

Kingsbury Road, Curdworth

Date: 29/05/2014

Objection 1

Dear Madam,

**FORMAL CONSULTATION: PROPOSED PROHIBITION OF STOPPING ORDER - A4097  
KINGSBURY ROAD, CURDWORTH**

I am replying to your email, received 16 May, 2013, which consults Warwickshire Police regarding proposals to introduce a Prohibition of Stopping Order on part of the A4097 Kingsbury Road, Curdworth in an attempt to deal with alleged occasionally obstructive large goods vehicle parking which is associated with commercial businesses operating in the immediate area.

I have studied the proposals, as shown on the technical drawing you provided (No. RS 9203, dated May, 2014). I understand from our discussions that despite your letter indicating road signs *and* markings will be provided, the intention is that only signs will be installed, with no other engineering measures being used to support the Prohibition of Stopping Order.

The focus for Warwickshire Police is to protect people from harm and therefore priority will be given to targeting those people who pose the most risk of harm to themselves, or others. I have examined the recorded injury collision data for this section of the route between 2010 and 2013 and there were no such incidents associated with large goods vehicle parking during this four year period. I have also visited the location and consulted with the Local Policing Team.

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. Even in these circumstances, any enforcement would be governed by the availability of appropriately trained resources and a risk assessment regarding the requirements to manage safety at traffic checks involving large goods vehicles. It should also be recognised there are many competing local policing priorities which already touch on the community's safety and

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sense of well being. This being the case, there is no prospect whatsoever of there being any sustained, or effective, police enforcement of this ban and therefore there is a huge risk it will not succeed, and in addition could damage the reputation of the police in the local community.

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.

It is both the view and experience of Warwickshire Police that local policing resources are not a suitable mechanism for making large goods vehicle transport strategies operate successfully. The presumption and expectation by the highway and planning authority that 'the police can clear up the mess' is extremely disappointing. We are equally disappointed that the highway authority have chosen not to engage with the local business community to review opportunities to resolve this matter through appropriate planning without recourse to a Traffic Order, despite our Local Policing Team having initial discussions which identified some potential solutions.

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.

Consequently, Warwickshire Police must strongly and formally object to these proposals.