

STATEMENT OF REASONS

WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

THE WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (GIPSY LANE, NUNEATON) (26 TONNE WEIGHT RESTRICTION) ORDER 2023

1. BACKGROUND

1.1 Request to apply a 26-tonne weight limit to the Wem Brook Bridge on Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton as recent refurbishment works has strengthened it from the previous 10tonne rating.

Consultation Drawing Ref.	Location
PTRO23 005 01	D1454 Gipsy Lane, Yew Tree Farm, Nuneaton

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2.1 D1454 Gipsy Lane, Yew Tree Farm, Nuneaton.

Housing development of land and the recent strengthening of the Wem Brook Bridge on Gipsy Lane on the southern side of Nuneaton, has led to a proposal to change the weight limit restriction in that locale.

Currently, there is a 7.5-tonne Weak Bridge Order in place on the Gipsy Lane Bridge. The recent strengthening of the Gipsy Lane Bridge to 40-tonne and Wem Brook Bridge to 26tonne means the previous 7.5-tonne weight limit is no longer appropriate.

The proposal is to revoke the existing 7.5-tonne weight limit for the Gipsy Lane Bridge which will then be replaced by a 26-tonne weight limit for the Wem Brook Bridge preventing vehicles over this weight from proceeding on the length of road described in the schedule below.

The proposal to impose a 26-tonne structural weight limit on Wem Brook Bridge is for the purposes of:-

- (i) preventing damage to the bridge; and
- (ii) preventing the use of the road by vehicular traffic of a kind which is unsuitable.

HGV access in/out to the existing Quarry and Housing Estate is expected to continue as on previous years, from Coventry Road junction at the western end of Gipsy Lane.

3. SCHEDULE 1

3.1 Plan Ref. PTRO23 005 01 to be included in Schedule 1 and attached to the Order.

3.2 Gypsy Lane – 26t Weight Limit Order

(i) From the entry point to Gypsy Lane on the western side of the existing traffic island junction with Marston Lane, to the new traffic island access to the new housing estate, a westerly distance of 488m.

4. Existing Order to be revoked.

4.1 The Warwickshire County Council (Gypsy Lane Canal Bridge, Nuneaton) (Weight Restriction) Order 1995.

4.2 WCC reference No 294/1995

Ends.