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Dear Richard

PROPOSED EXPERIMENTAL PART-TIME PROHIBITION OF HEAVY COMMERCIAL VEHICLES, HIGHFIELD ROAD, MALTON

Thank you for consulting Ryedale District Council on the above matter. This has now been considered by the Council's Policy and Resources Committee and the Council's official response is set out below.

As a consequence of a number of factors (including the constrained historic road network, traffic congestion, air quality issues and the declaration of Malton Air Quality Management Area (AQMA), the limited access points onto and off the A64 and the need to access Showfield Lane industrial estate) there are no quick or easy solutions to concerns relating to heavy vehicles passing through residential areas and past the primary schools on Highfield Road.

However, introducing additional HCV restrictions, such as on HCVs using Highfield Road, will not solve the underlying problem. It is likely to displace traffic onto other routes, exacerbating existing issues within the AQMA (with additional HCVs queuing to pass through Butcher Corner) and creating new issues elsewhere (with HCVs following inappropriate alternative routes, such as Peasey Hills Road, Princess Road, Wentworth Street or Greengate).

The part-time nature of the proposed experimental prohibition may go some way to mitigating displacement, however, it remains unclear what the impact of such displacement might be. If North Yorkshire County Council decide to introduce the proposed experimental part-time restriction on HCVs, the Council suggests that very careful consideration be given to how these impacts could be minimised, including:

- avoiding the restriction being in place when schools are closed;
- careful consideration of signage to avoid displacement onto inappropriate alternative routes;
- working with affected businesses and their suppliers to encourage their HCV drivers to avoid the town centre during the affected times, wherever possible.



The Council strongly considers that the only way to solve the issues of HCVs within the town is to develop additional access points onto and off the A64 (for example in the vicinity of Musley Bank and Broughton Road) in order to minimise the need for such through-traffic. Ryedale District Council is fully supportive of the work being undertaken by North Yorkshire County Council to consider such proposals.

Yours faithfully

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