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Mr David Parr
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Dear Mr Parr,

Various Traffic Regulations on Various Roads in Weston Point, Runcorn.

I wish to respond to the traffic notice published on 31st August 2011.

I support the proposed prescribed movement orders on Picow Farm Road.

I support the proposed waiting restrictions with one exception. I object to the limited waiting between 8am and 6pm for a maximum of 30 minutes on a section of South Parade. I consider that the whole length of South Parade should be subject to no waiting on Monday to Friday from 8am to 6pm. I am concerned that heavy goods vehicles would abuse this provision. I am aware that the takeaway relies on customers in cars for some of its trade, but there are opportunities to park on the nearby side roads.

I support the proposed 7 days a week 9pm to 7am 7.5 tonne weight restriction on various roads in Weston Point.

Nevertheless I consider there should also be a permanent 'no entry' restriction on vehicles over 7.5 tonnes entering South Parade from the Lydiate Lane direction. The no-entry sign should be located shortly after the overhead pipelines on Lydiate Lane where drivers are able to carry out a safe U turn. Signs on the expressway should indicate that access to Weston Docks, Salt Union and the Ineos incinerator is via the Picow Farm Road junction. This additional order would formalize an informal arrangement which involves Weston Dock traffic entering the docks via Sandy Lane and leaving the docks via South Parade. It would also ensure that heavy goods vehicle drivers do not simply follow their satellite navigation systems, which currently direct them along South Parade from the Weston Expressway, or use South Parade to access Picow Farm Road when queues for the Silver Jubilee Bridge extend south of the Picow Farm Road junction.

I would be happy to discuss any of the issues I have raised with your staff.

Yours sincerely


Cllr Mike Hodgkinson