

**Proposed decision to be taken by the  
Portfolio Holder for Transport and Planning  
on or after 24<sup>th</sup> October 2014**

**A4097 Kingsbury Road, Curdworth  
Prohibition of Stopping on the Footway or Verge**

**Recommendation**

That the proposed prohibition of stopping on the footway or verge be implemented as advertised.

**1.0 Introduction**

- 1.1 Proposed order to prohibit vehicles stopping on the verge and footway along the A4097 Kingsbury Road has been advertised and this report considers the objection received.

**2.0 Background information**

- 2.1 A number of HGV's are parking along a section of A4097 Kingsbury Road which is creating an obstruction for motorists, residents, pedestrians and cyclists and compromising road safety.
- 2.2 Concerns to the safety of road users have been raised by the local member, residents and Curdworth Parish Council regarding the HGV parking by Rentacrate delivery vehicles.

**3.0 Consultation**

- 3.1 Consultation has been carried out with the Local Member, Parish Council, Warwickshire Police, Emergency Services, Road Haulage Association, three Members of Birmingham City and other statutory consultees.
- 3.2 A Legal notices advertising the proposal was placed in the local paper on the 4<sup>th</sup> September 2014. Notices were also placed on street, and on the Warwickshire Web pages, letters were hand delivered to businesses in the area.
- 3.3 County Councillor Mrs Lea and Curdworth Parish Council are fully supportive of this proposal.

## 4.0 Objection

4.1 One objection has been received relating to the proposed prohibition of stopping order.

### Objection (1)

Warwickshire Police have objected to the proposal, on the following grounds:-

Signs and road markings are to be provided, however, no other engineering measures are being used to support the Prohibition of Stopping Order.

Injury collision data for this section of the route between 2010 and 2013 has been examined and there were no such incidents associated with large goods vehicle parking during this four year period.

It should be noted that in view of the good injury collision history on this route, there is no likelihood of any targeted enforcement being carried out by Police resources unless this issue was to be nominated as a 'community priority concern' through the local Community Forum.

In terms of commercial and traffic planning matters, it is the view of Warwickshire Police that planning conditions should provide for arrangements whereby potential transport problems are dealt with and resolved without the need for police intervention, as this is clearly impractical.

There remains the fundamental question of where will the displaced large goods vehicles go? There is no alternative large goods vehicle parking in the area (a serious regional planning issue) and for the police to direct tired drivers to continue to drive around until they (potentially) fall asleep at the wheel is neither a practical nor a safe option. A Prohibition of Stopping Order would do nothing to address these key issues - concerns which seem to have been ignored.

Given the above statement it is the view of Warwickshire Police there is no prospect whatsoever this Prohibition of Stopping Order will operate successfully and community concerns will raise an expectation of enforcement which will become an additional burden to local policing, abstracting police resources from other key policing priorities which focus on protecting people from harm.

### Response

Warwickshire County Council acknowledges that there are difficulties associated with the planning conditions and transport problems of the business on the A4097 Kingsbury Road; however we are not the Planning Authority. The Local Member has raised this with the planning authority but has not been successful in resolving this issue.

There are alternative locations for large goods vehicles to wait until they require access; there are a number of off road parking areas on the A4097 Kingsbury Road in close proximity to the local business.

The local police representatives have given a commitment to the Parish Council, County Council and Local Member that if the Order is implemented that they will take enforcement action as appropriate.

