

Proposed Prohibition of Driving Traffic Order – Mill Lane, Beltinge, Herne Bay

A report by the Head of Transport and Development to the Highways Advisory Board on 8 July 2008

Introduction

1. The report shown in Appendix 1 was presented to the Canterbury Joint Transportation Board on 10 June.
2. The objector attended the JTB meeting and verbally withdrew his objection, provided that he would be granted an exemption to the traffic order. The JTB then resolved to recommend to the HAB that the traffic order should be made without an exemption for the objector, as recommended in the report, and the chairman advised the objector that this would be another opportunity for his case to be heard.
3. The traffic regulation order under consideration will prohibit driving along a short length of road at Mill Lane, Beltinge and is a planning requirement of an adjacent development. The objector owns land immediately to the west of Mill Lane and has a number of accesses onto Mill Lane, one of which would not be useable if the prohibition of driving order were to be made. The remaining accesses would be outside the length of road where the traffic order is proposed and would therefore continue to be accessible. If the landowner were to be given an exemption to the order, this would weaken the effect of the order and would allow driving in a length of road which is proposed to be used by pedestrians and cyclists only.

Conclusion

4. The best arrangement for the area is for the Prohibition of Driving Order to be made in Mill Lane with no exemptions, apart from emergency vehicles. This will mean that the Order can be enforced with a robust bollard that only the emergency services can remove. An exemption for the landowner to drive along Mill Lane would compromise the safety of pedestrians and cyclists. The local city and county members agree with this view.
5. At the request of the chairman of the Canterbury JTB the report is being put before the HAB for their decision.

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