

Briefing Note: Temporary Prohibition of Traffic Order (TTRO) – Ref: LV88818004844

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Legislation: Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

1. Purpose of this Briefing

To inform members of the implications of the proposed Temporary Prohibition of Traffic Order (TTRO) and to support an informed decision on whether and how the Parish Council should respond.

2. What is a TTRO?

A TTRO allows the highway authority to temporarily restrict or prohibit traffic on a road for reasons such as:

- Roadworks or utility works
- Public safety
- Emergency situations

These orders are typically fast-tracked and do not carry the same formal objection rights as permanent traffic orders.

3. Key Constraints on Parish Council Powers

- The Parish Council is not the decision-making authority
- It cannot veto or block the TTRO
- It can submit representations, objections, or requests for modification
- Influence is primarily through evidence, advocacy, and engagement

4. Key Considerations for Creswell

Members may wish to assess the following local impacts:

Access and Safety

- Will residents retain reasonable access to properties?
- Are emergency services likely to be delayed?

Diversion Routes

- Are routes clearly defined and suitable for all vehicles?
- Do they create additional safety risks?

Impact on Daily Life

- Disruption to work, school transport, deliveries, and care services
- Impact on local businesses or agricultural operations

Timing and Duration

- Are works scheduled at appropriate times?
- Could duration be reduced or works phased?

Cumulative Impact

- Are there other nearby closures or works increasing disruption?

5. Risk Assessment

- High risk: Loss of emergency access, unsafe diversions, severe isolation of residents
- Medium risk: Significant inconvenience, extended duration, poor communication
- Low risk: Short-duration works with clear mitigation and access maintained

6. Potential Actions Available

The Parish Council may consider:

A. Formal Representation / Objection

- Highlight specific, evidence-based concerns
- Focus on safety, access, and proportionality

B. Request Modifications

- Reduced duration
- Phased or partial closures
- Off-peak working
- Guaranteed resident access

C. Engagement

- Contact Staffordshire County Council Highways for clarification
- Liaise with the local County Councillor

D. Evidence Gathering

- Collect feedback from affected residents and businesses
- Document specific impacts (e.g. care access, school transport issues)

E. Communication

- Inform residents of the proposal and any planned response

7. Likely Outcomes

Based on similar cases:

- Full withdrawal of the TTRO is unlikely
- Modifications are possible where justified
- Proceeding as planned is common if works are essential and compliant

8. Strategic Consideration

To maximise influence, any response should:

- Be specific and evidence-led (not general objection)
- Propose practical alternatives
- Focus on safety and proportionality, not inconvenience alone