



WESTMORLAND AND FURNESS COUNCIL

(VARIOUS BRIDGES AND STRUCTURES – EDEN AREA)
(TRAFFIC REGULATION) ORDER 2024

STATEMENT OF REASONS

(As amended by the decision of Eden Locality Board on 24 January 2024)

Westmorland and Furness Council considers that it is expedient to propose to make the above order for the following reason(s) in Section 1(1) Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984:

- (a) for avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road or any other road or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising, or
- (b) for preventing damage to the road or to any building on or near the road.

Further details relating to the Councils proposals and reasoning for the restrictions on each Bridge/Structure are as follows: -

Prohibition of All Traffic (No Exemptions)

U3117 Garrigill Alston (Meadowhead Culvert)

Meadowhead Culvert has been found to be unsafe and at risk of causing potential harm to the public and or damage to the road and structure.

A temporary restriction is currently in place due to this risk and as a result of the above we therefore propose a Traffic Regulation Order is made.

The Traffic Regulation Order is proposed to prohibit all traffic from proceeding along the full length of Meadowhead Culvert, however this will be less onerous to that of the temporary restriction in relation to its extents. This will be in place until such time as the Council is able to consider options for the future use and possible repair of the structure.

N.B Pedestrian access will continue to be available via the Public Rights of Way FP302034 and FP302009.

3 Tonnes Maximum Gross Vehicle Weight

U3477 Mill Bridge, Threlkeld

An inspection and structural assessment of Mill Bridge has found that it is incapable of carrying any load exceeding 3 Tonnes without unacceptable risk to the public and or damage to the road and structure. A temporary restriction is currently in place due to this risk and as a result of the above we therefore propose a Traffic Regulation Order is made.

The Traffic Regulation Order is proposed to prohibit all vehicles exceeding 3 Tonnes maximum gross vehicle weight from proceeding along the expanse of Mill Bridge.

C3032 Millhouse Wath Bridge, Millhouse

Millhouse Wath Bridge has been found to be incapable of carrying any load exceeding 3 Tonnes without unacceptable risk to the public and or damage to the road and structure. A temporary restriction is currently in place due to this risk and as a result of the above we therefore propose a Traffic Regulation Order is made.

The Traffic Regulation Order is proposed to prohibit all vehicles exceeding 3 Tonnes maximum gross vehicle weight from proceeding along the expanse of Millhouse Wath Bridge, which will be in place until such time that funding is made available for the Council to facilitate repair works.

U3149 Fothergill Bridge, near Kirkby Stephen

An inspection and structural assessment of Fothergill Bridge has found that it is incapable of carrying any load exceeding 3 Tonnes without unacceptable risk to the public and or damage to the road and structure. A temporary restriction is currently in place due to this risk and as a result of the above we therefore propose a Traffic Regulation Order is made.

The Traffic Regulation Order is proposed to prohibit all vehicles exceeding 3 Tonnes maximum gross vehicle weight from proceeding along the expanse of Forthergill Bridge.

10 Tonnes Maximum Gross Vehicle Weight

C3080 Galebars Railway No. 9 Bridge, near Waitby

An inspection and structural assessment of Galebars Railway No. 9 Bridge has found that it is incapable of carrying any load exceeding 10 Tonnes without unacceptable risk to the public and or damage to the road and structure. A temporary restriction is currently in place due to this risk and as a result of the above we therefore propose a Traffic Regulation Order is made.

The Traffic Regulation Order is proposed to prohibit all vehicles exceeding 10 Tonnes maximum gross vehicle weight from proceeding along the expanse of Galebars Railway No. 9 Bridge.

C3047 Cliburn Mill Bridge near Cliburn

An inspection and structural assessment of Cliburn Mill Bridge has found that it is incapable of carrying any load exceeding 10 Tonnes without unacceptable risk to the public and or damage to the road and structure. A temporary restriction is currently in place due to this risk and as a result of the above we therefore propose a Traffic Regulation Order is made.

The Traffic Regulation Order is proposed to prohibit all vehicles exceeding 10 Tonnes maximum gross vehicle weight from proceeding along the expanse of Cliburn Mill Bridge.

13 Tonnes Maximum Gross Vehicle Weight

U3290 Smardale Bridge, near Newbiggin-on-Lune

An inspection and structural assessment of Smardale Bridge has found that it is incapable of carrying any load exceeding 13 Tonnes without unacceptable risk to the public and or damage to the road and structure. A temporary restriction is currently in place due to this risk and as a result of the above we therefore propose a Traffic Regulation Order is made.

The Traffic Regulation Order is proposed to prohibit all vehicles exceeding 13 Tonnes maximum gross vehicle weight from proceeding along the expanse of Smardale Bridge.

18 Tonnes Maximum Gross Vehicle Weight

C3079 Lowmill Bridge, Hartley Road, Kirkby Stephen

An inspection and structural assessment of Lowmill Bridge has found that it is incapable of carrying any load exceeding 18 Tonnes without unacceptable risk to the public and or damage to the road and structure as a result of the above we therefore propose a Traffic Regulation Order is made.

The Traffic Regulation Order is proposed to prohibit all vehicles exceeding 18 Tonnes maximum gross vehicle weight from proceeding along the expanse of Lowmill Bridge.

C3057 Ousenstand Bridge near Temple Sowerby

An inspection and structural assessment of Ousenstand Bridge has found that it is incapable of carrying any load exceeding 18 Tonnes without unacceptable risk to the public and or damage to the road and structure. A temporary restriction is currently in place due to this risk and as a result of the above we therefore propose a Traffic Regulation Order is made.

The Traffic Regulation Order is proposed to prohibit all vehicles exceeding 18 Tonnes maximum gross vehicle weight from proceeding along the expanse of Ousenstand Bridge.

26 Tonnes Maximum Gross Vehicle Weight

A685 Roger Howe Bridge Tebay

An inspection and structural assessment of Roger Howe Bridge has found that it is incapable of carrying any load exceeding 26 Tonnes without unacceptable risk to the public and or damage to the road and structure. A temporary restriction is currently in place due to this risk and as a result of the above we therefore propose a Traffic Regulation Order is made.

The Traffic Regulation Order is proposed to prohibit all vehicles exceeding 26 Tonnes maximum gross vehicle weight from proceeding along the expanse of Roger Howe Bridge.

Eden Locality Board Decision (Minute 40 refers) :-

RESOLVED that, having taken into consideration that no representations were received following statutory advertisement and consultation of the proposed Order 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 8.2 of this Report, that the Westmorland and Furness Council, (Various Bridges and Structures – Eden Area) (Traffic Regulation) Order 20>< (“the Order”), be brought into operation as advertised