

unredacted objections/comments

From: Anne Parkinson <anneparkinson@hotmail.com>

Sent: 19 April 2021 07:28

To: Ross Corben <rosscorben@warwickshire.gov.uk>

Subject: Potford Bridge - Linden Lane

Dear Mr. Corben,

We are farmers who have to use this route daily to conduct our farming business. To impose a weight limit would result in us using an alternative route through Polesworth past the school, which I am sure would be undesirable due to us being livestock farmers and we would have to use this route several times daily. It would also put several miles on our route and would no doubt disrupt the flow of traffic through Polesworths already congested traffic. Please do your utmost to address this and repair the bridge as soon as possible.

Yours

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From: helentrivett@uwclub.net <helentrivett@uwclub.net>

Sent: 18 April 2021 19:31

To: County Highways Minor Works <countyhighwaysminorworks@warwickshire.gov.uk>

Subject: Potford Bridge weight restriction

Dear Sirs,,,

I have just been informed that the weight restriction on Potford Bridge is under consideration to be made permanent. I am aware that the deadline was 16th April but would be pleased if you will consider our comments.

Simply, if we have to travel via Polesworth, along with other agricultural businesses, the village will become gridlocked at times and extremely dangerous. We are aware of the dangers of agricultural vehicles in busy areas and are very worried that an accident could happen through no fault of ourselves.

Please take our concerns seriously.

Helen Trivett

RW and HER Trivett

Farmers and Contractors.

From: Ken Holloway <holl@parkfarm.org.uk>

Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 9:31 am

To: Ross Corben

Cc: Jeff Clarke

Subject: Potford Bridge

Dear Sirs

It has recently come to my attention that you are considering making the temporary weight limit over the Potford Bridge at Polesworth permanent. We farm over 200 acres of mainly arable land at Pooley Hall Farm, Polesworth from our main base south of Swadlincote. All operations on the farm require us to travel by tractor between the farms on a regular basis. At harvest this can involve up to 20 return trips per day for a number of days.

Not being able to use Potford Bridge would give us serious problems as we would have to make long detours- frustrating and costly for ourselves and irritating to other road users. Please opt for repairing the bridge as once it is done the problem will be resolved for a very long time and all the farmers and hauliers will be able to keep using a very important local road.

Kind regards

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From: Colin Bridgeman <colin@versatilefarming.co.uk>
Sent: 14 April 2021 15:22
To: Ross Corben <rosscorben@warwickshire.gov.uk>
Subject: Potford road bridge

Dear Mr Corben,
I read recently that following a recent survey that it is proposed to make the temporary bridge weight restriction of potford road bridge permanent to 7.5 tonnes.

We farm at Bramcote hall farm Warton Staffordshire B79 0hh and our main route of access is across this bridge from outlying land and other farming locations. We had discussions and meetings regarding the railway bridge at polesworth on station road regarding the size and nature of our equipment when that was last reviewed.

Whilst large in size and weight it was deemed to be low ground pressure by your bridge engineers but as was practically demonstrated at the time the proposed route change was unacceptable because of the impact it would have on the primary school and polesworth itself. I'm convinced that the same situation arises here with this proposed weight limit across potford bridge. Our fields align on both sides of the road and any diversion of our equipment or lorries to collect/ deliver our produce or raw materials would have a complete onerous affect on the local villages and infrastructure. Historically the use of this road keeps us away from local schools/ pedestrians/ local community and the alternative would mean a substantial road diversion directly into the path of those afore mentioned. Our main farm entrance is further up the road beyond the m42 road bridge . On the right hand side

I am happy to be involved in any discussions about this matter as it significantly impacts our operations at ground level

Regards
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From: Mark Baines <mark@donative.co.uk>
Sent: 05 April 2021 13:31
To: Ross Corben <rosscorben@warwickshire.gov.uk>
Subject: Potford Bridge

Dear sir,

I farm land on Lindon Lane and regularly have to cross Potford Bridge. The problem is there is not a sensible alternative route. The river bridge at Alvercote is too narrow for some machines and the parked cars outside the terraced houses in Alvercote can make that impassable as well. Polesworth village during certain times of day is solid with traffic and parked cars. Now Polesworth has been better because the high school has been closed due to covid, but it has now reopened.

