

**Decision Record – The Warwickshire County Council
(Oswald Road, Leamington Spa) (One Way Traffic) Order 2013**

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

Decision Taken

That the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Planning approves that the Warwickshire County Council (Oswald Road, Leamington Spa) (One Way Traffic) Order 2013 is made as advertised.

Reasons for Decisions

The following objection has been received:

Objection [1]

There is no provision for cyclists to travel northwards from Warwick Place to Rugby Road. The reason you are making this One Way is traffic volume, up to 800 vehicles /day. It is theoretically true that a one way system could reduce this by half, if existing road users have to use an alternative route for the northwards journey. From my own experience, walking or cycling in Oswald Road at many different times of the day throughout the year, I would say that the road is generally extremely quiet, and even when there is congestion, car drivers are remarkably considerate.

The proposals show an increase in street signs, which would be detrimental to the attractiveness of the area.

Response

Pedal cyclists have an alternative route travelling north. They are able to use the B4099 Warwick Place which is much wider than Oswald Road and Guys Cliffe Road. Traffic does use Oswald Road as a rat run both in the mornings and evenings. Vehicles who would normally travel north on Oswald Road would have the main B4099 Warwick Road and the A445 Rugby Road to use as alternatives.

The road width in Oswald Road is 5 metres wide, with parking on the east side of Oswald Road from its junction with the A445 Rugby Road to its junction with Cross Road and then again to the B4099 Warwick Place. This doesn't allow free passage for two opposing vehicles, and compromise the safety for pedal cyclists.

The level of street signs on Oswald Road is needed to comply with the Traffic Signs and General Directions 2002; we have tried to keep the signing to the minimum allowed.

Background Information

Proposals for changes to make Oswald Road subject to a one way traffic flow in a south-easterly direction between its junctions with the A445 Rugby Road and the B4099 Warwick Place were advertised on 14 March 2013.

Oswald Road between the A445 Rugby Road and the B4099 Warwick Place is a narrow residential road; the existing carriageway width is further restricted by parked vehicles.

Through discussions with residents and with the support of the Local County Councillor, a scheme was put forward to introduce a One Way system on Oswald Road.

The comment and objection that has been received is discussed below together with the reasons for the proposals. The number of objections received is shown in brackets [].

The statutory criteria for decisions on making Traffic Regulation Orders / Parking Orders are attached to the proposed decision report.

Financial Implications

None listed.

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Checklist

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

List of Reports considered - please include link to report

Link to published proposed decision report:
<http://democratic.warwickshire.gov.uk/cmis5/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, Plan No TP/8849/002A

Members and officers consulted or informed – please include any comments

Portfolio Holder – Councillor Peter Butlin
 All Strategic Directors
 Legal – Ian Marriott, Serena Cammish, Peter Oliver, John Gregory, Peter Endall
 Finance – Liz Firmstone
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Councillors Richard Cahttaway, John Holland, Chris Williams and John Whitehouse