

**THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUMBRIA (C3042 POOLEY BRIDGE)
(KNOWN LOCALLY AS HOWTOWN ROAD) (MAIN CARRIAGEWAY
CLEARWAY AND PROHIBITION OF STOPPING ON VERGE)
EXPERIMENTAL ORDER 2022**

STATEMENT OF REASONS

*(As amended by Eden Local Committee Decision of 15 November 2022) – TO
MAKE PERMANENT THE EXPERIMENTAL ORDER*

Cumbria County Council considers that it is expedient to make the above Experimental Order for the following reasons set out in Section 1(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984: -

- (a) for avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the roads or any other roads or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising, or
- (c) for facilitating the passage on the roads or any other roads of any class of traffic (including pedestrians), or
- (f) for preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the roads run.

The Experimental prohibition of stopping and the prohibition of parking on the verge, along the main carriageway including the passing areas within the extents of the proposed restriction have been introduced as an 18-month trial, for the following reasons: -

The C3042 Pooley Bridge, known locally as Howtown Road, is a narrow section of carriageway which is the access road to a number of camping/caravan sites.

It is used by a number of large vehicles and at times due to inconsiderate parking, visitors to the sites have experienced difficulties when travelling the road.

Areas of the carriageway is prone to standing water and the accumulation of leaves during the autumn/winter months therefore resulting previously in carriageway markings breaking away and causing difficulties for regular enforcement of motorists contravening these restrictions.

In addition to the above there are also concerns that emergency vehicles do not have clear widths to access the full extent of the road and vehicles regularly park within the designated passing places along the route, which results in there being no safe areas for vehicles to pull into to maintain the access to oncoming traffic.

The trial will enable Highways Officers to identify if this is the correct restriction for the area and identify any alterations which may be required and to then consider whether the restrictions should be made permanent.

Local Committee Decision (minute 42 refers) : -

RESOLVED, that Having taken into account the representations which were received during the statutory consultation and advertisement, and having also taken into consideration the matters contained in Section 122(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 which are more specifically referred to at paragraph 7.2 of the Report, that Eden Local Committee agrees to The County Council of Cumbria (C3042 Pooley Bridge) (Known locally as Howtown Road) (Main Carriageway Clearway and Prohibition of Stopping on Verge) Experimental Order 2021 (the ETRO) being made permanent, save that the exemption at Article 4(h) shall be amended to read as follows:-

(h) a farm or other vehicle waiting on the main carriageway referred to in Article 3 while any gate or other barrier at the entrance to premises to which the vehicle requires access, or from which it has emerged, is opened or closed, if it is not reasonably practicable for the vehicle to wait otherwise than on that carriageway and/or to enable farm vehicles to undertake any duties within the extents of the carriageway or verge when no alternatives are available;