

Have alternative approaches been considered (e.g. roundabout at the Lewis Road / High Street Junction or speed restrictions)

The Council's Traffic Study in 2018 considered options for this junction and speed restrictions. Following submission to West Sussex County Council, none of the approaches were considered to meet Highway's requirements and the proposed TRO seeks an alternative approach to try and address the issues at this junction.

Environmental considerations

The current arrangement sees regular blockages at this point, causing traffic delays and increasing the levels of pollution generated. Further, the dangers of vehicles mounting the pavement at this point creates unsafe situations for pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers. Following WSCC's existing Advisory Routes should assist in routing vehicles along wider roads more suited to such vehicles.

Impact on local business and agriculture

The restrictions would not apply to HGVs accessing properties in the restricted area nor to agricultural vehicles.

Where would the diverted HGVs go?

Under the proposed scheme HGV's would be required to follow WSCC's existing Advisory Lorry Routes (essentially A roads). Instead of leaving or joining the A272 at Bedales Corner, the advisory routes take them east or west to then travel north or south on the A275 or A23. Over time, professional SatNav systems would incorporate the restriction and seek to support WSCC's Advisory Lorry Routes.