

# KENT COUNTY COUNCIL - RECORD OF DECISION

**DECISION TAKEN BY**

Mr Keith Ferrin

**DECISION NO.**

08/01174

*If decision is likely to disclose exempt information please specify the relevant paragraph(s) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972*

**Subject:**

**Downs Road and Hogg Lane, Northfleet**

**Decision:**

**(i) Approval is given to progress the statutory consultation on Traffic Regulation Orders to place a 3.5 tonne and 7 ft width restriction on the sections of Hogg lane and Downs Road between Northfleet Green Road and just north of old A2. And, subject to favourable consultation, implement said Orders, appropriate signing and physical width restrictions to be in place on the reopening of the roads in October this year.**

**Any Interest Declared when the Decision was Taken**

None

**Reason(s) for decision, including alternatives considered and any additional information**

The roads form the most convenient and appropriate link between the hamlet of Northfleet Green and Istead Rise (south of A2) with the Pepperhill and Painters Ash estates in Northfleet; linking residents with the primary school and local shops and doctors surgery. Public consultation over three options for the future of the roads was carried out in March this year. The two other alternatives were i) keeping the road open to all traffic, and ii) closing the road to all vehicles but remain for the use of pedestrians, cyclists and equestrians. 7% of respondents wanted the road fully opened, 35% wanted the road opened with the width and weight restrictions and 58% wanted the road closed to vehicular traffic.

Due to some concern over the use of the realigned/improved road being used as a rat run, its use will be monitored and the restrictions reviewed one year after its reopening.

**Background Documents:**

Item 13 of the report to the Highways Advisory Board on 8 May 2008

signed

**Keith Ferrin**

date

**12 May 2008**

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