend with the recent substantially increased Business rate charges. I may be in the business of road transport but also care for the environment and providing employment locally.
1	Individual, (Burford)	<b>Support</b> - I think this is an excellent idea, long overdue. The amount of traffic, especially very large lorries, coming up and down Burford High Street, has increased exponentially. The noise pollution and air pollution and congestion caused are very detrimental to tourism and inappropriate for the ancient High Street, which is sited in an AONB. My only question is how it would be enforced since delivery vehicles to the High Street are supposed to be exempt.
1	Individual, (Lechlade)	<b>Support</b> - I am part of a small group of shop keepers in a shop on Burford High Street. When you are sitting in a shop looking out onto the High Street all day long you cannot fail to be aware of the air pollution, not to mention the vibration, caused by the very large HGVs that come through the town. They must be causing damage to the historic buildings in the town indirectly , and directly to the bridge at the bottom of the High Street. If one of these lorries were to jack-knife on the hill in bad weather or for any other reason, it would be carnage. It is wholly inappropriate for large lorries to be coming through the town. They are using this road to cut off a corner before joining the Fosse Way at Stow.
1	Individual, (Banbury)	<b>Support</b> - Burford and the surrounding area is beautiful and should be protected
*	Individual, (Burford)	<b>Support</b> – <i>No comment.</i>
*	Individual, (Milton under Wychwood)	<b>Support</b> – <i>No comment.</i>
*	Individual, (Burford)	<b>Support</b> – <i>No comment.</i>

<p>4,5,12</p>	<p>Democratic, (Broadwell Parish Council)</p>	<p><b>Object</b> - With reference to the Proposed Burford 7.5 Tonne Weight Limit, Broadwell Parish Council wishes to make the following response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This council considers that the planned diversion for HGV's will increase the amount of traffic onto the already congested A429 (The FosseWay) and surrounding road network. This council has concern that the planned diversion will add to the traffic congestion which is already at critical levels on all approaches to Stow on the Wold and Moreton-in-Marsh, with Station Hill and the traffic lights to Tesco at Stow on the Wold routinely gridlocked.</li> <li>• This increase in traffic will have a direct impact on traffic within Broadwell. Traffic already uses the village as a short-cut or escape route for road users wishing to avoid the congestion. Increased traffic volumes and speeds have already been observed in the village, as has the use of the village by HGVs, which are vulnerable to stranding as the village contains multiple tight corners and grounding risk at the ford.</li> <li>• For the above reasons, this council strongly opposes the imposition of this restriction and requests that the diversion route is fully reconsidered.</li> <li>• Broadwell Parish Council fully supports the letter of objection from County Councillor Nigel Moor on behalf of Gloucestershire County Council and their call for a robust transport analysis.</li> <li>• Broadwell Parish Council fully supports the letter submitted by Stow Town Council</li> </ul>
<p>1,12</p>	<p>Individual, (Lechlade)</p>	<p><b>Support</b> - This move is most welcome; it is time to reassert a balance between ever growing HGV loads and the needs of our historic towns and the people who live there. Congratulations on taking on this difficult task.</p> <p>There is also a need for Oxford County Council to participate in studying a similar restriction at the equally historic St John's Bridge on the Faringdon Road at Lechlade, where pedestrians (here is the</p>

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		Thames Path) are given no shelter and unrestricted HGV are creating hazardous conditions as they enter the town along the narrow St John Street.
1	Individual, (Burford)	<b>Support</b> - Burford is busy enough as it is these day. This will reduce the congestion. (Hopefully)
1	Individual, (Burford)	<b>Support</b> - Reducing articulated lorry traffic to ease congestion & noise on Burford high street would be an immensely positive action, to reduce pollution and improve safety of pedestrians. I am in favour of this proposal being implemented sooner rather than later.
4,5,12	Individual, (Woodstock)	<b>Object</b> - This proposed plan will affect other local towns and villages that HGVS are diverted to. There needs to be broader consultation/knowledge about potential consequences, and a more joined up approach.
*	Individual, (Burford)	<b>Support</b> – <i>No comment.</i>
1	Individual, (Burford)	<b>Support</b> - This will greatly improve the quality of daily life in Burford both for residents and the towns many visitors. Heavy traffic in the High Street can only be detrimental to road safety, pollution (noise, fumes and vibration) and damage to its numerous listed buildings which help make Burford such a "destination" tourist attraction. Traffic in the High Street (and others such as Witney Street, Church Green and Guildenford) is often gridlocked and removing heavy lorries can only be beneficial in reducing traffic volumes. This weight restriction is long overdue.
1	Democratic, (Lechlade-on-Thames)	<b>Support</b> - Lechlade-on-Thames Town Council fully supports the proposal for a new 7.5 tonne weight limit for the A361 Burford High Street. The Council agree that this change will help in promoting road safety, reducing danger and congestion, and improving the environment of the area.

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		This change may also lessen the HGV's routing through Lechlade.
*	Individual, (Woodstock)	<b>Support</b> – <i>No comment.</i>
4,5	Individual, (Woodstock)	<b>Object</b> - My concern to this weight limit in the Burford area is that it will push more big HGVs through Woodstock on the A44. We already have a lot of very big lorries coming through this narrow and busy road (very narrow as it passes through a woodstock). Unless a restriction can also be imposed on weight limits through Woodstock it would seem unwise to restrict alternative routes (Burford area) forcing HGVs through other small villages and towns with roads who cannot cope. there. There needs to be an alternative route for the HGVs thought of and soon.
5	Individual, (Stow on the Wold)	<b>Object</b> - Though I have empathy with Burfords situation and support the principle of stopping HGVs from going through our Cotswold towns I feel that though Burford put a strong argument forward i must object on the grounds that this will effect Stow on the Wold. Stow suffers already from way too much traffic and anymore would not be acceptable. I fully endorse Stow Town Councils response to this proposal.
*	Individual, (Burford)	<b>Support</b> – <i>No comment.</i>
4	Individual, (Witney)	<b>Object</b> - There are limited crossings across the Windrush Valley to the west of Witney. Currently there is a limit at Crawley (and new signage!) to send lorries over the narrow hump back bridge and road over the flood plain, and then up the single width road - Leafield Road? -past the Lamb Inn towards the Charlbury Road. There have already been numerous occasions where large lorries have become jammed in Crawley. The weight restriction is 7.5 tonnes beyond the bridge. This does not appear on the Freight Gateway. Also for some reason there has not been a restriction placed upon the bridge despite some hgv vehicles attempting to traverse Crawley and road calming

		<p>measures in Dry Lane, Crawley. The industrial estate lies to the south of the bridge. Also there is a weight restriction in place over the Minster Lovell bridge of 18 tonnes and again very narrow roads leading to and fro.</p> <p>If this proposal is implemented, all access routes between Witney and Northleach must be very clearly signed, as essentially there should be no large lorries crossing the Windrush in between. The crossings and roads are totally unsuitable. The suggestion that there should be a restriction in Burford could therefore result in more hgv vehicles trying to cross via Crawley where there are also access issues and unsuitable roads. The displacement of vehicles to any route other than Witney or Northleach is untenable.</p> <p>Another issue is also the proposed developments of homes at the top of Dry Lane / Burford Road, Witney which was agreed by DoE and a more recent application for Crawley parish at the top of Priest Hill Lane which would add further congestion to Crawley, Foxburrow Lane and Dry Lane. The housing infrastructure plans for Oxfordshire, which by default lead to increased traffic not only along main roads but also country lanes, need to be factored into these decisions as at key times of day these roads are at capacity and hgv's would cause even more congestion unless managed effectively away from the valley villages.</p>
1	Individual, (Burford)	<b>Support</b> - Totally unacceptable having large HGVs travelling down this historic steep and busy High Street over an ancient bridge. Creates congestion, pollution, hazard, noise and damage.
*	Individual, (Shilton)	<b>Support</b> – <i>No comment.</i>
1	Individual, (Chipping Norton)	<b>Support</b> - HGV Class trucks are constantly clipping the bridge end walls, which will eventually end in collapse or the crushing of some luckless pedestrian. It is a known fact that heavy vehicles (wheeled) are highly destructive and for the most part responsible for the poor condition and rapid erosion of the wearing course on and approaching the bridge itself. So to look on the downside of allowing lorries in excess of 7.5 Tonne to continue using this bridge, problems would range from death of a pedestrian to the budgetary implications of a more intensive repair and maintenance regime.

<p>*</p>	<p>Individual, (Cheltenham)</p>	<p><b>Neither</b> - Neither support or object to the proposal since although the 7.5 tonne Weight Limit would reduce the number of heavy goods vehicles using the A424 at Wyck Hill, it would have little impact on the total number of vehicles since the number of heavy goods vehicles using the road is now relatively small, since the closure of business units at Upper Rissington. My understanding is that vehicles travelling from or towards Swindon or Cheltenham tend to use the A429, which the weight restriction will have little impact on.</p>
<p>1</p>	<p>Individual, (Bloxham)</p>	<p><b>Support</b> - There are far too many HGVs using the A361 in general. Burford is affected by long delays at peak times that lead to an increase in pollution and pollution levels are high and only marginally below the legal limits. HGVs are not going to Burford but passing through to other destinations and there are viable alternative routes. It is not acceptable that Burford with its wealth of listed buildings and a reliance on tourism is subject to 600 HGVs a day using the single lane 12C bridge. Other villages- including Bloxham and South Newington - on the A361 are similarly affected by pollution and traffic issues including problems crossing the road because of the weight of traffic, damage to buildings and noise caused by HGVs and I fully support any scheme which have the effect of reducing the number of HGVs and forcing them to use more suitable routes to reach their destinations.</p>
<p>4,5,12</p>	<p>Democratic, (Upper Slaughter Parish Council)</p>	<p><b>Object</b> - With reference to the Proposed Burford 7.5 Tonne Weight Limit, Upper Slaughter Parish Council wish to make the following response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This council considers that the planned diversion for HGV's will increase the amount of traffic onto the already congested A428 (The Fosse Way). This road is a high risk accident route with several collision hotspots and the planned diversion will only add to these. The diversion would also add to traffic congestion which is already an issue on Station Hill up to Stow on the Wold and at the traffic lights to Tesco (The Fosse Way). Therefore, this council strongly opposes any increase of traffic levels within and through Stow on the Wold created by diversionary traffic from the imposition of this restriction.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bourton-on-the-Water has ongoing and future housing developments. This results in extra HGV's in the area. If even more were to be added due to the weight restriction at Burford, this would have a negative impact on those living in this area as well as all road-users. Therefore, this council strongly opposes any increase of traffic levels within and through Bourton-on-the-Water towards Northleach created by diversionary traffic from the imposition of this restriction.</li> <li>• For the above reasons, this council requests that the whole diversion route is fully reconsidered.</li> <li>• Upper Slaughter Parish Council fully supports the letter of objection from County Councillor Nigel Moor on behalf of Gloucestershire County Council and their call for a robust transport analysis.</li> <li>• Upper Slaughter Parish Council fully supports the letter submitted by Stow Town Council</li> </ul>
<p>*</p>	<p>Individual, (Burford)</p>	<p><b>Support</b> – <i>No comment.</i></p>
<p>1</p>	<p>Business, (Burford)</p>	<p><b>Support</b> - As a local person with a business on Burford High Street I strongly support the proposal to put a weight limit for HGVs on the bridge.</p> <p>From a commercial aspect these vehicles detract greatly from the beautiful town at the Gateway to the Cotswolds visitors come to see and enjoy. Their presence makes parking more difficult often leading to visitors passing through without stopping with the resultant loss of revenue. Those who stay in the town in the pubs and hotels are also subjected to disruption throughout the night too.</p> <p>With regard to health and safety HGVs bring noise and pollution along with the potential risk of accidents for those walking along or crossing the high street. Large vehicles can drive too close to parked vehicles causing damage and sometimes attempt to turn around by reversing into completely unsuitable and narrow side streets knocking the corners of buildings. The incline of the hill exacerbates the hazards and problems.</p>