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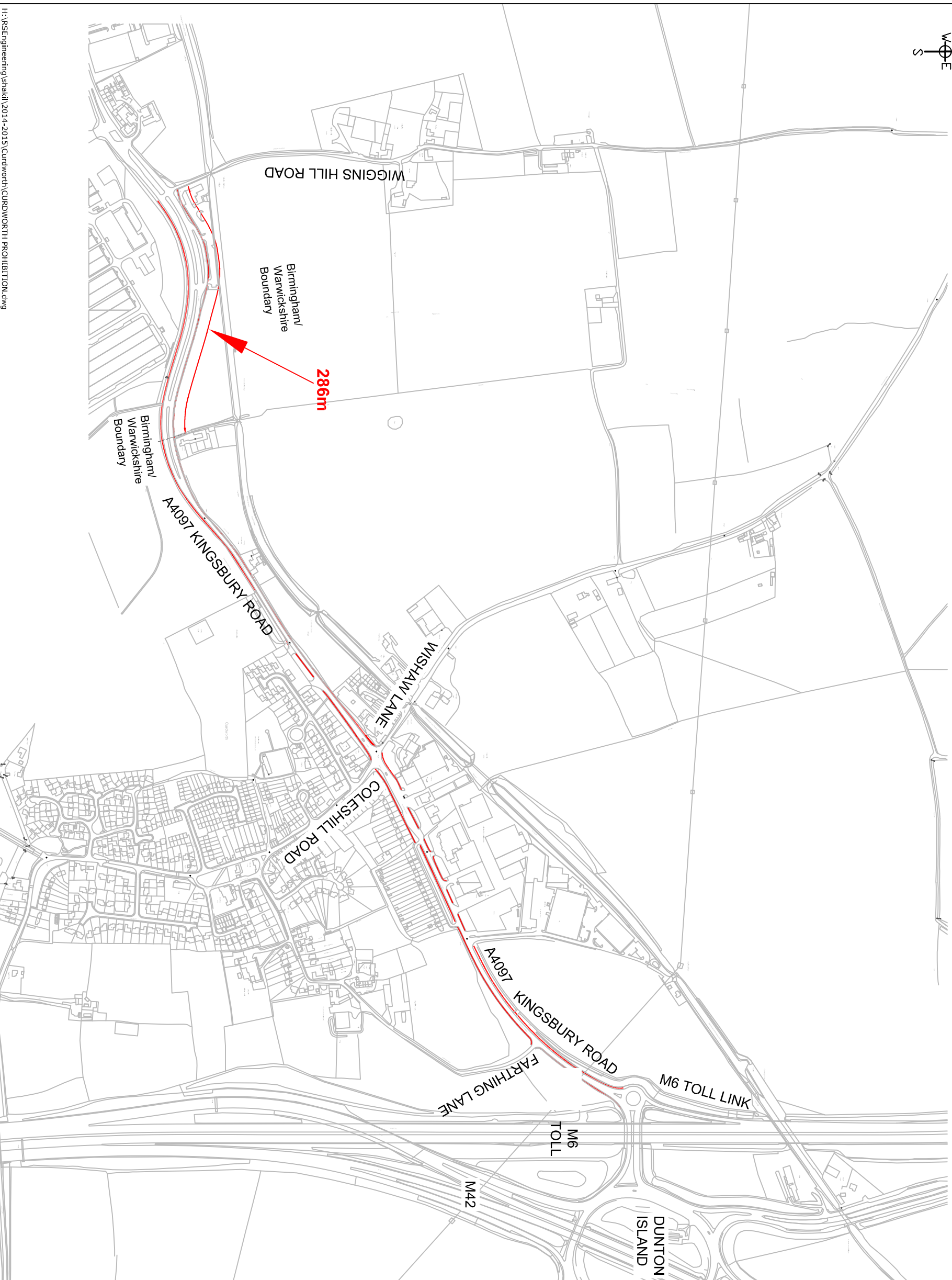
## **5.0 Financial Implications**

5.1 All works associated with this proposed prohibition will be carried out from within 2014/15 approved budgets.

## **6.0 Background Papers**

6.1 Letter of Objection

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**LOCATION MAP**



**NOTES**

- 1/ ALL DIMENSIONS ARE IN METRES UNLESS STATED OTHERWISE.
- 2/ THE CONTRACTOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR LOCATING IDENTIFYING, AND SUBSEQUENTLY PROTECTING ANY EXISTING STATUTORY UNDERTAKERS SERVICES.
- 3/ THIS DRAWINGS IS TO BE READ IN CONNECTION WITH ALL OTHER SCHEME DRAWINGS.
- 4/ EXISTING CARRIAGEWAY, FOOTWAY, AND VERGE AFFECTED BY THE WORKS TO BE REINSTATED.
- 5/ WHERE NECESSARY SERVICE COVERS AFFECTED BY THE WORKS SHALL BE ADJUSTED TO SUIT REVISED SURFACE LEVELS.
- 6/ ALL EXISTING SIGNS TO BE CLEANED THROUGHOUT THE SECTION CONCERNED.
- 7/ IT IS THE CONTRACTORS RESPONSIBILITY TO INVITE THE DESIGNER TO A JOINT SITE VISIT TO MARK UP THE SCHEME.

**KEY**

PROPOSED PROHIBITION -  
 NO STOPPING ON VERGE/FOOTWAY AT ANY TIME

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**Drawing title**

**PROPOSED PROHIBITION  
 NO STOPPING ON VERGE/  
 FOOTWAY, CURDWORTH  
 WARWICKSHIRE**  
 Project title  
 Curdworth No Stopping prohibition

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