

MEDWAY COUNCIL

REPORT	Delegated Decision Report - 99/2024
Report Title	Safer, Healthier Streets Programme - Modification or formalisation of certain moving traffic prohibitions
Department	Climate Change and Strategic Regeneration Frontline Services
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Wards affected	Rochester West & Borstal
Public Access	
Appendices	Appendix A - Notice of Proposals (published in the Medway Messenger)

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 Medway Council is focused on building a better-connected transport network to ensure everyone can get to where they need to go reliably and safely. The council is doing this by investing in its Safer Healthier Streets programme.
- 1.2 A key initiative within programme, Moving Traffic Enforcement will enable residents, visitors, and businesses to move around Medway safely and with ease. The initiatives will improve safety and reduce congestion across the road network by allowing more efficient traffic management.
- 1.3 On 9 July 2024, a recommendation to use existing enforcement powers as detailed in Part 6 of the Moving Traffic Management Act 2004, to enforce Moving Traffic Offences using ANPR Cameras was made to Medway Cabinet for 17 locations across Medway.
- 1.4 The cabinet agreed to progress all 17 sites with one site, HIGH STREET, ROCHESTER into STAR HILL (A2), ROCHESTER, subject to a 21-day formal Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) process.
- 1.5 Delegated authority was granted to the Director of Place in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Climate Change and Strategic Regeneration to consider the outcome of the TRO consultation process and whether to approve the implementation of the new scheme.
- 1.6 This report sets out the outcome of the statutory consultation and makes recommendations on the following order which can be found in Appendix A:
The Medway Council (Prescribed Routes) (Various Roads) (No. 1) Traffic Order 202*

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 For the reasons set out in this report and the Cabinet report presented on the 9 July 2024 it is recommended that the Director of Place in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Climate Change and Strategic Regeneration in line with approved delegated powers:
 - Note and consider the details of this report which outlines that no objections were received to these traffic orders
 - Agree to make the traffic order which give permanent effect to the moving traffic enforcement as laid out in sections 1.4 of this report under the Road

Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (England and Wales) as amended.

3. TRO CONSULTATION PROCESS

- 3.1 The formal TRO consultation took place between 25 July and 16 August 2024 for moving traffic enforcement at High Street, Rochester into Star Hill (A2), Rochester.
- 3.2 As the other sites have already undertaken the TRO process and powers have been granted to enforce moving traffic contraventions, this was not deemed a necessary requirement for the remaining 16 sites.
- 3.3 The statutory consultation requirements for the single site included:
 - Publication of the “Notice of Proposals” in the Medway Messenger on 25 July 2024
 - Street notices placed on street furniture within the vicinity.
 - Emails to statutory / representative organisations, including the emergency services, and other key parties.
- 3.4 The Notice of Proposals referred to above is attached as Appendix A.

4. OBJECTIONS / FEEDBACK

As part of the consultation process, emails were sent to all statutory consultees notifying them of the advertised traffic orders and inviting feedback on the proposed scheme. Feedback received has been provided below:

Emergency services

- 4.1 Kent Police fully support the addition of High Street, Rochester to the Medway Tranche of TMA Part 6 sites suitable for technological enforcement. They note that the design is compliant with TSRGD and once implemented, will aid the compliance and smoother traffic flows through the Town.
- 4.2 All other emergency service agencies (Kent Fire and South East Coast Ambulance Service) have not raise any specific concerns, objections or comments in relation to the Medway Moving Traffic Prohibitions traffic orders.

Road Haulage Association

- 4.3 The Road Haulage Association have not raised any specific concerns, objections or comments in relation to the Medway Moving Traffic Prohibitions traffic orders.

Freight Transport Association

- 4.4 The Freight Transport Association have not raised any specific concerns, objections or comments in relation to the Medway Moving Traffic Prohibitions traffic orders.

Bus companies

- 4.5 The Bus Companies have not raised any specific concerns, objections or comments in relation to the Medway Moving Traffic Prohibitions traffic orders.

Other statutory feedback

- 4.6 No objections were received.

5. IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The financial, legal and equalities implications of the scheme, and the impact on climate change, the environment and health and wellbeing are set out in the Cabinet Report approved on 9 July 2024.

6. BACKGROUND INFORMATION (as defined by Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985)

- 9 July 2023 – Cabinet Report: [Safer Healthier Streets Programme – Tranche 2 Moving Traffic Enforcement \(medway.gov.uk\)](#)

7. CONCLUSION

- 7.1 This report has outlined the process and the outcome of the decision and statutory consultation. Given no objections were received during the consultation, it is recommended the TRO to modify the moving traffic prohibitions at High Street, Rochester into Star Hill (A2), Rochester to enable camera enforcement by way of Part 6 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 is made, as proposed.

I agree with the recommendations laid out in this report.



Signed _____

Date _____

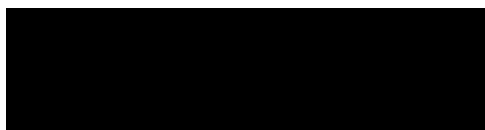
Councillor Simon Curry

Portfolio Holder for Climate Change and Strategic Regeneration
Medway Council

I agree / disagree with the recommendations laid out in this report.

Signed

Date 17/09/24



Adam Bryan
Director of Place
Medway Council

MEDWAY COUNCIL
HIGH STREET, ROCHESTER:
BANNED RIGHT TURN - NOTICE OF PROPOSAL

The Medway Council (Prescribed Routes) (Various Roads)

(Amendment No.1) Order 202*

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Medway Council proposes to make the above-mentioned Order under sections 1, 2 and 4 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended.
2. The general effect of the Order would be to formalise the existing banned right turn for all vehicles from HIGH STREET, ROCHESTER into STAR HILL (A2), ROCHESTER.
3. The proposal intends to facilitate civil enforcement of the banned turn and the provision of camera enforcement in accordance with Part 6 of the Traffic Management Act 2004.
4. Copies of the proposed Order, the Council's statement of reasons for making the Order, and a plan showing its effect, may be inspected at Chatham Library, Dock Road, Chatham, Kent, ME4 4TX during normal office hours on Mondays to Fridays inclusive (except for bank and public holidays). Alternatively, electronic copies of the documents can be requested by sending an email to TROconsult@medway.gov.uk on the understanding that it may take up to 5 working days for the request to be processed.
5. Any objections or other representations to the proposed Order should be sent in writing by email to TROconsult@medway.gov.uk or by post to "Parking Design team" at the address specified in paragraph 4 above by **Friday, 16 August 2024**, stating name, address and grounds for objection or support.

Thursday, 25 July 2024

Adam Bryan
Director of Place