		<p>Architecturally the listed buildings which form the high street are very vulnerable to the detrimental effects that heavy vehicles inflict 24 hours a day with very little respite.</p> <p>There are more suitable alternative routes the HGVs can use. The resultant benefits Burford would experience by a weight limit on the bridge would be instant and are imperative for its well being. For residents, those working in the town or visiting, its economic viability and its world renowned historic Cotswold buildings now and in the future.</p>
2	Business, (Oxford)	<b>Object</b> - Concern that the local recovery operator carrying out emergency vehicle recovery services on behalf of Thames Valley Police will not be able to meet contractual attendance times.
4,6	Individual, (Witney)	<b>Object</b> - I object strongly to the notion that people who live in a busy town where values are commensurate with that level of traffic can seek to reduce the carrying capacity of a main road so that they do not have to see quite so much traffic. Burford is busy and always has been. The town can either put up with it or fund a bypass which would increase residential values and tourism without impacting on other communities such as leafield where traffic is already on the rise. Trying to reduce traffic on an A road is just not realistic in an era when traffic volumes are only going one way. A bypass around burford would probably pay for itself ten fold if visitor numbers increased along with the desirability of living and working in the town. I live close to burford and currently I cannot think of anything worse than to visit burford high street. You cannot park and you get run over by cars trying to pass through the town. With a 7.5t weight limit this will not change much but it will send trucks onto the rat runs. I live in leafield where hgvs have already been increasing due to the councils mismanagement of the weak bridge in charlbury.
4,5,12	Individual, (Woodstock)	<p><b>Object</b> – My objections are as follows:-</p> <p>1. The Council’s own statement indicates that the primary purpose of the weight limit is for environmental reasons. It is clear that there are no structural reasons relating to the River Windrush bridge, nor is there an accident record relating to HGVs in Burford High Street that demands action.</p>



		<p>2. The A361 through Burford is listed in the Oxfordshire Freight Gateway as part of the “Secondary Freight Priority Network”. Displacement of HGVs onto alternative routes may take them onto equally environmentally sensitive routes. In particular I single out the A44 through Woodstock to where a substantial number of HGVs are likely to be displaced.</p> <p>3. Environmental weight limits are useful but, by their nature, ought not to be introduced to a specific location without a detailed study of where displaced vehicles will divert. This might mean an expensive Origin and Destination survey and I appreciate that such expenditure might be disproportionate. Nevertheless, some intelligent assumptions to facilitate an answer to the displacement issues can usefully inform the Committee’s judgement and decision and I have attempted to provide such an evaluation in the following report.</p> <p>4. The benefits that accrue to just one settlement (Burford) will be to the detriment of at least three others (Moreton in the Marsh, Chipping Norton and Woodstock)</p>
<p>1</p>	<p>Democratic, (Taynton Parish Meeting)</p>	<p><b>Support</b> – Residents of Taynton have raised their concerns regarding this traffic at annual meetings for several years. We have, in addition, taken the opportunity at these meetings to lobby our OCC Councillors (formerly Neil Owen and now Nicholas Field-Johnson).</p> <p>Accordingly I can attest to the strength of feeling held by residents of Taynton to the effect that such traffic should be banned in the manner indicated by the plan.</p>
<p>2,6</p>	<p>Individual, (unknown)</p>	<p><b>Object</b> – I strongly object to the proposed weight restriction on the grounds that the alternative routes are uneconomical for consignors and truck operators. There are numerous housing developments along the A361, farms, businesses in particular the FWP Matthews flour mill in Shipton under Wychwood which rely on deliveries along this route. The amount of fuel wasted and emissions produced from using such a long and circuitous diversion is unacceptable. The residents of Burford who have campaigned for this restriction have no idea of how road haulage (particularly in rural areas) operates. Unless a bypass of Burford is proposed (if this is the case then I'd support the weight limit) then the scheme will severely affect the local economy who rely on road transport.</p>

<p>2,12</p>	<p>Business, (Witney)</p>	<p><b>Object</b> – This detour will mean that every one of our vehicles over 7.5 tonne GVW will need to cover an extra 17.5 miles on each out/in - bound trip consuming an extra 2.5 gallons per trip and our overall activity will add emit an extra 10.8 tonnes of CO2 emissions per annum and obviously impact on global warming.</p> <p>In addition, apart from our general fleet needing to travel thru Stow and North, we are also obliged to send vehicles to and from Daylesford Farm, Kingham GL56 0YG several times each day and as you can doubtless appreciate, this will incur us in additional operating costs equivalent to £45,000 of lost revenue which is major consideration for us especially as we operate in an heavily regulated, capital intensive industry enjoying very slim margins.</p> <p>Whilst we appreciate the desire to improve the Burford High Street environment, we believe a more phased approach to any access restriction would enable us to cope with the operational impact and on cost that any change to the current access we will undoubtedly incur.</p> <p>Therefore we suggest:</p> <p>Rigid vehicles up to 26 tonnes be permitted for next 4 years.</p> <p>Rigid vehicles up to 18 tonne be permitted for next 10 years.</p> <p>This will give us more time to re-arrange our operations to minimise the impact on our overall transport and logistics operations.</p>
<p>*</p>	<p>Other, (RAF Brize Norton)</p>	<p><b>Neither</b> – I can confirm that service transport in excess of 7.5 tonnes rarely uses that route. Therefore, these proposals do not really effect RAF Brize Norton business.</p>
<p>1</p>	<p>Individual,</p>	

	(Burford)	<b>Support</b> – I am writing in response to this proposal which I most certainly support. It is high time that some restriction was made on the weight of the huge lorries passing down the High Street.
1,3	Individual, (Burford)	<p><b>Support</b> – I AM APPALLED ON A DAILY BASIS , AT THE INCREASE OF TRAFFIC THROUGH BURFORD.</p> <p>ESPECIALLY HEAVY,HUGE, &amp; OFTEN FOREIGN ARTICULATED LORRIES.</p> <p>In addition, none of the traffic adheres to a 30mph speed limit: I suggest lowering the speed limit to 20 /25mph.</p> <p>I have lived here for 7.5 years, having relocated from Summertown Oxford. This is a beautiful and medi-eval small town.</p> <p>IT IS NOW BEING RUINED &amp; POLLUTED BY DENSE, DIRTY, &amp; HEAVY TRAFFIC. We are having to cope with both</p> <p>health and safety issues. My friends and community around here all agree that your proposed limit of 7.5T should be</p> <p>adopted immediately. A further option / ban all heavy duty lorry traffic from our main High Street.</p> <p>I TRUST WODC WILL RESPOND TO OUR GROWING CONCERNS.</p>
*	Individual, (Burford)	<b>Support</b> – I support the proposal.
4,5,6,8	Individual, (unknown)	<b>Neither</b> – I really think that a weight restriction although initially sensible , is really a non-starter . It would simply transfer the problem else where ; what would happen to agricultural traffic , combines ,

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		grain trailers , tractors and implements . This is still a basically rural area.....Burford bridge and High St. have been a nightmare for 60 years , getting progressively worse each year ....a BYPASS is the only solution
1,6	Individual, (Carterton)	<p><b>Support</b> – I drive through Burford and Fullbrook twice a week. The traffic is now horrendous and with the size of Lorries out of control. I worry for the buildings and narrow bridge. Years ago there was talk of a Bypass Road. Parking along the high street is also out of control. It is a shame that access to the car park is not always easy.</p> <p>I hope very much this restriction is put in place very soon.</p>
1	Individual, (Nether Westcote)	<p><b>Support</b> – can I add my support to your proposals ....and add. ...'not before time' ! Heavy traffic is increasingly destroying this lovely market town and needs URGENTLY to be reasonably restricted</p>
1	Individual, (unknown)	<p><b>Support</b> – With fragile fine buildings designed and built in the age of horse-drawn transport the proposed vehicle weight restriction of 7.5 tons is long overdue. 44 ton lorries have no place in such an important historic area, particularly when full of visitors, and the daily frequency of such transits has now reached epidemic proportions.</p>
8	Other, (Burford School)	<p><b>Neither</b> – I am assuming that the consultation is taking place to restrict the number of HGV's (lorries) that travel through Burford all too frequently, putting strain on smaller roads and adding to congestion.</p> <p>Burford School has a number of bus services that transport approximately 250 students to school on a daily basis which use the bridge and high street from the direction of the Wychwoods to Burford School and home again after school. Similarly, the primary school in the centre of Burford probably also has bus services to and from school. The bus/coach hub is also located next to Burford Primary</p>

		<p>school, which brings tourists into Burford and provides transport services for local residents.</p> <p>I am assuming that buses and coaches are excluded from the consultation however, no exception for buses and coaches is mentioned in the consultation documents just the weight limit of 7.5 tonnes which a bus/coach would exceed.</p> <p>I would be grateful if you could ensure that buses/coaches that require the use of Burford High Street are considered separately in the consultation proposals.</p>
5	Democratic, (Cllr for Bourton & Northleach, Gloucs.)	<p><b>Object</b> – This proposal would push more HGVs onto the A40 in Gloucestershire. This will therefore add to the traffic using the A40/A429 roundabout at Northleach. As a result, it is vital that the 'old A40' just to the south of the A40 there is re-opened by Gloucestershire County Council to relieve pressure on the A40 roundabout.</p> <p>The 'old A40' is currently closed and is awaiting action from Gloucestershire County Council.</p>
*	Individual, (unknown)	<p><b>Support</b> – I fully support the proposed High Street Burford weight restriction.</p>
4	Individual, (Leaffield)	<p><b>Object</b> – concerned about the knock on effect on heavy traffic having no way through, given the limitations in Charlbury and now potentially in Burford, except to go through a village such as Leaffield. Leaffield has one main street through it, which is quiet most of the time except during the morning and evening rush hours really. School children cycle and walk to school along this road and it can be quite perilous at times. I can see you do not want lorries using Burford as a go through but Leaffield would also not be great at all.</p>
4,5,12	Democratic, (County Cllr for Woodstock)	<p><b>Object</b> – I restate that we would all welcome the removal of the 'Cross County' 44t HGVs south of Burford to Banbury (&amp; vice versa) however the current proposal has unintended consequences across West Oxfordshire. We need to look at the impact across the network and not just in isolation for Burford.</p>

