

Kirklees Council (Traffic Regulation) (No.4) 2018

Statement of Reasons

A Traffic Regulation Order was introduced in 1971 by the West Riding County Council to ban southbound HGVs through Flockton village (ie those travelling towards M1 jcn 38), due to issues with HGVs meeting on narrow sections in Flockton village and causing safety issues and damage to property. However, HGVs were still permitted to travel northbound.

The alternative route for southbound HGVs was along the A642 to Horbury Bridge, then onto the B6117 through Netherton village (within Wakefield Council). This effectively created a 'gyratory' system for HGVs, and shared out the traffic between the two villages.

No restrictions were imposed on the direction of travel once a HGV had exited a site within the area of the ban.

An Order was introduced in 1992 to metricate the restriction, but the wording specifying the limits and directions of the restriction was unchanged.

Following concerns expressed by Flockton residents over the lack of enforcement of the previous Order, West Yorkshire Police have requested it be redrafted as they feel the wording does not state with sufficient clarity that the Order allows access to premises within the boundary of the Order.