



#### 4. Wolvens Lane Proposed Traffic Regulation Order

4.1 Surrey County Council is holding a consultation about options for the future of Wolvens Lane after recent resurfacing work. The options are:

1. To promote a permanent TRO to restrict all motorised vehicles with 2 or more wheels and all horse drawn carriages except those using the BOAT.

2. To promote a permanent TRO as above for horse drawn carriages but only restrict those motorised vehicles with 4 or more wheels.

3. To promote an Experimental TRO, which would ban all motorised vehicles, except those who had been issued with a permit to use the BOAT. Or this could be reduced to just those with 4 or more wheels who would need a permit. Numbers of permits would be restricted. Horse drawn carriages would also be restricted as in option (1).

4. The BOAT has no restrictions.

4.2 Debbie said that she had received a few hundred emails in response to the consultation, and there has been a very mixed response. A few locals complain about the noise of motor cycles especially at night, but a number of walkers and cyclists would like the BOAT to be open to all users.

4.3 The discussions about the proposal included the following points:

The British Horse Society would like option 3 as there would still be access for emergency vehicles.

Horse drawn carriages can usually fit through a 1500mm gap, but a 4 wheeled

Police can enforce a permit system as it would be a criminal offence to be driving along the BOAT in a motor vehicle without one.

There is a permit scheme in Kent with a code on the gates, and there is a step that horses can step over to be able to use the BOAT.

The TRF is against any restriction as responsible users should not be penalised because of a few antisocial users and feel that permits would be onerous.

A local carriage driving business would be badly affected if they were not permitted to use the BOAT any more.

A number of local ramblers and cyclists would like the route closed to motorised vehicles.

Debbie would need to look at what happens in Kent to find out how they decide who is eligible for a permit.

It was asked if a seasonal TRO had been considered . Debbie said that it is a valid option and they have been used elsewhere in the county and they have worked well.

Debbie said that a lot of other suggestions had been made and they will be considered.

Stuart said that there are concerns about vehicles going off the path onto adjoining land and causing damage, but from his experience work can be done to prevent damage to adjacent land by clamping down quickly on it and blocking off any new areas of incursion.

Stuart said that there is no evidence of any risk or danger to other users from vehicles using Wolvens Lane.

If Wolvens Lane is closed to motor vehicles it will concentrate these users onto

recommended this option. A PSPO is time limited, but a new one can be made if required.

Use by 4 wheeled vehicles should compact the new surface rather than damage it as it is a hard-wearing surface.

A speed limit was suggested to be put on the BOAT as at the moment it is national speed limit.

There is a code of conduct for motorcyclists that says they should not travel in groups larger than six and should give way to horses etc.



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6.11 A notice was circulated.

6.12 Accounts

6.13 Leave the issue for time being of how SCAF can get notified of planning applications that will affect access.

## 7. Matters dealt with since previous meeting

7.1 The Pegasus Horse crossing, Copsem Lane response was acknowledged. There will be a feasibility study carried out this year.

7.2 Swires and Lodge Farm Applications response was acknowledged. The application has been withdrawn and will be resubmitted with more information.

7.3 North Park Farm Quarry response was acknowledged. There are concerns about alternative routes and the surfaces of the reinstated routes.

7.4 Oxted Road Crematorium response was acknowledged.

## 8. Forward Plan

8.1 It was agreed to invite the Hampshire BHS representative to the July meeting.

8.2 Find out if Gail has a contact who could attend a meeting to discuss the Dogs in the Countryside topic.

8.3 Romy said that Hugh Broome would be happy to speak to the SCAF and the option of the July or October meeting should be offered.

8.4 Joanne to see if a Surrey County Council colleague can show the SCAF how issues are managed in CAMS.

8.5 Oak Processionary Moth / Giant Hogweed / invasive species should be added to the forward plan

**Action** – Joanne to update the forward plan as discussed.

## 9. Outstanding consultations

9.1 Outstanding consultations were noted.

## **10. Any other urgent business / public questions**

- 14.1 Sophie said that the Cycling UK policy document now has a note on it saying that it is out of date and directs people to a webpage that explains where people are legally allowed to cycle. <https://www.cyclinguk.org/article/cycling-guide/where-can-i-cycle-off-road>
- 14.2 Avril asked if there had been an increase in the number of schedule 14 applications in light of the 2026 cut-~~[-EÖ^àà? Á aãÁ@!^Á@e } qÁ^} Á} Á~~ & ease in the number of applications. Only three applications are using historical evidence, the rest (around 30) are using User evidence.
- 14.3 Ian thanked Debbie for her time supporting SCAF and wished her a happy retirement.

## **11. Date of next meeting**

- 11.1 Monday 21 July 2021 1.30pm  
Meeting to be held online