<p>1,3</p>	<p>Individual, (Burford)</p>	<p><b>Support</b> – I have had to carry out some major work to my house that I consider as an Architect to have been caused by the weight of heavy traffic Going up and down the high Street.          There is a parapet on the front facade that has been shedding stone fragments on to the pavement I consider due to vibration caused by the 40 to 60 tons Lorry's that pass through the town, especially at night they come down the high street at great speed, shaking the whole house at times.          We as householders have to keep these Listed Buildings in tact, it is time the highway's department help us in this matter a little, we pay enough tax for the roads etc.          We seem to get nothing in return.</p> <p>I therefore support this weight restriction</p>
<p>2</p>	<p>Individual, (Oxford)</p>	<p><b>Object</b> – I wish to object to the proposed weight restriction on Burford High Street in the light of my extensive knowledge and years of experience of driving trucks of all sizes in Burford and the surrounding area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As you may know, there is no mains gas in Burford so virtually all the hotels and restaurants use propane gas to cook with. This mostly comes either in large 47kg bottles for the likes of The Mermaid, The Highwayman, The Pheasant, The Lamb, the (former) Dragon Inn, The Spice Lounge</li> <li>• OR, more seriously, The Bay Tree Hotel and others take delivery in high tonnage tankers for a bulk tank.</li> <li>• The 47kg gas bottles each have a weight of the 47 kilos of gas plus the tare weight of the heavy bottle, so 83 kilos per full bottle. Every time I delivered in my Countrywide Farmers plc 10 tonne truck, I had to use the High Street for access.</li> <li>• A 10 tonne truck was essential because The Lamb alone would routinely order 8 of these 83kg gas bottles. I also had to deliver to some private addresses in the same 10 tonner.</li> <li>• Whilst it would have been practicable to use a smaller vehicle outside of periods of peak demand, it would certainly not have been practical in winter to be restricted to a useless 7.5 tonner or less!</li> <li>• Furthermore, oil or gas tanker lorries themselves who deliver to customers with bulk tanks are</li> </ul>

		<p>never 7.5 tonners or less.</p> <p>Now, as you may know, we truck drivers are forced to routinely ignore 7.5 tonne limits on roads where deliveries have to be made (whilst being ever afraid of committing the much more serious offence of going over a weight limited bridge with too large a truck). One of my policewoman customers assured me that they 'have better things to do with their time than stop overweight trucks on 7.5t roads'. But even if the proposed restriction mainly applies to the bridge itself, then I don't see where trucks are going to turn around in the High Street, once they have done the deliveries? I have done thousands of deliveries to Burford High Street, Sheep Street and Priory Lane and can tell you that anything above 10 tonnes is going to be pushed to turn round even if we use Priory Lane outside the Primary School, especially if the coaches are occupying their designated spaces there. In busy periods it is too dangerous to attempt to turn round even the smallest truck by reversing into Priory Lane, Sheep Street, Church Lane or any of the even smaller medieval side roads.</p>
8	Individual, ()	<p><b>Support</b> – In general, some form of restriction has been necessary for a long time. As you seem to have taken account of the need for some access for deliveries, and I assume businesses that exist in villages and towns north of the Fulbrook roundabout, my main observation relates to inclusion of public transport vehicles and coaches. Firstly, the public statement refers to 'vehicles that exceed 7.5 tonnes' though the rest routinely refers to HGV traffic. Burford is a prime destination for tourists and coaches routinely use town centre parking to the benefit of the town. Coaches tend to weigh in the region of 18000 kilogrammes. Additionally, coaches are used for school runs to Burford school. The consultation makes no reference to exceptions for these vehicles. As this consultation supposedly has the support of the Town Council, it seems like an own goal in terms of tourism. I believe this document should essentially be restricted to HGV traffic which has been the focus in discussions to which I have been party in the past.</p>
1	Individual, (unknown)	<p><b>Support</b> – I wish to confirm my full support for the proposed weight limit of 7.5 Tonne on the High Street between Burford and Fulbrook roundabouts ( A40 to A424 )</p> <p>The High Street or the bridge at the lower end of the High Street is not suitable for the weight of</p>

		<p>HGV's nor the frequency with which they use the road. There are suitable routes available to HGV's that would bypass Burford and be entirely suitable for the traffic.</p> <p>Congestion regularly occurs when these size vehicles attempt to pass each other at busy times and the noise and vibration generated is severely produced on a daily basis, which is detrimental to the buildings and bridge</p>
9	Business, (Faringdon)	<p><b>Object</b> – We supply fuel to houses using the bridge every day to villages Taynton ,Fulbrook,Barringtons etc as well as deliveries directly before the bridge itself. How will we turn a truck around after making a delivery at the bottom of the high street?</p> <p>We frequently supply Burford oil group that has deliveries in all the villages mentioned above. Will this mean travelling to Northleach then Stow and back to Fulbrook? If this is the case we couldnt justify making the deliveries as it would be too expensive and although our trucks are Euro 6 the added enviromental issues are huge.</p> <p>I fully understand the logic behind this proposal as there are many trucks using Burford as a cut through and can easily be rerouted but as with all weight limits it penalises businesses like ours who are trying to make deliveries to the villages concerned. With us delivering in a 30 mile radius we are not gaining an advantage by using Burford as a cut through, but just trying to provide a service.</p> <p>We have twice this year had to fill in forms etc after being spotted in a village making a delivery and had to justify why we are there!</p> <p>Can I suggest a scheme that was put in place for the bridge in Bibury years ago where trucks needing to use the bridge to make deliveries applied to the council for a permit for access, as I remember this worked very well for all parties.</p>
4,5	Democratic, (Crawley Parish Council)	<p><b>Object</b> – Please take this as a preliminary notice of objection from Crawley Village Parish Council. We shall send a more detailed and formal response after our next meeting, which is due to be held</p>



		<p>on 21 September, highlighting the additional impact on Crawley which will have the only non weight limited bridge for miles forcing more heavy goods through our tiny village and onwards to Finstock, Leafield and Charlbury etc using what will be the only route North over the Windrush.</p> <p>Further to our previous communication, after our Parish Council meeting held last night, we would like to reiterate that Crawley Parish Council strongly objects to the 7.5tonne ban on Burford High Street. It is our view that the ban may sort out the problem for Burford, but it will make other areas like Crawley village, Minster Lovell, Bridge St in Witney and the A4095 even more congested. Which we believe to be unacceptable.</p>
<p>1</p>	<p>Individual, (unknown)</p>	<p><b>Support</b> – So many towns up and down the country are ruined by large lorries passing through them and it grieves me that a town as beautiful as Burford suffers from this too. One of the jewels in Oxfordshire’s crown, Burford is unique and brim full of history. It attracts thousands and thousands of visitors every year because it is so special and, for starters, the buses bringing in these tourists do much to clog the town up. If I sit anywhere on the High Street and watch the traffic I am astounded by the amount of coaches dropping off tourists all year round though of course summer is the worst. This, of course, we must put up with because the town needs revenue from tourism.</p> <p>However, to add in heavy lorries only makes for noise, smell, congestion and damage to buildings too. I live in an eighteenth century cottage on the A361 and every large lorry shakes our house despite its three foot thick stone walls. Lorries take the light away when they are passing by and many of my neighbours, who live nearer to the road, suffer from day long light blockage and loud noise. I visited a friend on Tuesday and stood in her kitchen for only ten minutes before we had to submit to the noise of lorries and move into the back of her house. Her house is kerbside, I am lucky I have ten feet of garden which makes a difference.</p> <p>I am explaining the more personal side of living on this road many people will come up with more practical reasons for banning lorries and I agree with them all, but those of us who have to put up with heavy lorries (and speeding motorists) would welcome any relief from this daily problem.</p> <p>In closing I would imagine that we can increase tourism to Burford by banning lorries and it would</p>

		certainly be safer, quieter and more pleasant for all of us.
2,4	Business, (Armscote)	<p><b>Object</b> – The A361 is the longest 3-digit A road in Britain, from Rugby to Ilfracombe, 196 miles. Roads were constructed to enable wheeled vehicles to carry goods, whereas horses could cross fields. Where a road crossed a river, it was usually where the river was fordable, hence in this case Burford. Less than 10% of the passing traffic through Burford are HGVs, and more than 80% of them are local, many of them delivering materials from quarries which are prolific in the area. The main problem at Burford is the narrow bridge, causing a bottleneck at the confluence of the A361 and A424, and the vast number of cars trying to find parking along the high street. Had Burford been situated in France, by the late 1970's it would have been by-passed, keeping a main through-route clear. In our situation the alternative route, A429 and A40 Northleach, adds on a round trip of 20km, more fuel and more pollution. However, this route is untenable for most of the year due to the traffic jams in Moreton-on-Marsh and Stow; the Fosse Way now loses us far too much time and fuel, even for collection from quarries around Bourton-on-the-Water. We shall therefore be instructing our drivers to use the shortest but slower and clear route of Enstone, Charlbury, Finstock, Hailey, Witney, even though passage through the west end and Witney inner ring can often be frustrating, and the maintenance of the B4022 road and invasive hedges and trees leave a lot to be desired</p>
1	Democratic, (County Cllr for Burford)	<p><b>Support</b> – As the County Councillor for Burford, I most strongly support the weight restriction limit in around Burford as did all of the previous County Councillors for this division for 20 years at least. Every resident I have met supports the HGV ban. I fully understand and support the detailed analysis the Burford Town Council has made on Burford HGVs (along with OCC) and also on the wider impact in towns and villages in West Oxfordshire when HGVs are re-routed.</p> <p>In Burford HGVs are causing significant damage to the unique listed buildings and houses along the High Street - one has to be repointed every two years. Burford is the gateway to the Cotswolds and is in an AONB. Tourism is Burford's main business with 120 shops, restaurants and hotels. The hotels repeatedly have guests leaving due to being unable to sleep because of the HGVs 24/7. As tourists criss-cross the High Street the 44 tonne HGVs cause much worry. Air pollution in Burford is just below the safe limit but that does not stop primary school parents worrying about the pollution as</p>

