

ANNEX 3

List of objections raised by the Divisional Member for Laleham and Shepperton, and Chair of the Spelthorne Joint Committee, in response to the proposed new traffic regulation order imposing an environmental 18 tonne weight limit, with standard exemptions included, over Chertsey Bridge (to replace the existing traffic regulation order which incorrectly imposes an 18 tonne weight limit on structural grounds)

1. Chertsey Bridge is an old historical bridge over the river Thames and although it is strong enough to carry HGV weight it is certainly not designed width wise to allow two HGV vehicles to cross the bridge at the same time without mounting the pavement on each side.
2. Due to the width of the bridge, pedestrians are extremely close to the motor cars and vans already as they walk over so HGV's will of course make it worst.
3. Cyclist also find the bridge intimidating as the cars cannot pass them and the bridge has a steep rise and descent on the other side. Again HGV's would make this bad situation due to the width even worst. To add to the traffic congestion there is a very sharp turning into Thames Side on the Shepperton side on top of the bridge making it extremely awkward for traffic which would be exacerbated with HGV's.
4. The residents of Shepperton village have put up with the maximum size HGV's (20 Tons load + vehicle weight) for at least fifty years with all the gravel lorries and continue to do so as new pits are opened up. It is unreasonable to expect the same residents to put up with even more HGV's than they already have for many years to come.
5. There is a perfectly acceptable route via the A308 and then on to the A244. There is then a very short stretch in Charlton Lane to the Eco-Park. The advantage of this route is that the HGV's are on 'A' roads which are designed for heavy goods vehicles until virtual arrival at the Eco-Park.
6. I have received and still do many complaints from residents regarding HGV's and it is by far the largest proportion in my mail bag as well as digital. So as divisional member and Chairman of the Spelthorne Joint Committee I request that the Cabinet Member rejects this application for the above reasons and keeps the HGV on the 'A' roads of Spelthorne.

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