

OFFICER DECISION NOTICE



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☒ **A.** Decisions taken by officers under a specific express delegation from Council or a Committee.

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1. Title of decision:	TRO Rectification – TROs 5 (Southcote Verge & Footway Parking) and 6 (Tilehurst & Kentwood Verge and Footway Parking) Sealing/making the Order
2. Date of the decision:	18 March 2025
3. The decision maker:	Acting Executive Director Economic Growth and Neighbourhood Services

4. Decision details:

Delegation agreed at Council (October 2024) related to the 'TRO Rectification report' ([here](#)) as follows:

'That should any of the schemes receive objection(s) during the statutory consultation period, agree that delegated authority be granted to the Acting Executive Director of Economic Growth and Neighbourhood Services, in consultation with the Assistant Director for Legal and Democratic Services, the Lead Councillor for Climate Strategy and Transport and the Chair of the Traffic Management Sub Committee to consider and make an officer decision regarding implementation, or otherwise, of each Traffic Regulation Order.'

TROs 5 (Southcote Verge & Footway Parking)

The statutory consultation was undertaken from 16 January to 5 February 2025 and a sufficient period has now been allowed for receipt of postal representation.

An objection was received against the proposal, the content of which has been considered. It is not considered that the content of the objection provides good reason for the proposed restrictions not to be implemented, nor that it should be implemented in a way that differs from the proposals in the statutory consultation.

The decision has been agreed that this TRO be made/sealed as advertised.

TRO 6 (Tilehurst & Kentwood Verge and Footway Parking)

The statutory consultation was undertaken from 16 January to 5 February 2025 and a sufficient period has now been allowed for receipt of postal representation.

Five objections were received, the content of which have been considered. It is not considered that the content of the objections provides good reason for the proposed restrictions not to be implemented, nor that it should be implemented in a way that differs from the proposals in the statutory consultation.

The decision has been agreed that this TRO be made/sealed as advertised.

5. Reasons for the decision:

The primary benefits of banning footway and verge parking relate to ensuring accessibility and safety of use of the Highway. The content of the objections against both TROs was not considered to provide good reason not to proceed with the implementation of the TROs as they were advertised.

6. Alternative options considered (if any) and rejected:

1. Not implementing the TROs.
2. Implementing the TROs with minor amendments.

7. List of open Background Papers:

[Council – October 2024](#)
[Traffic Management Sub-Committee – November 2024](#)
[Traffic Management Sub-Committee – March 2025](#)

8. List of confidential or exempt Background Papers:

N/A

9. Any other matters taken into consideration:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Legitimate expectation of consultation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Procedural requirements
<input type="checkbox"/> Public Health implications	<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental or Climate Change
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Health and Safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Risk Management implications
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transparency of Information (FOI etc)	<input type="checkbox"/> Privacy Impact Assessments
<input type="checkbox"/> Human Rights Act Duties	<input type="checkbox"/> Equality Impact Assessment
<input type="checkbox"/> Corporate Parenting	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Safety
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regulatory duties	<input type="checkbox"/> EU withdrawal
<input type="checkbox"/> Armed Forces Covenant	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

Details of the matters taken into account:

Ensuring compliance with the regulatory requirements for proposing Traffic Regulation Orders on the Highway.

10. Financial considerations

No additional financial implications, but this decision will enable the Order to be brought into force.

11. Internal consultations

Consulted with Assistant Director of Legal and Democratic Services, who agreed to the decision on 17 March 2025.

Consulted with, Lead Councillor for Climate Strategy and Transport, who agreed to the decision on 18 March 2025.

Consulted with Chair of the Traffic Management Sub-Committee, who agreed to the decision on 18 March 2025.

Sections 13- 18: To be completed only for Decision A (express delegation from a Committee)

12. The name of the Committee:

Council

13. Date of the meeting:

15 October 2024

14. Minute number:

20(4)

15. The delegation given by the Committee:

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16. The name of any member of the committee who declared a conflict of interest in relation to the decision:

N/A

17. Any councillor or officer required to be consulted prior to the exercise of this delegation and details of their response.

Assistant Director of Legal and Democratic Services
Lead Councillor for Climate Strategy and Transport
Chair of the Traffic Management Sub-Committee