		<p>the school comes out at peak times when HGVs are stationary on the hill. The school is only 25 yards from the High Street.</p> <p>There is a perfectly good alternative route to use: for Stow traffic along the A40 to Northleach and then up the Fosseway to Stow. This route is 8 miles longer but the HGVs burn more fuel waiting sometimes for 20 minutes in the traffic congestion due to the traffic lights on Burford bridge. This is a small price to pay to save Burford. For Chipping Norton traffic who go all the way to Banbury they can use a shorter route using the A34/M40.</p> <p>There has been much misrepresentation that these HGVs will find alternative routes such as the A44 through Woodstock. There is no evidence of this or is there any signage to encourage this route. There is no reason whatsoever to think displaced HGVs will use the A429 to Salford and back down A44 through Chipping Norton and Woodstock.</p> <p>The benefit to Chipping Norton on air pollution reduction, maybe to safe levels, is a major benefit to the imposition of the Burford HGV ban. The reduction of HGV traffic in South Newington and Bloxham will give them much relief.</p> <p>Furthermore local traffic and deliveries would not be effected by this ban. Some nearby businesses will be sadly inconvenienced, but they are few and they can find alternative routes on main roads.</p> <p>This proposal has met with significant support in West Oxfordshire, especially in Burford and Chipping Norton. It is absolutely vital for the future of Burford, its buildings, tourists, and local trade. Burford is the only major town in the Cotswolds AONB with HGV traffic through its centre. The use of Burford as a through route by HGVs must be stopped and there is no reason why this cannot be finally achieved.</p>
<p>4,5,12</p>	<p>Democratic, (Gloucestershire CC)</p>	<p><b>Object</b> – Whilst Gloucestershire County Council can understand and sympathise with the issues that HGV traffic through historic towns and villages can cause, there are significant concerns that the impact of restricting HGV traffic in Burford High Street will simply divert HGVs to other routes and create or exacerbate congestion, air and noise pollution issues in other locations. Therefore, at the</p>

		<p>present time, Gloucestershire County Council formally object to the proposal to introduce a weight restriction in Burford High Street.</p> <p>The reason for Gloucestershire’s objection is that the proposed weight restriction in Burford is expected to divert HGV traffic onto the A429 and other routes within Gloucestershire. The most significant impact identified is on Stow-on-the-Wold, both in terms of congestion and in terms of possible noise, air quality and overall aesthetics of the village. Junction capacity assessments have shown that should the Burford weight restriction go forward, the Unicorn Junction in Stow-on-the-Wold will reach its current capacity during the AM Peak. This impact is created in both the situation that HGVs follow the signed, recommended route along the A429/A44, and also if they choose their own less appropriate routes such as those via the A424 or B4450.</p> <p>In addition, collision hotspots along the A429 are expected to be affected by the diversion of the HGVs. These include the A429/ A424 junction and the A429/ A436/ B4068 junction in Stow-on-the-Wold, the A429/ Copsehill Road junction, and the A40/A429 roundabout. There is also significant concern about the potential impact on Great Barrington and Little Barrington which will become an attractive route for bypassing the restriction from both the north and south – there is no existing weight restriction on any part of the route between the A40 at Barrington and the A424 at Upper Rissington.</p> <p>Gloucestershire’s position is that a minimal impact on Stow-on-the-Wold will be difficult to achieve and there can be no justification for transposing Burford’s lorry pressure onto Stow-on-the-Wold. The proposal should be supported by a robust transport analysis that takes into account predicted impacts such as noise, air quality and visual impact on Stow-on-the-Wold, as well as other villages where the diverted HGVs will travel through. This would enable a package of measures to be determined which will enable the restriction at Burford to be balanced and supported by mitigation measures for the areas affected in Gloucestershire. No such consideration or analysis has been undertaken.</p>
<p>4,5</p>	<p>Other, (Thames Valley Police)</p>	<p><b>Object</b> – Notwithstanding the intended removal of direct imposition of an enforcement burden on Police the indirect implications that follow in the wake of this could be very significant. Heavy Goods</p>

		<p>Vehicle traffic displacement onto lesser class of roads is highly likely in our view something that could lead to further restrictions that then come onto Police for supervision! Any enforcement in this context is exceptionally onerous as a patrol officer. Continuous visual contact and have to follow any potential offending vehicle through the complete length of the restriction to eliminate exemptions and evidence towards a successful conviction.</p> <p>Road safety must be a strong consideration in this plan with other communities potentially taking some or all of this traffic with all the environmental implications that go with it.</p> <p>This response identifies several specific areas in evidence to our response which can be considered together with the general acceptance of our desire to Police by 'consent'. This rather than the requirement for continual and long term supervision by the Highway Authority or indirectly Police in any circumstances.</p> <p>The A361 carries A class road character and passes through several other towns, this example in Burford with others in the county could set an unwelcome precedence in the same context.</p> <p>We understand the nature history and local desire to remove heavy goods vehicles from Burford. Consideration of a restricting to this class of traffic without an acceptable and sustainable safe and shorter alternative route to those affected will be very controversial on many levels.</p> <p>In conclusion Thames Valley Police formally OBJECT to the proposal on the grounds outlined in this report.</p>
<p>5,12</p>	<p>Individual, (Maugersbury)</p>	<p><b>Object</b> – As a resident of Maugersbury near Stow on the Wold I would like to object to the Burford weight restriction limit proposed. Although understanding the reasons the result will be catastrophic for Stow where we are already finding huge traffic build ups. Stow just cannot take the heavy traffic that will be diverted by this restriction in Burford. Surely the 2 Councils should sit down and work out a plan that benefits both Stow and Burford. Can the limit be limited to parts of the day only? If it goes through despite GCC objection may we please be assured that signage will direct heavy traffic to other routes than through Stow.</p>

<p>4,5,12</p>	<p>Individual, (Moreton-in-Marsh)</p>	<p><b>Object</b> – Regretfully, I have to object to the proposed order on the following grounds .</p> <p>The problems faced by Burford as a result of the passage of HGV’s through the High Street are shared by other Cotswold towns and villages to an equal extent.</p> <p>Consequently, a unilaterally imposed ban imposed by Burford would simply export their problems to Moreton-in Marsh, Stow-on-the-Wold, Chipping Norton and Bourton on the Hill.</p> <p>I therefore urge Oxfordshire County Council to defer further consideration of the proposed Order until hopefully consultations have taken place with Gloucestershire County Council, the District Councils and the Town Councils of the locations referred to above.</p> <p>Such consultations should be designed to produce an integrated plan to ease the problems posed by HGVs which take account of the legitimate interests of all the residents in the towns and villages affected rather than the interests of Burford residents in isolation.</p> <p>Moreton in Marsh is also an Historical Classic Cotswold Town whose streets and community also must be protected from heavier lorry traffic. A proposed restriction here would also force heavy goods to make full use of alternative major road networks around the area – but surely this would be better enacted together with other similarly affected communities. On Moreton High Street, HGV's often have to wait before travelling North while other HGV’s travel South – streets cannot take these vehicles. Where possible let’s put HGV’s onto motorways where they cannot detract from our beautiful Cotswold Towns which rely on the Tourist Industry – visitors don’t want to see masses of HGV’s while enjoying our idyllic towns and villages.</p>
<p>4,5,12</p>	<p>Individual, (Moreton-in-Marsh)</p>	<p><b>Object</b> – I wish to object to the proposed order on the following grounds .</p> <p>The problems faced by Burford as a result of the passage of HGVs through the High Street are shared by other Cotswold towns and villages to an equal extent. Consequently, a unilaterally</p>

		<p>imposed ban imposed by Burford would simply export their problems to Moreton-in Marsh , Stow-on-the-Wold ,Chipping Norton and Bourton on the Hill. I therefore urge Oxfordshire County Council to defer further consideration of the proposed Order until consultations have taken place with Gloucestershire County Council, the District Councils and the Town Councils of the locations referred to above.</p> <p>Such consultations should be designed to produce an integrated plan to ease the problems posed by HGVs which take account of the legitimate interests of all the residents in the towns and villages affected rather than the interests of Burford residents in isolation.</p>
4,14	Democratic, (Barrington Parish Council)	<p><b>Neither</b> – This matter has been discussed by Barrington Parish Councillors and they feel that, although not objecting to this proposal, they would wish to draw attention to the danger that it might push heavy traffic onto more unsuitable river crossings to the east and west of Burford – in particular, from their perspective, onto the bridge at the Barringtons.</p> <p>Consequently, they would like clarification of the current weight limit for the bridge at the Barringtons and for its approach roads. If there are weight limits in place, they would ask OCC to include appropriate signage as part of the overall proposal. If there are not weight limits in place, they suggest there should be and that these should be imposed with appropriate signage at the same time as Burford bridge.</p>
4,5	Democratic, (Evenlode Parish Council)	<p><b>Object</b> – Evenlode Parish Council has read the comments submitted by Stow on the Wold Town Council and would like to be put on record as wholeheartedly supporting all those comments.</p> <p>In addition, whilst the Evenlode Parish Council has sympathy for the Burford residents, if this plan is approved then the problem is only being moved elsewhere and will have serious implications for both Stow and Moreton which already have congestion/traffic problems of equal significance.</p>
4,5,12	Individual, (Stow-on-the-	<p><b>Object</b> – we are very concerned that the assumptions relating to the traffic volumes as presented by</p>

	<p>Wold)</p>	<p>a representative of Burford Town Council may not be accurate and that there WILL be a further increase in the already excessive volumes of traffic through Stow, in particular of HGVs, should be proposal be passed relating to the closure of Burford Bridge to HGVs.</p> <p>Whilst we are sympathetic to the Burford situation, there needs to be a cohesive joined-up strategy for North Cotswolds traffic rather than individual town or county initiatives which just move the problems to another part of the area.</p> <p>Furthermore several of the signage proposals currently in place as part of the above proposal actually direct HGVs through Stow to Chipping Norton and this will clearly exacerbate the issue. We strongly object to this element as well as the overall proposal until such time as the joined-up thinking can be undertaken.</p> <p>We are pushing Stow-on-the-Wold Town Council to undertake further studies and we shall also be asking other local residents and businesses to express their concerns</p>
<p>4,5,7,12</p>	<p>Democratic, (Stow-on-the- Wold Town Council)</p>	<p><b>Object</b> – This council has considerable empathy with the reasons given for the imposition of this limit and would note that they very much reflect a similar situation that currently exists in the historic heart of Stow on the Wold which suffers a much higher traffic load on inadequate roads.</p> <p>That said the council strongly support the objections raised by Gloucestershire County Council and their call for a robust transport analysis. The reasons for doing so are that the council strongly oppose any increase in traffic levels within and through Stow created by diversionary traffic from the imposition of this restriction. Council appreciate that traffic currently carried north on the A424 already joins the loading on the A429 through the critical Stow pinch point (traffic loading in excess of 20,000 movements per day) and thus would not be considered an increase, although the traffic joining the A429 at Northleach will have an impact upon Northleach and Bourton on the Water section of that road which also has no overtaking areas.</p> <p>However, if any existing traffic travelling north of Burford on the A361 is rerouted via Stow this would exacerbate the already critical situation. Every effort must be made to ensure that this avoids Stow by greater use of roads to the east of Burford (for example A44). Council cannot accept the proposal that traffic is routed A40 to Northleach, A429 to Stow and then A436 to Chipping Norton, which is on the A44. The A436 on this section is already identified on the Gloucestershire Advisory Freight</p>



