

**Briefing note to: The Head of Regeneration and Development**

**Date: 12 September 2017**

**Report of: Brian Scott – Traffic Engineer**

**Title: Hempstead Road (part) - Closure for The Peace Hospice Lights of Love Event  
Tuesday 12 December 2017**

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### **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 for the Watford Peace Hospice Lights of Love event which takes place on Tuesday 12 December 2017.

### **Order**

The Watford Borough Council Hempstead Road (part) (Lights of Love Event)  
Order 2017 Town Police Clauses Act 1847

### **Introduction**

On Tuesday 12 December 2017 the Peace Hospice, Watford is due to hold the Lights of Love Event; a gathering of people to remember and celebrate the lives of friends and family who have passed. The event is to take place in an area next to the Peace Memorial in Hempstead Road, adjacent to the Town Hall. It is expected that attendees will gather in sufficient numbers that they will spread beyond the boundary of the land owned by the Council on which the Peace Memorial is located to cause an 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 is prudent to close it using s21 of the Town Police Clauses Act 1847 for the period whilst the ceremony takes place to avoid any legal challenges regarding obstruction issues. The closure is sought to cover the period from 5:00pm – 9:00 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 in the evening, pedestrian and cycle flows will be substantially lower than during the day when West Herts College is operating at full capacity. The organisers will have stewards in attendance and arrangements will be made to ensure that wheelchairs, pushchairs and cycles can still access the subway without having to negotiate steps.

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.

The proposed arrangements are identical to those implemented for the 2016 event which ran successfully with no reported difficulties.

**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) (Lights of Love Event 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) (Lights of Love Event) Order 2017.  
Town Police Clauses Act 1847

**Decision Summary**

That the Head of Democracy & Governance be requested to make The Watford Borough Council The Parade (part) (Lights of Love Event) 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. J. Smith* .....

Date... *12<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017* .....

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **The Watford Borough Council Hempstead Road (part) (Lights of Love Event) 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 Watford Peace Hospice Lights of Love Event.

The event will commence at 5.00 p.m. and conclude by 9.00 p.m. on Tuesday 12th December 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 5.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. on Tuesday 12th December 2017.
3. This Order may be referred to as The Watford Borough Council Hempstead Road (part) (Lights of Love Event) 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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