
**INTRODUCTION OF ONE-WAY OPERATION, D14-3,
HORNSHOLE BRIDGE NEAR HAWICK**

Report by Director of Environment and Infrastructure

TEVIOT AND LIDDESDALE AREA FORUM

16 April 2013

1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

1.1 This report presents a proposal to introduce The Scottish Borders Council (Hornshole) (One-Way) Traffic Regulation Order 2013.

1.2 Visibility to the right is severely restricted for drivers emerging onto the A698 (Hawick to Denholm) from the westernmost arm of the D14-3 at Hornshole. It is considered that the prohibition of vehicles using this link to access the A698 would reduce the risk of accidents occurring. The proposal is to prohibit the exit of vehicles via that link.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 I recommend that the Teviot and Liddesdale Area Forum approves the introduction of the Traffic Regulation Order to prohibit the movement of traffic from the north-east to the south-west of the westernmost arm of the D14-3 south of Hornshole Bridge as per the plan included in Appendix A and draft schedule included in Appendix B.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 In October 2012, a site visit was undertaken with Councillor Marshall and representatives from the local community to assess road safety inherent in the existing operation of the junction. It was accepted that visibility to the right was severely compromised by foliage and alignment of road. While most users familiar with the arrangement of the junction can and do use the easternmost link to access the A698, those unfamiliar can and do use the westernmost arm when heading in a westerly direction towards Hawick. Those vehicles using the latter are being exposed to considerable risk of being struck by oncoming vehicles travelling on the A698 in making this manoeuvre.

4 PROPOSALS

- 4.1 It was agreed that it would be appropriate and beneficial to the safety of road users to prohibit the manoeuvre. Drivers and riders of vehicles wishing to turn right from the D14-3 could still use the easternmost arm which affords them a more generous visibility envelope.
- 4.2 As a courtesy, officers wrote to all three Elected Members on 7 November 2012 advising that the prohibition of vehicle movements was to be proposed. One response offering support was received. No adverse comments were received
- 4.3 Statutory Consultation on the proposals was carried out from 14/11/2012 to 13/12/2012 and no comments were received.
- 4.4 The proposals were advertised to the public from 25/1/2013 to 22/2/2013 and no objections were received.

5 IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Financial

Financial implication associated with this proposal relate only to the provision of road signs and the modification of road markings. This will be no more than £2,000 and will be borne by the Aids to Movement budget.

5.2 Risk and Mitigations

- (a) The effect of not proceeding with the recommendation is that vehicles emerging from the westernmost arm of the D14-3 onto the A698 would continue to be exposed to risk of being struck by vehicles travelling on the A698.
- (b) There is no discernable risk in proceeding with the recommendation.

5.3 Equalities

An Equalities Impact Assessment has been carried out on this proposal and it is anticipated that there are no adverse equality implications.

5.4 Acting Sustainably

There are no significant impacts on the economy, community or environment arising from the proposals contained in this report.

5.5 Carbon Management

There are no significant effects on carbon emissions arising from the proposals contained in this report.

5.6 Changes to Scheme of Administration or Scheme of Delegation

There are no changes to be made to either the Scheme of Administration or the Scheme of Delegation as a result of the proposals contained in this report.

6 CONSULTATION

6.1 The Chief Financial Officer, the Head of Corporate Governance, the Head of Strategic Policy, the Head of Audit and Risk and the Clerk to the Council have been consulted and comments received have been incorporated in the report.

Approved by

Director of Environment and Infrastructure

Signature

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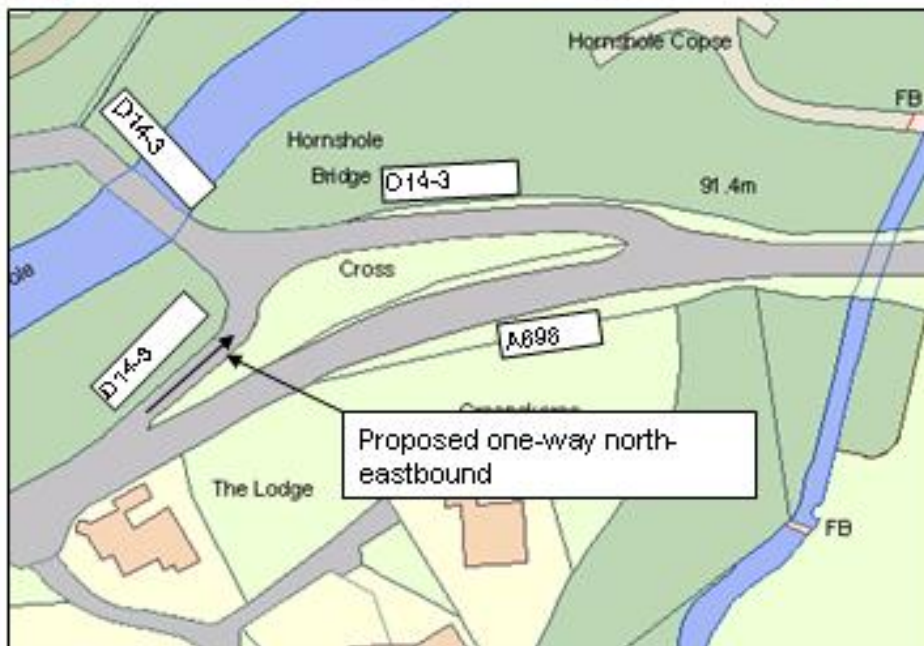
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Proposed one-way order

Hornshole Bridge



Appendix B

Schedule

One-way streets

Unclassified Road D14-3
(South-western arm)

From the A698 towards the junction
between the D14-3 south-western arm and the D14-3 north-
eastern arm and the D14-3 eastern arm