



12th February 2020

Dear Business Owner / Manager,

Beddington Business Improvement District (BID) contacted businesses last year regarding a potential HGV restriction being introduced at the top of Beddington Lane. The Council proposals would prevent any vehicle greater than 3.5 tonne from entering Beddington Village (by the BP garage) and leaving Beddington Lane at the Hilliers Lane exit at the top of the hill.

We would encourage all businesses to raise any objections that they may have as soon as possible so that we can present the business case to Sutton Council. If you have previously raised concerns, please do so again as the Council are currently undertaking a second round of consultation with businesses.

The Sutton entry / exit point is one of the main gateways to our industrial area and to close this access to HGV's permanently will result in a much longer route for those vehicles being diverted, resulting in added cost for those vehicles in fuel and driver time as well as adding to the already congested roads in our BID area. The HGV restriction is simply shifting the high volume of traffic elsewhere to roads that are already congested and already at a standstill; these routes are not currently clear they are already full to capacity and cannot handle the volume of traffic each day, adding hundreds of HGV's to this every day will further exacerbate the issue.

The re-routing will cost businesses money through additional fuel, driver time, additional waiting time, loss of contracts and loss of efficiency and will undoubtedly have negative consequences on businesses and local employment. Drivers may also exceed their driving time which then causes infringements and fines. Beddington BID represents 190 businesses within the industrial area and we believe that the re-routing of HGV vehicles will have a detrimental effect on businesses and cut off one of the main entrances / exits to the industrial area. The re-routing will also cause increased traffic along Coomber Way, Ampere Way, Beddington Farm Road and the Purley Way.

If you object to these proposals and feel that the HGV ban of vehicles larger than 3.5 tonne would affect your business please could you send an email to **Michelle@beddingtonforbusiness.co.uk** by Wednesday 26th February 2020 so that we can collate all business responses and deliver directly to London Borough of Sutton.

Kind regards

Michelle Baker

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Sutton Council Update to Beddington BID: Heavy Goods Vehicle (HGVs) restrictions extension at Beddington Village as part of the Beddington North Major Scheme (the Scheme)

The proposed Traffic Management Order (TMO) regarding HGV restrictions in Beddington Village consultation was carried out during early 2019. Given the level of interest and the sensitive nature of the proposals, the Council took the decision to defer the rollout of these proposed restrictions for a few months. Over the past six months, the Council has undertaken further monitoring and testing to help inform the HGV restrictions. This includes vehicle counts, using CCTV equipment to periodically monitor vehicular traffic over a much longer period than previously monitored. Other routes were also monitored within the area to help validate the proposals. Further, Council officers held 1-1 meetings with a number of businesses who were concerned, to better understand the specific issues that are likely to affect them should the HGV restrictions be introduced.

The Council will be analysing this evidence in the first quarter of 2020 with a view to formally determining the objections and implementing the TMO (should that be the outcome of the determination) before completion of the remaining Scheme civil works. Based on the current programme, the Scheme implementation is likely to run well into the autumn 2020 due to various factors, for example, overrunning of the Tramlink works at Ampere Way, planned UKPN works for a new connection and the Compulsory Purchase Order process to acquire a third party land.

Once the main works have been satisfactorily completed, and assuming the HGV restriction is to proceed, there will be a 'soft-launch'. In advance of a soft launch, the necessary directional and warning signs will need to be in place. However, no Penalty Charge Notice (PCN) tickets will be issued during this time. It will also provide businesses with time to adjust accordingly and resolve operational issues. Rest assured, the Council will provide you with as much notice as possible if and when the HGV restrictions will be introduced and enforced - this will be done through advanced notifications and road signage. The live enforcement will commence following the completion of a soft-launch but we will continue to monitor its effectiveness and performance on a rolling basis. If you would like to discuss any aspect of these works then please email beddington@sutton.gov.uk.