

**Decision Record – The Warwickshire County Council  
(Wootton Street, Bedworth) (One Way Traffic) Order 2013**

<b>Cabinet Portfolio Holder taking the decision</b>	Cllr Peter Butlin Transport and Planning
<b>Date of Decision</b> (not before: 20 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2013)	25/09/2013

**Decision Taken**

That the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Planning approves that the Warwickshire County Council (Wootton Street, Bedworth)(One Way Traffic) Order 2013 is made as advertised.

**Reasons for Decisions**

The following objections have been received:

**Objection [1]**

I am very concerned about the lack of consideration for cyclists when you have proposed this traffic order. This route is a back street way that cyclists can go from the north east of Bedworth to the Bulkington Road. The only alternative through routes are either unsafe or blocked off. The idea that southbound cyclist have to go via Rye Piece Ringway is just stupid. Bedworth has almost zero cycling provision. Cyclists should not be forced to take long diversions due to problems of too many cars. Having a “No Entry” except for cycles would be done in Holland and should become the norm in Warwickshire.

**Response**

Approximately 100 yards west of the junction of Johnson Road/Regent Street/Furnace Road there is another residential road that is nearly parallel to Wootton St, Tewksbury Drive which is currently designated as the Sustrans National Cycle Route 52. The cycle route serves cyclists travelling from the North of Bedworth to access Bedworth Railway station situated on Bulkington Road. The road is a residential road with off street parking along its length.

We are currently investigating whether Warwickshire County Council can develop a policy around the use of “One Way except for cycles” signs now that they have recently been successfully trialled in the UK. Sustrans is helping us with this by providing information on the current guidance and best practice examples from around the country. Unfortunately we are not in a position to instigate a “one way except for cycles” on Wootton Street at present, but it may be possible to revisit this in the future dependent upon the outcome of our investigation.

**Objection (1)**

Living at the top of Wootton Street it means I will have to go all the way to the Johnson Road junction which is amore awkward junction to exit than the Bulkington Road junction. I am sure if you asked the people living near the top of the street they would be against this plan.

**Response**

The proposed direction of the One Way system for Wootton Street from Bulkington Road to its junction with Johnson Road/Regent Street/Furnace Road is the preferred option that residents have put forward.

**Letter of Support**

I am a resident of Wootton Street, Bedworth and I have noticed that a few posters have been put up informing that this road will become a one way system, which I think is a great idea and has been a long time coming.

**Recommendation**

That the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Planning approves that the Warwickshire County Council (Wootton Street, Bedworth) (One Way Traffic) Order 2013 is made as advertised. These recommendations can be implemented from within 2013/14 budget provisions.

**Background Information**

Wootton Street between the B4029 and the junction of Johnson Road/Regent Street/Furnace Road is a narrow residential road, with parking on both sides: the existing carriageway width is further restricted by parked vehicles on both sides of the road.

Through discussions with residents and with the support of the Local County Councillor Cllr J Jackson a scheme was put forward to introduce a One Way system on Wootton Street, Bedworth.

Proposals for changes to make Wootton Street one way in a northerly direction between its junctions with the B4029 Bulkington Road and Johnson Road/Regent Street/Furnace Road, were advertised in the Nuneaton Tribune on 14 March 2013.

A number of objections were received to the proposed one way traffic order. The report considers the objections and comments received and recommends how they should be dealt with. The statutory criteria for decisions on making Traffic Regulation Orders/Parking Orders is attached to the proposed decision report at: <http://democratic.warwickshire.gov.uk/cmis5/CalendarofMeetings/tabid/128/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/645/Meeting/2846/Committee/548/Default.aspx>

**Financial Implications**

None listed.

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**Checklist**

<b>Urgent matter?</b>	No
<b>Confidential or Exempt?</b> (State the category of exempt information)	N/a
<b>Is the decision contrary to the budget and policy framework?</b>	No

**List of Reports considered** - please include link to report

Link to published proposed decision report:

<http://democratic.warwickshire.gov.uk/cm5/CalendarofMeetings/tabid/128/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/645/Meeting/2846/Committee/548/Default.aspx>

**List of Background Papers** - please include a contact for access to background papers

One letter of objection, E mail objection, letter of support and Plan No TP/8778/004

**Members and officers consulted or informed** – please include any comments

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