

South Chichester County Local Committee

March 2020

West Wittering –Chapel Lane, Acre Street and Piggery Hall Lane

Experimental Traffic Regulation Order - Update

Update report by Chris Dye, Area Highway Manager for Chichester District

Summary

As the majority of the Committee will be aware, in November 2018 a series of proposals were presented by West Wittering Estate (WWE) and West Sussex Highways in relation to a suggested Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO) which proposed to prohibit vehicular access to specific roads within the peninsula that have suffered for many years with the volume of traffic trying to access the West Wittering Beach. In March 2019 the finalised plans were presented and it was agreed by the Committee that the ETRO could be implemented for the full 18 month period.

During 2019 the closures on Chapel Lane, Acre Street, Elms Lane, Piggery Hall Lane as well as the traffic control at the junction of Rookwood Road with Pound Road, were partially trialled on 4 full days, with the closure of Piggery Hall Lane not being implemented as it was felt that there was not enough evidence to support the need for this. The proposals implemented achieved what they were intended to, with a significant reduction in queuing cars, fly parking and anti-social behaviour on the aforementioned roads.

A small number of residents from Piggery Hall Lane have voiced concerns with the increased traffic flow and highway related issues being experienced on Piggery Hall Lane, as a result of the closures to Chapel Lane, Elms Lane and Acre Street. Some of the issues were acknowledged and addressed expediently by WWE during the course of 2019 but as referenced above, it was not felt that a road closure on Piggery Hall Lane was required.

Supporting this update report is a summary of the 2019 operations of the ETRO from a WWE perspective (Appendix A), the representations made during the formal public consultation window including officer responses (Appendix B) and the previous report that was presented to the Committee back in March 2019 (Appendix C).

Although the Committee agreed at the March 2019 meeting to trial the ETRO for the full and maximum 18 month period, recent advice from our Legal Team is that the committee should be requested to agree to implement the order for the remainder of the 18 month period, to encompass those high volume traffic days in 2020.

Officer Recommendation.

That the South Chichester County Local Committee approves to the continued use of the ETRO to be utilised and implemented in 2020, when it is considered to be required by WWE and West Sussex Highways.