During harvest it is often a race against the weather and my tractors only go 24mph. A loop through Warton, Austrey and Newton Regis is a long and tortuous. A good days harvest for us is 200 t of wheat for example and that would be 16 trips!

The bridge should be fixed as soon as possible. There are about a dozen local farmers that it affects.

Many thanks,
Mark Baines

From: George Bostock <George.Bostock@nfu.org.uk>
Sent: 31 March 2021 13:42
To: Jeff Clarke <jeffclarke@warwickshire.gov.uk>; Ross Corben <rosscorben@warwickshire.gov.uk>
Subject: FW: Potford Bridge, Linden Lane 7.5 tonne weight limit

Dear Ross,

I write this email as NFU County Adviser for Warwickshire having spoken to a number of farmers that have stated to me severe impacts from the ongoing weight restrictions at Potford Bridge. It is my belief that a permanent weight restriction will not prove practical due to the excessive diversion route for farmers in heavy machinery which involve driving through villages and road safety issues due to heavy congestion and dangerous overtaking with multiple farmers stating accidents are a matter of if not when especially in busy agricultural periods.

Please find attached a letter from MP Craig Tracey who states the plan is to make the weight restriction permanent until repairs are made in early 2022 if recent assessments show it can be repaired through strengthening. In the event of the bridge needing to be replaced the timescale will be longer but again Craig Tracey states restrictions will be lifted in due course.

Can you confirm if the assessments have now taken place and what the outcome was?

It is my worry that once a permanent restriction is placed on the bridge the motive to get these repairs done is lost therefore I cannot agree with the permanent restriction.

Are you in a position to state if the work to repair the bridge will commence in early 2022 as stated in the attached letter?

Kind regards,

George Bostock

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Subject: Re: Potford Bridge, Linden Lane 7.5 tonne weight limit

Dear Ross,

I was rather surprised that Potsford Bridge is to be subject to a permanent weight restriction. From the outset the weight restriction was billed as a temporary measure prior to the bridge being strengthened. A permanent weight restriction will simply not prove to be practical. Linden Lane is in frequent use by heavy agricultural machinery and to divert around the bridge is going to involve journeys of several miles, in most cases in excess of five miles, and take those large, heavy, slow moving vehicles through the residential area of Polesworth which in normal times already suffers from significant traffic congestion. If a permanent weight limit is imposed then in effect it will be ignored. I have already had complaints from residents living along Linden Lane concerned that the bridge will fail under the weight of the various vehicles that are crossing the bridge in contravention of the weight limit and that this will involve them in long detours and being cut off from the community centres on which they depend for services.

On behalf of the local farming community and the residents of Polesworth I would strongly urge that you revert to the original plan and put in place the necessary repair measures to bring this heavily used bridge back up to standard.

Best wishes,
Dave Parsons

From: Ross Corben <rosscorben@warwickshire.gov.uk>
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Subject: Potford Bridge, Linden Lane 7.5 tonne weight limit

Dear Consultee

Please find below details of the above proposal which has originated from the County Council's Bridges section.

The reason for this email is to advise you that Warwickshire County Council (WCC) is taking this proposal through to the formal advertising process.

Potford Bridge is a weak bridge over Bramcote Brook south east of the M42 motorway. It has been subject to a temporary weight limit which has expired. Therefore, to ensure the safe passage of vehicles and preserve the bridge over the long term, it requires a permanent weight restriction. The proposed Traffic Regulation Order is to prohibit vehicles over 7.5 tonnes.

I would be grateful to receive any comments you wish to make with regard to this particular proposal by 16 April 2021.

The link below will take you to the Warwickshire County Council website for the scheme title and will lead you to all the documents and plan.

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/1800/potford-bridge>

Kind regards

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