Waddesdon Area Freight Zone Consultation Survey

Overview

We are proposing a 'freight zone' scheme to reduce HGV traffic in the Ashendon, Bril, Chearsley and Cheddington areas. If you live, work or run a business in the area, we'd like to hear your views on the proposals.

Proposed boundaries for the 'freight zone' are north of the A418, south of the A41, east of the B4011 and west of Rabans Lane, Aylesbury. These are shown in the map below.



Road monitoring in January 2022 showed that an average of 477 HGVs per week passed through the proposed zone, heading for destinations further afield. That represents 35% of the total HGV traffic in the area. Details of the monitored HGV movements can be seen in Map 2.

The proposals include a 7.5 tonne weight restriction on vehicles travelling through the zone. But there would be an exception for vehicles travelling to destinations within the zone. This means deliveries and collections for local homes and businesses would be unaffected.

Our aim is to reduce traffic on local roads by removing those HGVs that are just passing through. We will ensure that businesses and freight companies are aware of more appropriate, alternative routes. We believe this would reduce negative impacts on local residents, buildings and the environment.



Although we are proposing the 'freight zone' as a solution to excessive HGV traffic in the area, no decision has yet been made. We need to decide whether a 'freight zone' really is the best solution; whether the proposed boundaries are suitable; and whether there are any impacts or alternative solutions we haven't already considered.

Further details on the proposed 'Waddesdon freight zone' can be found on our website.

Events to find out more

We will be holding two public drop-in events in January 2024:

Wednesday 17 January - 1pm to 8pm

Saturday 27 January - 10am to 5pm

Both events are at Ashendon Village Hall, Main Street, Ashendon HP18

How to have your say

You can tell us your views in the following ways:

Complete the online survey using the link www.yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com

Email us at: freight@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

Write to us at: Freepost BUCKINGHAMSHIRE FREIGHT STRATEGY

What happens next

We will:

- Collate feedback from local residents, businesses, parish councils and community groups.
- Make any necessary amendments to proposals based on the feedback.
- Draft necessary Traffic Regulation Orders.
- Hold a formal public consultation on the final proposals when we will consult with the public, businesses, representative bodies and statutory agencies on the final proposals.

Your interest in the Waddesdon area freight zone

1. Which of the following, best describes the role in which you are responding to this survey? *Please select only one response.*

Required

Resident living within the freight zone area	Please go to question 2
Resident living elsewhere in Buckinghamshire	Please go to question 2
Resident living outside Buckinghamshire	Please go to question 2
Local councillor - parish, town, district or county	Please go to question 3
Official representative of a parish, district, town or county council Please go to question 3	
Owner or representative of a business located with	nin the freight zone area Please go to question 4
Owner or representative of a business located outs	ide the freight zone area Please go to question 4
Other (please specify below) Please go to questi	on 2
Other interest	

Resident location

2. Where do you live?

Village, town or city

Please now go to 'The boundaries' section

Council location

3. What area do you represent?

Council area

Please now go to 'The boundaries' section

Business location

4. Where is your business located?

Business location

The boundaries

The proposed 'freight zone' has boundaries east of the B4011 north of the A418 and south of the A41. In the east the boundary is west of Rabans Lane.



- 5. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the 'freight zone' area we've outlined on the map, has the most appropriate boundaries? *Please select only one response.*
- Strongly agree
 Agree
 Neither agree nor disagree
 Disagree
 Strongly disagree
 I'm not sure

The options

6 There are three feasible steps we can take next. Which of the following would you most like to see happen? <i>Please select only one option</i>
Do nothing – no change to the movement of HGV traffic within the identified area.
Apply a series of weight restrictions of 7.5 tonnes at identified sites across the area to constrain HGV movements.
Apply a weight restriction of 7.5 tonnes across roads in the proposed 'freight zone' with an exception for local access.
An alternative solution I'll describe below.
I'm not sure.
7 Please explain the reasons for your option choice. If you have selected 'an alternative solution' please provide details.

8 If you have any other comments or suggestions, please provide them here: