

Committee	FULL COUNCIL
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Agenda Item	5b

To consider a suggested weight restriction on the A1092,

Following concerns raised by the communities along the A1092, Suffolk Highways is consulting on a potential westbound HGV weight restriction (7.5t) on the A1092. There is a history of issues along the A1092, in particular, HGVs trying to negotiate the blind bend at The Bell Hotel in Clare. The proposed HGV restriction will extend from A134 Long Melford bypass to the Essex boundary at Baythorne End.

If a traffic regulation order is introduced, HGVs travelling north on the A134 will be diverted via Bury St. Edmunds, A143 Haverhill, and A1017 Sturmer. HGVs travelling south on the A134 will be diverted via A131 Sudbury, A1124 Halstead, and A1017 Sible Hedingham. HGVs approaching the A1092 from side roads will be diverted westbound along the A1092 towards A134 Long Melford.

To compliment the westbound A1092 restriction, a southbound HGV weight restriction (7.5t) will commence at the B1063 junction with C676 Poslingford Corner, Clare. Advanced signs will be erected on the A143 Stradishall to warn HGV drivers of the restriction within Clare.

For both proposals, there will be exemptions for deliveries, buses, refuse collections and agricultural vehicles. A further consultation will be undertaken with local businesses and haulage companies, pending the outcome of this consultation.

HTC has for a number of years been attempting to reduce the heavy traffic through Halstead, to avoid the pinch point in Head Street. It has succeeded in diverting northbound traffic via Colchester. A weight restriction was being considered for the A134 coming from Sudbury, but with the proposed weight restriction on the A1092, this will not be possible.

Recommendation: that HTC considers opposing the weight restriction in order to prevent further heavy traffic being diverted through Halstead.



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