

Decision under Delegated Powers

Officer Requesting Decision (if necessary)

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Officer Making the Decision

Sylvia Wright
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Recommendation

To authorise the making of the Borough of Charnwood Oliver Road, Loughborough, 27th March 2022 to 1st May 2022 (Sundays Only) Order under Section 21 of the Town Police Clauses Act 1847

Reason

Charnwood Borough Council has received an application for an event to take place on Sundays from 27th March 2022 to 1st May 2022 detailed in the background. Since the request involves a procession or event which will cause obstruction of the highway a Section 21 Temporary Road Closure Order is required to be made before this event can take place.

Authority for Decision

Authority is delegated to the Head of Leisure and Culture in the Constitution under Executive page 8-23 as follows:

22. To make orders under Section 21 of the Town Police Clauses Act 1847 and other arrangements for the temporary or emergency regulation of traffic.

Decision and Date



22.03.2022

Background

A resident of Oliver Road, Loughborough has held a trial “play street” event which will require the temporary closure of this road between 14:25 and 16:35 on 13th March 2022. Consultation took place with local residents and no objections were received. After the trial event, one member of the public contacted the Council to check that the road closure was legal. The applicant has been advised to improve the signage for the proposed further events. The County Council as Highway Authority, has been consulted and have advised on signage and marshalling.

The applicant has now requested an extension of the Sunday road closures and agreement has been made to allow a 6 week extension to further observe the arrangements. The “play streets” initiative is a national movement aimed at establishing safe and supervised areas for children to play together. The movement encourages a “light touch” approach to regulation although appropriate traffic control and risk reduction measures need to be in place. The organiser has asked that we waive the normal expectation that Public Liability Insurance (PLI) be in place, citing that most other play streets do not have this, and agreeing that participants in the Oliver Road play street will be informed about this and that participation/attendance will be at their own risk.

This extension to the original request will be used to continue to observe the need for the closure, take up by residents, and to take account of any local issues or objections. We will then discuss a longer term arrangement with the County Council Highway Authority and the County-wide Event Planning and Organisation Group should the applicant wish to continue the play street initiative.

Comments from HR

N/A

Financial Implications

N/A

Risk Management

The organisers have submitted a satisfactory risk assessment.

Key Decision: No

Background Papers: None

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