Divisions affected: Benson & Cholsey

## CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAY MANAGEMENT 12 OCTOBER 2023

# CHOLSEY/WALLINGFORD: A4130 BOSLEY WAY – PROPOSED PROHIBITION OF RIGHT TURNS AT NEW BARN FARM

Report by Corporate Director, Environment and Place

#### RECOMMENDATION

 The Cabinet Member for Highway Management is RECOMMENDED to approve as advertised the 'No Right Turn' restriction on the A4130 Bosley Way, Cholsey/Wallingford.

### **Executive summary**

- 2. This report presents responses to a consultation on a proposal to introduce a 'No Right Turn' restriction for traffic entering and exiting the gravel extraction site adjacent to the A4130 Bosley Way. Traffic leaving the site would be required to turn left only, as shown in **Annex 1**.
- 3. These proposals are a re-consultation of the same matters from February 2019 & July 2021, which have been put forward again as a result of the expiration of the two-year period within which to complete implementation on site.

# **Financial Implications**

4. Funding for the proposals, including consultation will be met by the developer of the gravel extraction site.

# **Equality and Inclusion Implications**

5. No implications in respect of equalities or inclusion have been identified in respect of the proposals.

# **Sustainability Implications**

The proposals seek to help improve road safety and the safe movement of traffic in the immediate vicinity, specifically due to the increase in Heavy Goods Vehicle (HGV) traffic at the site.

#### Formal consultation

- 7. A formal consultation was carried out between 16 August and 15 September 2023. A notice was published in the Oxfordshire Herald Series newspaper, and an email was sent to statutory consultees & key-stakeholders, including Thames Valley Police, the Fire & Rescue Service, Ambulance service, Bus operators, countywide transport/access & disabled peoples user groups, South Oxfordshire District Council, the local District Cllrs, Cholsey parish council, and the local County Councillor representing the Benson & Cholsey division.
- 8. 11 responses were received via the online survey during the course of the formal consultation, with: 10 in support (91%), and one objecting (9%).
- 9. Additionally, an email from Thames Valley Police (TVP) was received, stating they had no objection to the proposal, providing that the burden of enforcement didn't fall on them.
- 10. The full responses are shown at **Annex 2**, and copies of the original submissions are available for inspection by County Councillors.

### Officer response to objections/concerns

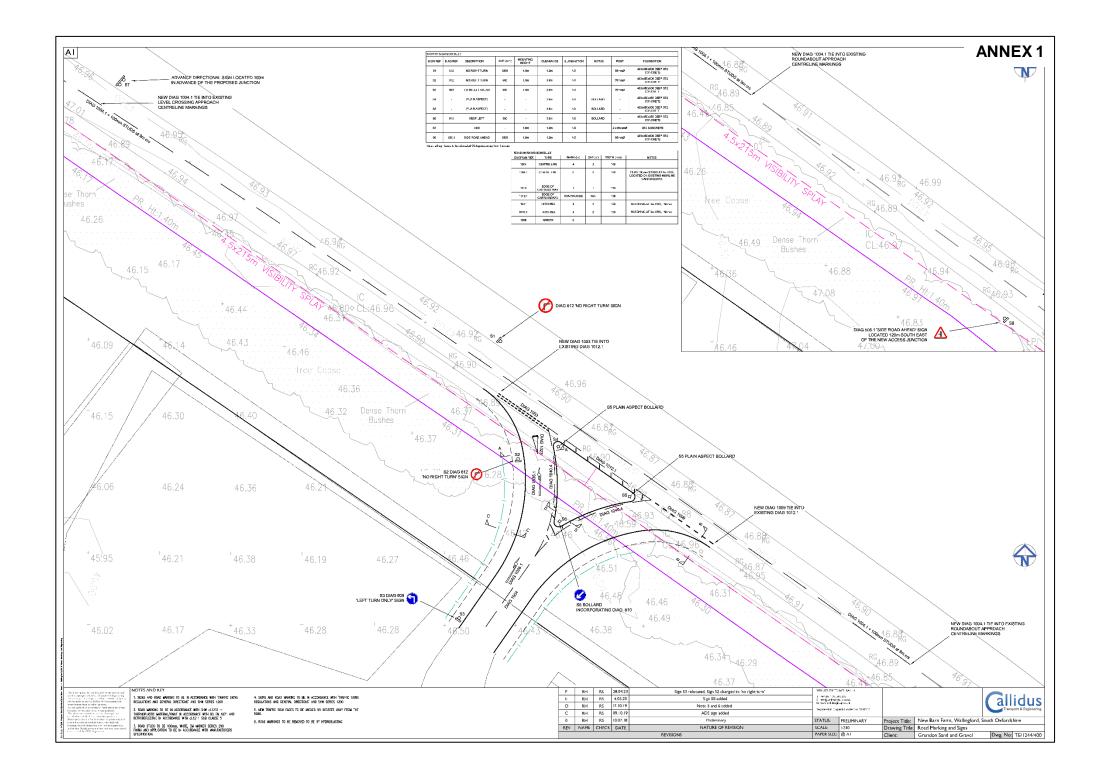
- 11. Thames Valley Police raised no objection to the proposal, provided that no expectation would be placed on the Police in terms of future enforcement.
- 12. The objection received seems to be confused with the detail of the proposal. The proposal seeks to introduce a 'No Right Turn' restriction for traffic entering and exiting this gravel extraction site. This will improve the road safety and safe movement within the vicinity of this access.
- 13. The A4130 is a busy and fast road, and there has been an increase in heavy goods vehicles due to works being undertaken at the site. By implementing the turning restriction, it will only allow left turns in and out of the site, meaning that the heavy goods vehicles will not need to cross over the opposing lane when entering/exiting the site. This would in fact mitigate the concerns raised within the objection.

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Annexes Annex 1 Consultation plans
Annex 2 Consultation responses

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| Respondent   | COMMENTS  |
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| (1) Traffic Management<br>Officer, (Thames Valley<br>Police) | No objection – however there must be no expectation placed on the Police in terms of future enforcement.  |
| (2) Cholsey Parish<br>Council                                | <b>Support</b> - Cholsey Parish Council takes the view that this proposal contributes to the safety of this junction. It supports the proposal.   |
| (3) Local Resident,<br>(Cholsey, Station Road)               | <b>Object</b> - The traffic from that road cannot see oncoming traffic and I have seen far too many near misses to think it's ok for a large vehicle to cross over two lanes without being able to see it properly  |
| (4) Local Resident,<br>(Cholsey, Bill Money Way)             | Support - Safety!   |
| (5) Local Resident,<br>(Cholsey, Bill Money Way)             | Support - It's a busy, fast road and the right turns increase the chance of accidents.  |
| (6) Local Resident,<br>(Cholsey, East End)                   | Support - Dangerous trucks turning  |
| (7) Local Resident,<br>(Cholsey, East End)                   | Support - Common sense  |
| (8) Local Resident,<br>(Cholsey, East End)                   | <b>Support</b> - The gravel pit turning is just after a roundabout, and traffic can back up around the roundabout at peak times. That would be made worse if the lorries coming out and turning right end up halfway across the road before having to stop for traffic which is not allowing him to join the flow, which in turns blocks the left hand lane. What about allowing a right turn after peak hours, when the road is quieter? |
| (9) Local Resident,<br>(Cholsey, Ilges lane)                 | Support - Similar approach has worked well just before the roundabout on A4074  |
| (10) Local Resident,<br>(Cholsey, Papist Way)                | Support - Makes sense to reduce congestion and risk of collisions   |
| (11) Local Resident,<br>(Chsey, East End)                    | Support - Make sense to stop vehicles turning right   |

| (12) Local Resident,<br>(Cholsey, Cornflower<br>Drive) | Support - Need all we can in village to slow cars down |
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