

Minutes of Traffic Regulation Order Governing Body Meeting

2 August 2023 – 15.00 to 16.30

Attendees:

Members

Assistant Director of Strategic Infrastructure (Chair)	ADoSI
Corporate Lead (Design & Asset Management)	CL(D&AM)
Corporate Lead (Green Space & Street Scene)	CL(GS&SS)
Corporate Lead (Transportation)	CL(T)

Other

Highways and Planning Solicitor (advisor)	H&PS
Team Leader (Traffic Engineering)	TL(TE)
Traffic Engineer	TE1
Traffic Engineer	TE2
Project Manager	PM

1. Apologies

- Flood Programme Manager – Post currently vacant
- Performance Manager – Post currently vacant

2. Matters arising

The minutes of the last meeting (19 July 2023 @ 12.00) have been agreed by attendees by email and have been uploaded to the [TRO website](#).

3. Orders for Consideration

a) A629 Calder and Hebble Junction (Phase 1b) TRO

This scheme has been presented to the TROGB previously on 13 April 2023, item 3.c) (minutes are [on the website](#))

TE1 briefly described the proposed TRO and Speed Limit Order (SLO) being required to support the redesign of the A629 route between Rookery Lane and Elland Wood Bottom (further information is [on the TRO website](#)).

Between 29 June and 20 July, the scheme has been out to statutory consultation. One objection was received at the close (a repeat of the one received in the informal consultation).

The objection particularly relates to the proposals outside of the Plumbers Merchant and Storage unit at the junction of Huddersfield Rd and Jubilee Road. The current restrictions at this point allow for 24 hour access, however to protect the new traffic light junction “no waiting at any time” (NWAAT) and “No loading at peak times” (NL) these tighter restrictions are required. Peak times in this case relate to 07.00 to 09.30 and 16.00 to 18.00.

The objector would like the alternative peak times to be considered to reflect the busiest times at the businesses (07.00-09.00 and 17.00 to 18.00), as the proposed times would adversely affect the business.

The issue was discussed, but it is considered by the TROGB that the alternative peak times do not reflect the true peak times for traffic and as such there is a distinct risk that parking outside the businesses at the alternative peak times would result in queuing traffic that could adversely affect flow through the traffic light junction. This could lead to traffic backing up on to the A629.

CL(T) asked whether any additional parking can be provided. TE1 and PM explained that additional parking has been provided in the area, but this is only for residents. It was noted however that parking will continue to be available just above the new layby on Jubilee Road, a short walk away.

Access into the Plumbers Merchant from the south was discussed. It has been discussed with the designers at length, but it has unfortunately been concluded that there is no safe way to incorporate a right turn manoeuvre into the entrance and traffic will have to continue north, turn around and access from the southbound carriageway.

CL(GS&SS) questioned whether school traffic would affect the operation of the junction, as the peak traffic from this would be before the afternoon peak. This was discussed and it was agreed that this would be monitored over time.

The TROGB discussed the situation at length and whilst they are sympathetic to the possible negative effects on the business it was also acknowledged that the proposed restrictions are fundamentally required to support the safe and efficient use of the new traffic light junction. The members of the TROGB therefore unanimously voted to overrule the objection and agreed that the proposal can be implemented as advertised

Outcome

It was unanimously agreed that the objection be overruled, and the TRO should be implemented as advertised.

The TROGB:

- (i) Approves the making and implementation of the Order as proposed and holds that the objections be overruled.
- (ii) That the objector be informed

b) Parsonage lane, Brighouse TRO

TE2 explained that this scheme was first commenced in 2020, but has been delayed a couple of times due to staff changes. The proposal is required as part of the planning consent for the residential development and to provide junction protection for the new entrance.

The informal consultation has been repeated and no objections were received. It is therefore requested that this proposal progresses to statutory consultation.

The TROGB considered the scheme and the members unanimously voted and agreed that the proposal can be progressed to statutory consultation.

Outcome

It was unanimously agreed that the proposals can proceed to statutory consultation.

The TROGB:

- (i) Approves the progression of this scheme including instruction to the Case Manager and the Head of Democratic and Partnership Services to draft the necessary documentation to progress the statutory consultation.

c) Update TRO documentation

TL(TE) presented some minor changes to the current approved TRO process document: -

- a) Introduction of a master scheme list
- b) Check to see if any other local requested TROs could be included
- c) A section to record when Councillors and consultees are notified of implementation
- d) A section to ensure that new signs are added to the Asset database

It was unanimously agreed that the changes to the procedure document are agreed and can be brought into use.

Outcome

The TROGB:

- (i) Approves the proposed changes to the procedure document and it can be brought into use.

4. Any other business

a) Barkisland SLO/TRO

TE2 reported that the statutory consultation for the Barkisland TRO and the SLO has been completed and no objections were received. As allowed by the agreed procedure the scheme can proceed towards completion without further TROGB approval, and the action is just reported.

b) Jumpsles Crag (Weight Limit)

Further complaints are being received. The scheme has been informally and statutorily consulted upon and approved by the TROGB. The final design for the signing scheme has been delayed due to high resource demands but is likely to be commenced again shortly.

5. Date of Next Meeting

5 October 2023 10.30-12.00