		<p>Route Map as “Roads for access and diversionary use only” and not as a regular diversion route. The junction of the A436 and A429 at The Unicorn in Stow is not suitable or adequate for the efficient turning of large vehicles. It is in the middle of a built up area with ancient listed buildings. It already suffers extreme congestion with traffic tailbacks some considerable distance back; has insufficient width in parts to allow large vehicles to pass one another; has a large pedestrian presence in close proximity to traffic and will shortly be part of the Stow 20 mph limit zone. It has the defect characteristics that Burford undoubtedly suffers from but with a much smaller road width to disperse the inherent vehicle pollution.</p> <p>In the event that the Cabinet choose to proceed immediately with this restriction, despite Gloucestershire County Council’s and this council’s objections along with many others I am sure, the proposed signage plan must be changed to reflect the above comments by amending the signs as follows:-</p> <p>At Northleach – remove any reference to Chipping Norton and the route via Stow on the A429/A436 on the two signs.          Around Burford – remove any reference to the route via Stow and insert alternative routes to the east of Burford excepting the route to Stow itself.</p> <p>To reduce nugatory traffic running up the A361 from Swindon, via Highworth and Lechlade, turn on diversionary routes close to Burford. Add signage advising the Burford restriction on the A419(T) at Swindon so that drivers can choose alternative routes (A420 to Oxford and then north on the A34 or A44, or direct onto the A429 Cirencester).</p>
<p>4,5,6</p>	<p>Democratic, (Idbury Parish Council)</p>	<p><b>Object</b> – I have circulated the above consultation within the three villages within our parish, being Foscot, Bould and Idbury, to the northern boundary of Oxfordshire, 5 miles from Burford. The outcome is a massive response that this weight limit should NOT, be imposed on and "A" Road, which is an arterial road through the Cotswolds, an area of outstanding natural beauty.</p> <p>We fear that if this was imposed, then we will suffer heavy lorries taking shorter routes through our tiny hamlets, as happened just yesterday, in the picture below, a few seconds early the lorry took</p>

		<p>up the whole road, we had to back up, this lorry wasn't using the lane for access, as i asked the van driver behind him who said he had followed the lorry off the B4450 and he went onto A424</p> <p>We have no pavements, tiny lanes, sharp bends that big lorries can hardly negotiate. Listed buildings are situated right on the roadside, some only 1 foot from the highway.</p> <p>We can foresee traffic, using country lanes to bypass burford as not many will drive the distance the diversion will take them, i.e. Via A40 to A429.</p> <p>As with The Festival event in Kingham recently, the trouble we had was that 70% of lorry drivers didn't speak or read English, just follow a sat nav, and it meant placing a traffic event officer at the end of the road on the A424.</p> <p>I have been informed by our local MP, that Woodstock and Chipping Norton, both A44 where considering the same weight limit. If this was to happen, together with Burford, it would be horrendous decision for rural lanes, villages and residents.</p> <p>We already have a massive impact on our villages due to extensive building of new homes within rural areas, (480 homes at Upper Rissington 3 miles away) with no road infrastructure put in place. No public transport means more cars that use our village as a "rat run, to miss Stow on the Wold. Speeding cars, 63 mph has been recorded in at 30limit.</p> <p>In the late 1980,s early 1990's plans for a by pass for Burford was drawn up, why was this withdrawn, would that not be the answer. I imagine this land has now been built on now.</p> <p>I can see that Burford, does have a heavy traffic flow, together with a massive tourist attraction if you where to ban vehicles over 7.5 ton on An 'A' road, then all us tiny villages with what could be described as single track road, will have to have weight restrictions imposed also.</p> <p>The road through the villages is used by horses, farm animals, cows/sheep movement, dog walkers, cyclists, children, all potential for fatal accident, together with properties, bridges, hedges and verges will all be damaged.</p>
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<p>2,4,5,</p>	<p>Business, (Fulbrook)</p>	<p><b>Object – <u>Additional Travel</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increases mileage- big increase in costs from wear and tear on vehicles and fuel.</li> <li>• Reduces efficiency of scheduling.</li> <li>• Encourages use of minor roads.</li> <li>• The proposal is particularly concerning as it restricts lorry travel southwards, eastwards and westwards from the site. This is a very high impact on the business; the map illustrates this (Carterton, Witney, etc. where we have many clients).</li> <li>• Use of other lorry routes would increase traffic in other towns and villages - noise, nuisance, safety, air quality would be affected.</li> </ul> <p><u>Additional Hours Driver-Time</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increases driver hours - serious impact on costs for business. Will increase costs of supplier deliveries too.</li> </ul> <p><u>Diversion to Minor Roads</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Higher likelihood of accidents.</li> <li>• Increased wear on roads and verges.</li> <li>• Other settlements would be affected by more lorries.</li> </ul> <p><u>Disruption of Deployment Patterns in Business</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If the lorries run by this business are not allowed to go through Burford High Street, considerable additional expenditure on staff, plant and vehicles would be needed to reorganise the logistics of the business. Added to the additional running costs of the existing lorries, the business is likely to be no longer viable.</li> <li>• Business would also be lost to other firms who do not have to use this route.</li> </ul> <p><u>Supplier Relationships</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some suppliers will no longer undertake deliveries, or will charge more.</li> </ul>
<p>4</p>	<p>Democratic,</p>	

	<p>(Upper Rissington Parish Council)</p>	<p><b>Object</b> – smaller surrounding villages would suffer greatly as a result. Without measures being put in place to also protect neighbouring villages, there would be nothing to prevent heavy lorries taking short cuts through them.</p> <p>Particular concern for the bridge at Great Barrington was expressed, with the view that this bridge would not cope with the additional traffic which would inevitably ensue if the weight restriction was enforced in Burford.</p>
<p>*</p>	<p>Individual, (South Newington)</p>	<p><b>Support</b> – I would like to register my support for the proposed A361 High Street (Burford) Proposed 7.5 Tonne Weight Limit Restriction scheme, as I feel this would not only benefit Burford, but also have a wider positive impact by reducing heavy goods vehicle traffic at Shipton-under-Wychwood, Chipping Norton, South Newington, and Bloxham, as it would seem that this route is used by such vehicles as a thoroughfare between Banbury and the A40 and M4.</p>
<p>1</p>	<p>Individual, (South Newington)</p>	<p><b>Support</b> – I am writing to inform you that I support the proposal to put a 7.5 Tonne Weight Limit restriction on the A361 High Street(Burford). It is important to protect these historic areas from the resulting congestion and potential damage that larger HGV vehicles have on roads which were never designed for such large vehicles . Hopefully this will also safeguard the bridge over the River Windrush for the future enjoyment of residents and visitors alike and improve road safety.</p> <p>I believe that the introduction of this weight limit in Burford High Street may also result in a reduction in the number of larger HGV vehicles using the A361 between Burford and Banbury which will obviously benefit other communities along this route such as South Newington.</p> <p>South Newington has a problem with large HGVs on the A361 as it passes through South Newington where the road is narrow and means lorries have to cut the corner to get round the bends which is hazardous to other road users.</p> <p>Any reduction in the number of large HGVs passing through Chipping Norton, South Newington and Bloxham as a result of drivers have to take an alternative route (on roads better suited for such</p>

		traffic) can only be viewed as a positive outcome.
4,5,12	Democratic, (Upper Slaughter Parish Council)	<p><b>Object –</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This council considers that the planned diversion for HGV’s will increase the amount of traffic onto the already congested A429 (The Fosse Way). This road is a high risk accident route with several collision hotspots and the planned diversion will only add to these. The diversion would also add to traffic congestion which is already an issue on Station Hill up to Stow on the Wold and at the traffic lights to Tesco (The Fosse Way). Therefore, this council strongly opposes any increase of traffic levels within and through Stow on the Wold created by diversionary traffic from the imposition of this restriction.</li> <li>• Bourton-on-the-Water has ongoing and future housing developments. This results in extra HGV’s in the area. If even more were to be added due to the weight restriction at Burford, this would have a negative impact on those living in this area as well as all road-users. Therefore, this council strongly opposes any increase of traffic levels within and through Bourton-in-the-Water towards Northleach created by diversionary traffic from the imposition of this restriction.</li> <li>• For the above reasons, this council requests that the whole diversion route is fully reconsidered.</li> <li>• Upper Slaughter Parish Council fully supports the letter of objection from County Councillor Nigel Moor on behalf of Gloucestershire County Council and their call for a robust transport analysis.</li> <li>• Upper Slaughter Parish Council fully supports the letter submitted by Stow Town Council</li> </ul>
4,5,12	Democratic, (Broadwell Parish Council)	<p><b>Object –</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This council considers that the planned diversion for HGV’s will increase the amount of traffic</li> </ul>

		<p>onto the already congested A429 (The Fosse Way) and surrounding road network. This council has concern that the planned diversion will add to the traffic congestion which is already at critical levels on all approaches to Stow on the Wold and Moreton-in-Marsh, with Station Hill and the traffic lights to Tesco at Stow on the Wold routinely gridlocked.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This increase in traffic will have a direct impact on traffic within Broadwell. Traffic already uses the village as a short-cut or escape route for road users wishing to avoid the congestion. Increased traffic volumes and speeds have already been observed in the village, as has the use of the village by HGVs, which are vulnerable to stranding as the village contains multiple tight corners and grounding risk at the ford.</li> <li>• For the above reasons, this council strongly opposes the imposition of this restriction and requests that the diversion route is fully reconsidered.</li> <li>• Broadwell Parish Council fully supports the letter of objection from County Councillor Nigel Moor on behalf of Gloucestershire County Council and their call for a robust transport analysis.</li> <li>• Broadwell Parish Council fully support the letter submitted by Stow Town Council</li> </ul>
<p>1</p>	<p>Business, (Burford Chamber of Trade)</p>	<p><b>Support</b> – The Chamber of Trade represents businesses located within a five mile radius of the town, with a large percentage of our members being located on Burford High Street. We would like to voice our strong support for a weight limit being put in place on the High Street. Visitors and Tourists to the town are absolutely vital for its economic future, and the continued popularity it currently enjoys as The Gateway to The Cotswolds – an area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The noise and pollution from HGV’s already impacts on visitor experience in the town and this will only worsen as traffic inevitably increases. The High Street is made up entirely of listed buildings which are especially vulnerable to the damaging effects of Heavy Goods Traffic passing in increasing numbers. The large number of visitors using the High Street on foot also makes it a dangerous proposition to see even more HGV’s using the town, when there are perfectly suitable other routes for them to use.</p>

		A High Street with no HGV's would be hugely beneficial to both residents and visitors alike.
1	Individual, (Ascott-under- Wychwood)	<p><b>Support</b> – As a car commuter that uses this route twice a day to get to work I truly welcome the proposed weight limit restriction with open arms as I do not know how the little bridge is still standing with the volume of heavy vehicles that trundle over it daily. I also think it will enhance Burford High Street greatly and avoid the queues at the roundabout on the A40 to get into Burford High Street which is extremely dangerous.</p> <p>You have my full support so please do your best to pass this motion before the bridge falls down!</p>
4,5,7,12	Democratic, (Cllr for Stow, Maugersbury & the Swells, Cotswold)	<p><b>Object</b> – fully support the letter submitted by Stow Town Council.</p>
4,5,7,12	Democratic, (Bourton-on-the- Water Parish)	<p><b>Object</b> – The Parish Council in Bourton on the Water wishes to concur with the comments submitted by Stow Town Council and shares their concerns in every respect.</p> <p>The traffic flow problems currently experienced on the A429 as it passes through Stow are well known throughout the area, and cause considerable inconvenience to residents in Stow, as well as other neighbouring communities. It is common for journeys on the A429 to be disrupted by long delays at Stow and it is not unusual for journey times to fluctuate enormously. There are a number of amenities in Stow and to the north which residents in Bourton, Northleach and other nearby communities access on a regular basis, including the N. Cotswolds Hospital and Railway Station in Moreton in Marsh. Delays in journey times can therefore have a significant impact but are all too frequent, and it is often impossible to estimate the length of time a journey passing through Stow will take.</p> <p>Consequently, any further increase in the number of vehicles passing through the pinch point at Stow will cause further inconvenience to residents of that town, and neighbouring communities. Whilst sympathising entirely with the problems experienced in Burford it is not reasonable to propose</p>

		<p>a solution which will cause an unacceptable level of inconvenience to other communities, and further consideration appears required to ascertain the knock on impact to other areas and identify a cross-county solution that will not simply pass the problem on elsewhere</p>
1,9	Democratic, (District Cllr)	<p><b>Support</b> – I WELCOME THE PROPOSED WEIGHT RESTRICTION ON THE BURFORD BRIDGE AS A MEANS TO AMELIORATE THE HGV IMPACT ON BURFORD HIGH STREET. HOWEVER, I WOULD NOT LIKE IT TO BE AT THE EXPENSE OF THE LOCAL HAULIERS. IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN AN UNDERSTANDING THAT HAULIERS WITHIN A 5-10 MILE RADIUS OF BURFORD COULD HAVE AN EXEMPTION OF SOME NATURE. I HOPE THIS IS FACTORED IN TO YOUR DELIBERATIONS.</p> <p>I HAVE A GREAT INTEREST IN THIS ISSUE AS I HAVE BEEN THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR FOR BURFORD FOR THE PREVIOUS FOUR YEARS. IT HAS BEEN A LONG STRUGGLE TO REACH THIS POINT AND I LIVE IN HOPE.</p>
2,8	Business, (Carterton)	<p><b>Object</b> – Our company is contracted to both Thames Valley Police And Gloucestershire police , obviously if the limit is implemented it would cause us serious time delays in accessing all police incidents and accidents on the North side of the bridge , such a limit would cause delays in reaching the Wychwoods , Chipping Norton Chalbury and beyond ,Under home office guidelines we are contracted to be at the scene of an accident within 30 minutes of the call which without access through Buford isn't possible . I have looked at the alternative route which would take us down the A40 to Northlleaf and then the A429 to Stow On The Wold and then the A436 to Chipping Norton , as you will appreciate this will add at least 30 minutes to our response times ( if we had a clear run ) , we have looked at the other alternatives and that would take us up to Bladon and then down the A44 to access that side of the area.</p> <p>The issue that compounds the problem is that Crawley village already has a 7.5 ton limit on the bridge so that forces us to Bladon , we have looked at accessing the area through Old Minster but we feel that the road there isn't suitable for HGV's and that bridge is narrow and has an 18 ton limit , we then looked at Crawley and that has a 7.5 ton limit so we are forced through the west end of Witney</p>



		<p>which has heavy traffic at the best of times and is very narrow in an HGV , we have also looked at accessing the area through the Barringtons in Gloucestershire but that also carries a 7.5 limit so essentially to access anywhere North of Burford we would need to travel to Nortleach or Bladon to gain reasonable access thus not meeting our contracted time.</p> <p>I wish to further point out that we work for many motoring organisations requiring us to access vehicles in all areas of the county and such a limit in Burford would put severe time delays and access problems to the many thousands of motorist we attend each month.</p> <p>My Partner and I purchased our freehold site in Carterton in 2014 because of its excellent location and access to incidents North , South ,East and west of us , we employ 36 staff and operate 24 hours a day 7 days a week , I cannot see how we can continue to maintain the contracts we hold if yet another restriction is implemented restricting our operational effectiveness and contractual obligation , as we see it the access through Burford is the gateway to 50% of our work and the consequences of the proposed limit would have a devastating effect of our ability to continue to hold down contracts or possibly be in a position to trade at all.</p>
<p>4,5,12</p>	<p>Individual, (Moreton-in-Marsh)</p>	<p><b>Object</b> – I am writing to oppose the proposed weight restriction order sought by Oxfordshire CC for Burford High Street.</p> <p>I agree entirely with the sentiments of the proposal; Burford is being spoilt by HGVs using the route through the town, but so is Moreton-in-Marsh, Stow on the Wold, Bourton on the Hill and Chipping Norton. To impose a weight limit on any one of these towns or villages in isolation will simply move the HGVs to create more chaos elsewhere. All of these towns and villages are principally residential with potential tourist attraction. HGV traffic brings no business to the area but it does bring noise and environmental pollution, congestion and increased traffic danger to pedestrians as well as detracting from tourism potential.</p> <p>I believe that Oxfordshire CC and Gloucestershire CC should work together to formulate a strategy to remove these lorries from ruining our towns and villages. They should be using the motorway network albeit that may not be their most direct route. Such a strategy should, in my opinion,</p>

		propose a weight limit in all of these locations but also include the provision of appropriate by-pass or relief roads and to these ends a comprehensive plan put to central government to fund the infrastructure cost.
1	Democratic, (District Cllr for Burford, Taynton and Fulbrook)	<p><b>Support</b> – West Oxfordshire has a rich and unique built heritage which needs to be protected both in its own right and for economic reasons. Burford and Blenheim/Woodstock are the two jewels in the crown.</p> <p>Burford High Street is lined with medieval properties built between 1300 and 1600. The town has a total 252 listed building of which nearly 200 line the High Street. They are susceptible to vibration which causes leaks and cracks on an almost continuous basis.</p> <p>Any move which reduces or eliminates heavy goods traffic from the High Street has my support. Eliminating long, 44 tonne articulated lorries from the single carriageway medieval Burford bridge which is shared space for vehicles and pedestrians would also be a significant advantage of this proposal.</p> <p>Any move which also reduces air pollution in the High Street, and further afield like Chipping Norton, by restructuring vehicle through routes also has my support.</p> <p>Email correspondence has confirmed that no existing signage will be changed that increases the risk for Woodstock and, in fact, that protective signage could be enhanced. I support such a move.</p>
4,5,12	Democratic, (Moreton-in- Marsh Town Council)	<p><b>Object</b> – Though this proposal will not have a direct impact on Moreton in Marsh the Council feel that given the considerable impact on the Cotswold region as a whole, specifically the A429 south of Moreton and potentially minor roads in the region, that future assessment, consultation and a coordinated approach would be beneficial in the region.</p> <p>Moreton in Marsh is already struggling with high volumes of traffic along the A429 and has seen a significant increase of HGV's coming through the town over the last few years. This proposal is going to make surrounding areas more congested, therefore making Moreton even more difficult to negotiate along the A429. Moreton in Marsh is also a Historical Cotswold Town and we feel our community</p>

		<p>should also be protected from HGV's. A proposed restriction would force these vehicles to make full use of alternative major road networks around the area such as the M40 and M5, and deter these vehicles away from our town that relies heavily on tourism.</p> <p>We therefore suggest that Oxforde hire County Council defer their consideration of the proposal until consultations have taken place. These consultations should include an integrated plan to ease the problems of HGVs, which take into consideration the legitimate interests of all the residents in the towns and villages affected rather than just that of the Burford residents.</p> <p>Moreton in Marsh Town Council therefore objects to this proposal.</p>
<p>1</p>	<p>Democratic, (Bloxham Parish Council)</p>	<p><b>Support</b> – Burford is an historic village with more than a hundred listed buildings and as a result a reliance on tourism. Surveys show that 12000 vehicles and 600 HGVs a day use the High St and cross the single lane 12C bridge at Burford. Extended delays at peak times have led to an increase in pollution that is marginally below the legal limit and heavy traffic makes crossing the road difficult. Pollution is affecting the fabric of historic buildings along the A361 through Burford.</p> <p>A very high percentage of HGVs using the A361 are passing through Burford and other towns and villages to final destinations like Witney, Swindon and Cheltenham. It is not acceptable that Burford, and places like Bloxham, suffer the pollution, noise and congestion caused by HGVs using a road that is not suitable for them. Pollution levels in Bloxham are also only marginally below the legal limit.</p> <p>There are viable alternative routes for HGVs and a weight limit on the bridge would have a positive impact on Burford and other towns and villages like Bloxham on the A361.</p> <p>Bloxham Parish Council fully supports this proposal.</p>
<p>4,6</p>	<p>Individual, (Shipton under Wychwood)</p>	<p><b>Object</b> – Shortly after I moved to Fulbrook in the mid '80s there was a new proposal for a Burford Bypass!!!</p>

		<p>Since then road traffic volumes have increased enormously and yet, more than 30 years later, there is no mention of this essential road improvement.          Instead our useless politicians are proposing to waste taxpayers money on projects such as HS2 and the ridiculous current proposal for the Stonehenge Tunnel (instead of simply dualing the A303).          Bonkers!</p> <p>If HGVS are restricted from crossing the Windrush on the A361 at Burford, there will be total chaos in the villages of Swinbrook (a horrendously potholed road) and Little Barrington as trucks seek an alternative river crossing.</p> <p>This is what we get from politicians. There is never any consideration given to consequences. It is the same with refuse collection, where charges and constraints on refuse collection and recycling centers simply result in increased fly tipping at enormous cost to our environment and farmers.</p> <p>What we need is that bypass to the West of Burford, it is long overdue.</p>
<p>1,4,7</p>	<p>Democratic,          (Swinbrook &amp; Widford Parish Council)</p>	<p><b>Support</b> – The Parish Council of Swinbrook &amp; Widford have discussed the proposal and found in favour 3 to 2 that they would like to support the proposal from Oxfordshire County Council in collaboration with Burford Town Council (OXFORDSHIRE 7.5 TONNE MAXIMUM GROSS WEIGHT RESTRICTION) (AMENDMENT No.6) ORDER 20** to restrict large vehicle use, in excess of 7.5 tonnes through Burford High Street and the Burford Bridge.</p> <p>However Swinbrook &amp; Widford Parish Council are very concerned to see no provision of any Weight Restriction signs being proposed from the A40 into Swinbrook, from the B4437 into Swinbrook and also along Blacksmith’s lane from Fulbrook. Currently the only signage that is present at either end of the Village is “Unsuitable for HGV’s” this is purely advisory and does not mean that they are not allowed to drive through the village. There has recently been an increase in HGV’s using the village as a cut through and the Parish Council feel that unless the restricted signage being proposed for Widford is not installed at both ends of the village and at the entrance to Black Smiths Lane replacing the current “unsuitable for HGV” signs then if the proposal goes ahead then the village would become a rat run for HGV vehicles avoiding having to use the new alternative routes. This is</p>

		<p>very concerning due to the points raised below:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. In the last decade, Parishioners of Swinbrook have reported a significant increase in traffic using the lane through our village, and through Widford in both directions, both in terms of volume and speed. In large part, we feel this has been due to increased traffic avoiding queuing at the Burford bridge caused by large vehicles negotiating Burford High street and the bridge. Vehicles increasingly use the lane through Swinbrook as a means of avoiding this traffic jam from both the A40 and the A361.</li><li>2. This increased traffic through our village has led to an increasing number of accidents and near misses amongst Parishioners and a first non-fatal major car accident in memory. This has led to proposals now under discussion with OCC to implement a 20 mph speed restriction through the village.</li><li>3. Swinbrook receives an increased number of cyclists and pedestrian visitors that are at risk from the increased traffic we now experience, caused we feel, by traffic jams in Burford.</li><li>4. Many Swinbrook Parishioners and visitors use Burford High Street for shopping and the traffic, especially large vehicles, makes crossing the High Street and parking in the High Street dangerous. In winter, snow and ice in the High Street has caused accidents by jack knifing lorries.</li><li>5. The main road through Swinbrook and to Fulbrook is a single track road and already our verges are being destroyed with the increase in traffic in both directions, if there is an increase of HGV traffic through the village trying to avoid using the alternative routes the road is not wide enough for them to pass side by side, people's property located directly on the road could be damaged.</li><li>6. We have already had a number of incidents where the A40 has been closed or the bridge in Burford and traffic has diverted through the village including HGV vehicles which have got stuck along Black Smith's Lane or a number of incidents where an HGV vehicle following SAT NAV ignoring the "Unsuitable for HGV" Signs has caused considerable damage to a local parishioners home, including knocking down a wall and damaging her roof.</li></ol>
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		<p>7. We don't have a weight restriction on our bridge across the River Windrush and would be concerned that an increase in HGV traffic would cause damage to this bridge.</p> <p>For all of these reasons, the Parish Council of Swinbrook and Widford fully supports these proposals however would insist that the attached signage is installed at either ends of the village and at the entrance of Black Smiths Lane in Fulbrook, this would still allow genuine HGV's delivering to the pub and farms whilst restricting the access of the majority who would use the village as a cut through to avoid the new alternative routes which will add considerable distance to their journey. Swinbrook &amp; Widford PC hope that OCC will recognise the need for this signage and update their proposal to reflect this.</p>
<p>4,5,12</p>	<p>Democratic, (District Cllr for Moreton West)</p>	<p><b>Object</b> – I wish to register my objection to the Proposed Burford Bridge Weight Restriction, as follows:  It is clear that the settlement that will be most negatively impacted as a result of the proposed weight restriction to Burford Bridge is Stow on the Wold – an historic Cotswold market town.  Stow is already highly stressed from a traffic perspective and further loading will impact upon the already unacceptable queuing times to The Unicorn traffic lights.  Inevitably, there will be increased traffic along the A429 north of the Northleach roundabout. In addition to Stow, this will affect Moreton in Marsh, an historic market town which, like Burford, has a route used by HGVs that run through the heart of the town.  It is felt by local residents that Burford should work with adjoining settlements and Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) - in charge of traffic infrastructure for the county - to come up with a scheme that protects these settlements, which are clearly unsuitable for HGVs from the impact of ever increasing traffic loads.  I would support the comments of GCC and the essential need for a traffic analysis, taking into account safety, noise, air quality, and visual impact on Moreton in Marsh, Stow and other villages through which diverted traffic will travel.  As Ward District Councillor for Moreton West, I strongly object to the proposed weight restriction on Burford bridge, on behalf of the large number of residents who have approached me on this subject.</p>
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	(Burford Town Council)	<b>Support.</b>
1,7	Democratic, (South Newington Parish Council)	<b>Support</b> – South Newington Parish Council ('SNPC') would like to respond to the consultation for the proposed above changes. SNPC strongly supports the proposals, as the reduction in HGV traffic through Burford will not only protect the historic streets of this medieval town, but should reduce the traffic flows of HGVs to surrounding towns and villages, including South Newington, a Conservation Area. We would ask that new signage directing HGVs to Banbury on the A40 are placed on the A361/A40 roundabout to the south of the town centre. This would ensure that HGV traffic use the recommended route on the Oxfordshire Freight Gateway website, which is via the A40, A34 and M40.
4,5	Democratic, (Wyck Rissington Parish Council)	<b>Object</b> – Wyck Rissington Parish Council debated the issue at the meeting on 18th September and were unanimous in their decision to object to the proposed Weight Limit Restriction on Burford High Street. It was felt that it will have a detrimental effect on the amount of HGV traffic through Stow on the Wold and the Fosse Way as well as a potential for more heavy traffic on the smaller roads in the area of the Barringtons, the Rissingtons and Bourton on the Water requiring access to the Upper Rissington Business Park.
4,5,12	Democratic, (Little Rissington Parish Council)	<b>Object</b> – Whilst the Council have every sympathy for the people of Burford they want to express their deep concern about the plans. Imposing the weight restriction would redirect traffic along alternative routes which are totally unsuited for additional and heavy traffic. Little Rissington has first-hand experience of this. It was impacted during the construction of Upper Rissington and continues to have unsuitable heavy traffic through its narrow main road. We support Gloucestershire County Council's call for a more strategic district and county plan. This needs to be considered rather than the proposed which will force traffic along unsuitable roads.
4,5,12	Democratic, (Northleach with Eastington)	<b>Object</b> – Northleach with Eastington Town Council have a great deal of sympathy for the people of Burford but want to express their deep concern about the plans. Imposing the weight restriction

	Town Council)	would redirect traffic along minor roads as opposed to trunk roads and does not resolve the HGV traffic. There is a concern that it will redirect traffic to the A40 roundabout outside of Northleach which is one of the 20th most dangerous locations in the district. Along with the continued closure of the Old A40 this roundabout is already seeing an increasing volume of traffic. In addition, we do not believe there is sufficient data at the moment to back up the changes which will undoubtedly impact negatively on local communities. We support Gloucestershire County Council's call for a more strategic district and county plan.
5	Democratic, (Salford Parish Council)	<b>Object</b> – Salford Parish Council has looked at the proposals to divert heavy lorries from going through Burford, and feels that this proposal will increase the number of such vehicles through the centre of Chipping Norton. It is not a solution to remove heavy vehicles from one Cotswold town, only to make the problem worse for another one close by.
5	Democratic, (Witney Town Council)	<b>Object</b> – concerned about the number of restrictions on bridges in the area and the effect on the traffic in Witney if the restriction goes ahead.
2,9	Democratic, (Shipton under Wychwood Parish Council)	<b>Neither</b> - The Parish Council is in favour of measures which would reduce the number of heavy vehicles travelling through Shipton under Wychwood and local villages, for the reasons stated in the consultation document. However, we have concerns over the implications for local businesses in the Wychwoods with the proposal as it currently stands. The proposal would have the effect of forcing heavy traffic delivering or departing local businesses on a lengthy diversion which would have an adverse economic and environmental effect on the local area. We would suggest that the order should be amended to allow transit through Burford of heavy vehicles destined or originating in the Wychwoods (and local villages) but only during daylight hours.
4,5,12	Democratic, (County Cllr for Hanborough and Minster	<b>Object</b> – Whilst I agree that Burford needs a more improved traffic system and has a problem with large lorries going down the High Street I cannot support this ban in its current form.



	<p>Lovell)</p>	<p>It's my view that having a 7.5tonne ban on Burford High Street would mean lorries would seek an alternative route either East along the A40 ending up on the B4047 Burford Road in the village of Minster Lovell. If they travel along this route they could then add to the problems we already have in Crawley with lorries or onto the already congested Bridge Street in Witney. If they were to continue to use the Bridge Street route they would then add congestion to either the A4095 or cut through the village of Hailey to reach the north of the District.</p> <p>The A4095 is another already congested road that is often always busy not just at peak times. With more development planned near to this main road the problem of congestion is only going to get worse.</p> <p>There is also my concern that lorries travelling along the A361 Northbound towards Burford would either head left on the A40 or turn right on the A40 – depending on their destination. The added increase in vehicles on the A40 certainly doesn't help with that problem especially with the planned roadworks in the coming years for the bus lane.</p> <p>I have spoken about this consultation at Parish Council meetings in Minster Lovell and Hailey and both share my concerns that this may sort out the problem for Burford but will have a knock-on effect to other villages in West Oxfordshire.</p> <p>I also have my concerns that a similar ban would then requested by other Parish Councils meaning small businesses in West Oxfordshire would in particular suffer. As a Council, we need to ensure we are looking at the wider picture and the effect this is likely to have on the surrounding communities.</p> <p>It is my view that the main roads in the area should be improved first before a scheme like this should go ahead. I support the idea but I don't support this plan for such a low weight limit ban.</p>
<p>5,15,</p>	<p>Democratic, (Woodstock Town Council)</p>	<p><b>Object</b> – Please find below the motion which was resolved with a vote of 10 For and 1 Against at the meeting of Woodstock Town Council on Tuesday 12th September:-</p> <p>Weight limit on A361 at Burford</p>

		<p>Proposed by Cllr B Yoxall and seconded by Cllr P Jay</p> <p>"There is no evidence of a detailed origin/destination survey on the offending HGVs without which it is impossible to gain a clear understanding of the true effect of displacement vehicles. The matter is far more complex than reacting to issues affecting a single community.</p> <p>WTC objects to the Burford Town Council proposal to impose a weightlimit on the A361 bridge over the River Windrush in Burford on the grounds that the resultant diversion of HGV traffic onto the A44 would adversely affect other communities including Woodstock, Enstone and Chipping Norton in Oxfordshire, Bourton-on-the Hill and Moreton-in-Marsh in Gloucestershire whereas the current proposal would benefit Burford alone.</p> <p>The Town Council is concerned that previous discussions between Oxfordshire County Council and A44A representatives (representing all afore mentioned communities) and the consequential promises made by the County Council for Lorry routes are being ignored whilst the County Council is looking at the Burford Situation in isolation.</p> <p>From the Woodstock point of view, the A44 through Woodstock is especially hazardous for heavy vehicular traffic because the width of the carriageway is narrowly constricted at two points in the town - at the northern end of the Causeway and just south of the junction with Farm End. The pavements are very restricted at these points on this regular walking route between Old Woodstock and the town centre, and are a distinct safety hazard for young mothers with prams."</p>
*	Individual, (unknown)	<b>Support</b> – <i>No comment.</i>
1	Individual, (Burford)	<b>Support</b> – the constant noise and exhaust fumes make life here most unpleasant. Also the road surface is really bad, especially down by Burford Bridge.
*	Individual, (unknown)	<b>Support</b> – <i>No comment.</i>
1	Individual,	

	(unknown)	<p><b>Support</b> – feel the weight limit is long overdue, I cringe when I see these enormous lorries going over our 12<sup>th</sup> century bridge.</p>
<p>4,5,8,12,15</p>	<p>Individual, (Stow-in-the-Old)</p>	<p><b>Object</b> - Regarding the proposal to impose a new weight limit in Burford for HGV's, and as a very concerned Stow resident, I would like to object to the proposals as follows. Stow has almost identical issues to Burford as detailed below:</p> <p>The impact of the proposed restrictions on HGV's travelling through Burford could result in an extra 200 HGV's a day using Park Street in Stow if all the current Stow I Burford traffic (34% of 600 HGV's) went via the Stow I Chipping Norton route.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Park Street is the location of Stow Primary School.</li> <li>• Park Street is the main place for tourists to park and walk into the town- HGV's bring fear to tourists crossing the road from the car park into town</li> <li>• Three people have died in the last two years in RTA's on this road</li> <li>• recent measured pollution levels have been at or above EEC recommended limits.</li> <li>• Relentless shaking of Stow's listed medieval buildings on Park Street</li> </ul> <p>Stow is very similar to Burford:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is internationally famous as a historic Cotswold Wool Town</li> <li>• In an AOAB, Conservation Area</li> <li>• Has 118 listed buildings dating from at least CII</li> <li>• Has over half a million visitors a year from all over the world</li> <li>• Tourism is Stow's main business activity</li> <li>• There are 20,000 vehicles a day travelling through Stow</li> <li>• Park Street (route to Chipping Norton) alone has an average of over 12,000 vehicles a day of which 5% are HGV (600)</li> </ul> <p>The Burford proposals seem to be based upon a flawed report with much misleading data such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A focus on the "Banbury" &amp; "Swindon" routes with no regard given to the largest route of HGV traffic- that to I from Stow (34%)</li> <li>• Who assessed the impact of the proposed restriction on the 34% of HGV traffic that</li> </ul>

		<p>goes from I goes to Stow and what was the result of that assessment? How was this assessment communicated to the Stow I Cotswold I Gloucestershire authorities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A very broad definition of an HGV and it's purpose- i.e. any truck with a gross combination mass (GCM) of over 3,500 kilograms (7,716 lb).</li> <li>o What proportion of the 600 HGV's actually travel all the way to Chipping Norton, Banbury, Witney, Cheltenham or Swindon?</li> <li>o How was the data obtained and where can it be viewed?</li> <li>• A generalisation of the purpose of the HGV's journey- was account taken of:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Deliveries to local businesses</li> <li>o Local construction traffic</li> <li>o Vehicles involved in agricultural deliveries</li> <li>o Cement/skip lorries</li> <li>o Local services</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The flawed assumptions on the alternative routes that HGV's would take following the ban.</li> </ul> <p>There seems to have been no assessment of the Impact on surrounding towns &amp; villages many of which are in different constituencies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased HGV traffic in other towns &amp; villages with at least the same issues as Burford</li> <li>• A NIMBY approach to a problem that affects the whole Cotswold District- why is there no (or very little) consultation with neighbouring communities and their representatives on how to deal with this problem.</li> </ul>
	<p>Petition, (Stow-in-the-Wold)</p>	<p><b>Object</b> – Due to concerns that indications based on initial feedback from private road haulage forms currently using BurfordBridge are that the alternative route they would select once the Burford Bridge option is removed, would be through Stow-in-the-Wold. Despite it being longer in distance than other routes, it would consume less fuel which is their most critical metric for consideration. This being so would further increase the already excessive volume of HGV's assing through Stow-in-the-Wold negatively impacting the vehicular and pedestrian traffic and further pushing the harmful emissions above and beyond acceptable and legal limits.</p> <p>Further object to the proposed signage alterations in several locations directs HGV's to the route</p>

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		<p>through Stow-in-the-Wold which is clearly unacceptable and indicates that the fears of residents on businesses in Stow-in-the-Wold are real.</p> <p><u>82 signatures.</u></p>
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Responder	Object		Support		Neither		Total
	number	percentage	number	percentage	number	percentage	
Business	13	59.1	8	36.4	1	4.5	22
Democratic	23	60.5	13	34.2	2	5.3	38
Individual	30	19.4	122	78.7	3	1.9	155
Other*	1	50.0	0	0.0	1	50.0	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>30.9</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>65.9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>217</b>

\* includes TVP & RAF Brize.

## ANNEX 4

CONCERN RAISED		OFFICER RESPONSE
1	Noise pollution, air pollution, structural damage to property and congestion will be reduced. Road safety and the general environment will be improved.	Noise and emissions will decrease with a reduction in the number of vehicles. Structural damage whether real or imagined could only be confirmed by a survey carried out by a qualified structural engineer, however it would be safe to assume that the fewer external influences or potential contributory factors the lower the likelihood of damage being caused. There is currently a good injury accident history with HGV involvement so this will be hard to improve on but the risk of future HGV accidents should fall with the number of HGVs.
2	HGV diversions would be extensive and excessive leading to considerable extra fuel costs, increased business costs, longer journey times and an increase in air pollution on the diversion routes.	Diversions and alternative routes will be a necessary requirement if the restriction is to be imposed.
3	HGV's travelling at excess speed will be removed.	There are contradictory arguments regarding this issue. HGVs not requiring local

		<p>access will be removed, including any of these which may travel at excessive speed.</p> <p>The County currently have no formal speed data. In the absence of this data we cannot comment as to actual speeds. Many say speeds are too high and others that speeding is not a problem as congestion and queueing traffic prevents this. A formal survey should be undertaken to allow officers to make an informed judgement and monitor before and after speeds should the scheme progress to implementation.</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>HGV's will attempt to use unsuitable alternative routes through neighbouring communities causing a considerable nuisance in those areas.</p>	<p>Alternative route signing would be provided as part of the scheme to advise HGV's of suitable routes. In general drivers have a desire to take higher standard routes where possible and only divert onto lower classification roads where necessary for access to load and unload. Towns and villages on the A361 should benefit from lower levels of through lorry traffic, including Lechlade and Chipping Norton where most consultation responses were in favour. Unsuitable alternative routes may require weight or other restrictions if not already in place.</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>HGV's avoiding the restriction will be diverted through other nearby towns and villages exacerbating their already similar problems that Burford are seeking to remove. The problem will simply be displaced.</p>	<p>The proposed alternative routes are of higher or equal status i.e. PRIMARY TRUNK or PRINCIPAL A class roads. More research is required to determine the likely effects of displaced traffic and its preferred routing. The extent of the advisory signing needs to be investigated further and in all likelihood extended further north and south to pick up more distant through traffic to encourage use of the MOTORWAY and PRIMARY TRUNK road network. This research should be carried out in partnership with neighbouring authorities, to include Gloucestershire County Council, Stow on the Wold and Moreton Town Councils as a minimum. Towns and villages on the A361 should benefit from lower levels of through lorry traffic, including Lechlade and Chipping Norton where most consultation responses were in favour. Unsuitable alternative routes may require weight or other restrictions if not already in place.</p>

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6	Burford needs a bypass.	This would be a major infrastructure scheme for which the County have no funding.
7	Alternative route signing needs to extend to Swindon in the south and Banbury in the north to encourage HGV's to use motorways and trunk roads rather than being encouraged to go via Stow, Chipping Norton, Witney or Woodstock. Additionally consider "unsuitable for HGV's" signing on local roads potentially becoming rat runs.	Agreed. The extent of signing to be reviewed as already discussed in paragraph 5.
8	Agricultural vehicles, buses, coaches, recovery vehicles and large horse transporters will be disadvantaged by the restriction.	Agricultural vehicles, buses and coaches will be exempt as they are not classified as heavy goods vehicles and will be permitted to pass through the restriction. Recovery vehicles and large horse transporters are not exempt and will have to use alternative routes bypassing the restriction. Other example vehicles might benefit if the limit were raised to 18 tonnes.
9	The County should consider a less restrictive weight limit that would allow a greater level of local access for businesses but still restrict larger articulated vehicles. A permit scheme should be incorporated in the order.	The original plan for a wider zone extending north of Burford was changed due to enforcement difficulties. An 18 tonne limit might meet the access needs of locations north of Burford. This would require discussion with Burford Town Council who has previously expressed a desire to maintain the proposal for a 7.5t restriction. It would be worthwhile giving consideration to getting advice on creating a permit scheme for those worthy which may be administered by the district and possibly written into the order as an exemption.
10	Banning HGV's will not reduce congestion	The bridge can only accommodate one line of traffic and therefore the signals will



	<p>which is actually caused by the traffic signals over the narrow bridge and not the number of HGV's. Similarly road safety will not be improved as traffic speeds are low due to the congestion.</p>	<p>remain. Monitoring of the flow and queue lengths is being carried out by the Counties Traffic Signal Team with a view to strike an acceptable balance for flows and queues in each direction. Surveys show the percentage of HGV traffic is in the region 5% to 7% of all traffic. If potentially reduced by 50% as a result of the restriction the percentage reduction is small in comparison to the total so only a minimal reduction in congestion would be apparent. There is currently a good injury accident history with HGV involvement so this will be hard to improve on but the risk of future HGV accidents should fall with the number of HGVs.</p>
11	<p>No evidence apparent that HGV's are having a detrimental effect on structures.</p>	<p>Structural damage whether real or imagined could only be confirmed by a survey carried out by a qualified structural engineer, however it would be safe to assume that the fewer external influences or potential contributory factors the lower the likelihood of damage being caused.</p>
12	<p>The County need to adopt a wider policy working jointly with neighbouring authorities and businesses to tackle the problem of HGV traffic across the entire Cotswolds region and not one specific point.</p>	<p>Happy to discuss with neighbouring authorities but we are each responsible for our own towns and villages.</p>
13	<p>HGV's should not be banned but instead speed enforcement should be carried out and maybe introduce a 20 limit.</p>	<p>The County would be happy to work with Burford Town Council and advise on the practicalities of such a scheme if requested.</p>
14	<p>Question regarding the existence of a weight limit through the Barringtons. There are signs but GCC state no order.</p>	<p>OCC will clarify with Gloucestershire as a Barringtons weight limit would complement the proposed Burford limit and prevent unsuitable diversions.</p>

15	There is no evidence of a detailed origin/destination survey on the offending HGVs without which it is impossible to gain a clear understanding of the true effect of displaced vehicles	Such surveys are expensive, disruptive and would require police involvement for which police do not have the resources. We have video surveys showing routes by which HGVs approach and leave Burford.
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