

Briefing note to: The Head of Regeneration and Development

Date: 06 September 2017

Report of: Brian Scott – Traffic Engineer

**Title: Hempstead Road (part) - Closure for Remembrance Day Event
Sunday 12 November 2017**

Purpose

To inform the Transport & Infrastructure Section Head of the proposal to make an Order to close a section of Hempstead Road in the vicinity of the Peace Memorial whilst the Remembrance Day ceremony takes place on Sunday 12 November 2017.

Order

The Watford Borough Council Hempstead Road (part) (Remembrance Day)
Order 2017 Town Police Clauses Act 1847

Introduction

On Sunday 12 November 2017 the Remembrance Ceremony is due to take place at the Peace Memorial in Hempstead Road, adjacent to the Town Hall. This is an annual event which was traditionally accommodated wholly on land owned by the Borough Council immediately next to the Peace Memorial. Increased public attention on the activities of the Armed Forces and losses suffered in Afghanistan and other recent conflicts coupled with the installation of a new memorial at the site in 2011 dedicated to the memory of those who have lost their life since 1945 lead to an increase in the number of attendees in recent years. The installation of the new memorial also required the positioning of attendees to be amended, taking up a greater area. All these factors made it necessary since 2011 for formal guests and casual attendees to take up space beyond the boundary of the land owned by the Council, potentially causing obstruction to the highway section of Hempstead Road which links from The Avenue Roundabout to the subway running beneath Rickmansworth Road.

This section of Hempstead Road is pedestrianised with a demarcated cycle way and in view of its potential obstruction it has been closed since 2011 using s21 of the Town Police Clauses Act 1847 for the period whilst the ceremony takes place. Recent events went off without incident and it is proposed to duplicate the arrangements for the 2017 event. The closure is sought to cover the period from 2:00pm – 4:00 pm on the day of the event (12/12/17) although the route will only be closed for as long as is necessary to enable the event to complete.

From a practical point of view pedestrians and cyclists wishing to travel the route will still be able to do so by diverting on to the paved area on the Library side of Hempstead Road. As the ceremony is on a Sunday, pedestrian and cycle flows will be substantially lower than on a week day when West Herts College is operating at full

capacity. No practical problems are anticipated and this has indeed been the case since 2011. Arrangements will be made to ensure that wheelchairs, pushchairs and cycles can still access the subway without having to negotiate steps. Borough Council staff will be in attendance on site in support of the event and to act as stewards in relation to the highways issues.

The event has been brought to the attention of Hertfordshire County Council Highways who have no objection to the proposals or the use of Town Police Clauses Act. The road space has been booked to the event by HCC to avoid potential clashes with other activity on the highway on the day. The local Police have also been informed and have raised no objection to the event.

Notification

Public notices will be posted in the street.

Recommendations

That the Head of Democracy and Governance be requested to make the Order and that notices be posted in the street one week before the event.

Attached

Drafts of the following documents:-

The Watford Borough Council Hempstead Road (part) (Remembrance Day) Order 2017

The Public Notice relating to the above Draft Order

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That the Order is made and notices posted in the street.

NOTIFICATION OF OFFICER DECISION

Topic

The Watford Borough Council Hempstead Road (part) (Remembrance Day) Order 2017.
Town Police Clauses Act 1847

Decision Summary

That the Head of Legal and Property Services be requested to make The Watford Borough Council The Parade (part) (Remembrance Day) Order 2017 Town Police

Clauses Act 1847 and that notices be posted in the street no later than one week before the event.

Name of Officer exercising delegated authority

Andy Smith – Transport & Infrastructure Section Head

Signature A. T. Smith

Date 11TH SEPTEMBER 2017

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Watford Borough Council Hempstead Road (part) (Remembrance Day) Order 2017

Town Police Clauses Act 1847

Watford Borough Council has made an Order under Section 21 of the Town Police Clauses Act 1847 because it appears to the Council that part of Hempstead Road is liable to be thronged and or obstructed during a public event.

The purpose of the Order is to aid the safety of those persons within part of the Hempstead Road between the western portal of the subway beneath Rickmansworth Road and a point opposite the boundary between the Town Hall and The Horns Public House during a public event, the Remembrance Day Ceremony.

The event will commence at 2.00 p.m. and conclude by 4.00 p.m. on Sunday 12th November 2017.

By this order

1. All traffic is prohibited from travelling along Hempstead Road between the west portal of the subway beneath Rickmansworth Road and a point opposite the boundary between the Town Hall and The Horns Public House.
2. This order is effective from 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. on Sunday 12th November 2017.
3. This Order may be referred to as The Watford Borough Council Hempstead Road (part) (Remembrance Day) Order 2017.

THE COMMON SEAL OF WATFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

was hereunto affixed in the presence of:-

Head of Democracy & Governance.....

Date.....

NOTE:

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