

Vinery Road One-way Experimental Traffic Regulation Order

To: Cambridge Joint Area Committee

Meeting Date: 29 July 2024

From: Assistant Director of Project Delivery

Electoral division(s): County Council divisions within Cambridge: Romsey
City Council wards: Romsey

Executive summary: The report sets out the background to the decision to trial the reversal of the one-way on the northern section of Vinery Road following the modal filter installed in September 2022 as part of the Active Travel Tranche 2 programme of schemes. The one-way reversal was implemented as a trial with an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order and the committee is asked to consider the objections and comments made in response to this order.

Recommendation: The Committee is asked to:

Recommend that the Executive Director of Place and Sustainability, in consultation with the Local Member, approves that the Experimental Traffic Regulation Order on Vinery Road, as set out in the report, be made permanent.

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1. Background

- 1.1 On 20 November 2020, the Government confirmed that the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA) had successfully bid for funding from Tranche 2 of the Active Travel Fund. The proposals put forward focused on measures to reallocate road space to people walking and cycling, both to encourage active travel and to enable a greener recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic.
- 1.2 In 2021, a public consultation was undertaken on the 19 walking and cycling schemes that now formed the Active Travel Tranche 2 programme.
- 1.3 In April 2022, a Member Working Group (MWG), including the Spokes of the Highways and Transport Committee, was set up to discuss the programme of schemes. The MWG agreed to progress 14 of the schemes to delivery, including a modal filter on Vinery Road.
- 1.4 In September 2022, a trial modal filter was implemented on Vinery Road to the south of the entrance to St Philip's Primary School. The modal filter introduced two removeable bollards at the road narrowing on Vinery Road, removing through traffic but allowing vehicular access to all properties. The aim of the scheme was to increase safety for those walking and cycling and reduce the noise and air pollution caused by through traffic.
- 1.5 The scheme was implemented under an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO), which can be in place up to 18 months. Formal objections to the trial, together with the grounds on which they were made or any additional comments, could be sent in writing to the Council's Policy and Regulation team in the first six months after installation.
- 1.6 There was a large amount of feedback to the ETRO consultation. Amongst the objections received were comments about an increase in vehicles, especially delivery lorries, making U turns near the entrance to St Philip's Primary School. The existing width restriction already prevented larger vehicles from continuing through the southern part of Vinery Road, but the modal filter meant that all motor vehicles, apart from mopeds and motorbikes, now needed to turn around on Vinery Way.

2. Main Issues

- 2.1 Following engagement with St Philip's Primary School and Local Members in the first half of 2023, it was proposed that the one-way system on the northern (dog leg) section of Vinery Road be reversed. Vehicles would now be able to use this northern section to access Coldham's Lane and therefore no longer be required to turn around on Vinery Way. A plan showing works undertaken for both schemes is attached at Appendix 1.
- 2.2 A new ETRO enabling the temporary reversal of the one-way was duly implemented in July 2023. Additional 'H' markings were also installed on the carriageway next to a number of driveways in the one-way section, and no through route signs were erected on the Coldham Lane approaches to Vinery Way.
- 2.3 Local residents were contacted by letter prior to implementation with information about the trial scheme and the process by which objections or comments could be made in the first six months of the trial.
- 2.4 In December 2023, a report on the Active Travel Tranche 2 programme of schemes was presented to the Highways and Transport Committee, and approval was sought to make

several schemes permanent, through the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) process, including the Vinery Road modal filter. The Committee resolved to make permanent the Vinery Road modal filter. There is currently a TRO application in the system to install double yellow lines adjacent to the modal filter.

- 2.4 The six-month ETRO consultation period for the one-way reversal ran until the end of January 2024. Objections and other feedback to the scheme with officer responses are set out in Appendix 2.
- 2.5 A number of objections were made before or just after the installation of the trial and relate to concerns about exiting properties with the reversal changing the way people park on street, continuation of vehicles turning around on Vinery Way and people not adhering to the new signage and change of direction on the northern section of Vinery Road. People were also concerned about the safety of exiting onto Coldham's Lane from Vinery Road and the increase of traffic on the narrower section of Vinery Road and subsequent deterioration of the carriageway.
- 2.6 Some additional signage was installed on Coldham's Lane at the approaches to Vinery Road and additional H markings were also installed to ease access to properties. Changes to traffic management can take some time to bed in and the contravention of the one-way no longer seems to be an issue, helped by Google Maps no longer sending vehicles the wrong way down Vinery Road.
- 2.7 The decision to make permanent the reversal of the one-way on Vinery Road will be made as an officer delegated decision, informed by the views of this Committee and Local Members.

3. Significant Implications

3.1 Finance Implications

There are no financial implications

3.2 Legal Implications

The ETRO allows for the flexibility to trial changes and to monitor their impact prior to any permanent changes. ETROs last for up to a maximum of 18 months and anyone can object or make comments to making the experimental measure permanent during the first 6 months of the trial. As set out in the report, residents were invited to send in their views on the scheme by letter.

3.3 Risk Implications

There are no risk implications

3.4 Equality and Diversity Implications

The reduction in turning movements at the school entrance should reduce risk for those walking and cycling in the area including children and those with disabilities.

3.5 Climate Change and Environment Implications

The reversal of the one-way system on the northern section of Vinery Road complements the modal filter recently made permanent by reducing the turning movements of vehicles and so making walking and cycling safer in the area and so encouraging these modes.

4. Source Documents

- 4.1 December 2023 Highway & Transport Committee report [Active Travel 2 Draft v3.docx \(sharepoint.com\)](#)