

Cabinet Member for City Services

8 December 2025

Name of Cabinet Member:

Cabinet Member for City Services – Councillor P Hetherton

Director Approving Submission of the report:

Director of Regeneration and Economy

Ward affected:

Longford

Title:

Petition no. 29 24/25 - Windmill Road, Longford - Prevent HGV Lorries from travelling along this road

Is this a key decision?

No

Executive Summary:

A petition with 14 signatures, organised by Councillor Bigham, a Longford Ward Councillor, was received asking for an HGV ban on Windmill Road.

In accordance with the City Council's procedure for dealing with petitions, those relating to road safety are heard by the Cabinet Member for City Services. The Cabinet Member had considered the petition prior to this meeting and requested that the petition was dealt with by letter (determination letter) rather than a formal report being submitted to a meeting, to be able to deal with the matter more efficiently. On receipt of the determination letter, the petition organiser requested that the issue be considered at a Cabinet Member for City Services meeting.

The determination letter advised that Windmill Road is on the designated lorry route between Aldermans Green Industrial Estate and the A444 and M6 North. There are currently no plans to change this designation. However, the road will continue to be monitored as part of the annual review of personal injury collisions.

Recommendations:

Cabinet Member for City Services is recommended to:

- 1) Note the petitioners' concerns.

- 2) Endorse the actions which have been agreed and set out in the determination letter to the petition organiser as detailed in paragraph 2.6 of the report.

List of Appendices included:

Appendix A – Location plan
Appendix B – Text of Determination Letter
Appendix C – Summary of vehicle count

Background Papers:

None

Other useful documents:

None

Has it been or will it be considered by Scrutiny?

No

Has it been or will it be considered by any other Council Committee, Advisory Panel or other body?

No

Will this report go to Council?

No

Report title: Petition - Windmill Road, Longford - Prevent HGV Lorries from travelling along this road

1. Context (or background)

- 1.1 A petition with 14 signatures was organised and submitted by Councillor Bigham.
- 1.2 The petition reads as follows: Petition for the prevention of artic lorries travelling along Windmill Road, Longford due to the narrowness of the road, particularly by the bend, opposite entrance to Longford Park. There were 2 artic lorries traveling in opposite directions along Windmill Road and caused utter chaos.

2. Options considered and recommended proposal

- 2.1 The recommended actions in response to the issues raised are set out in the original determination letter response as set out in Appendix B.
- 2.2 That response set out that Windmill Road formed part of the signed and designated goods vehicle route between Aldermans Green Industrial Estate and the A444 and M6 North (J3). The road forms part of a larger signing plan of white on black (goods vehicle) signage to aid the movement of goods vehicles to and from the Industrial Estate at Aldermans Green.
- 2.3 The route was selected as the most direct and appropriate of the available routes for traffic travelling to and from a north and west bound direction and is intended to minimise the overall impact of such movements on the wider road network.
- 2.4 Noting the concerns raised within the petition, an automated traffic survey was placed on Windmill Road, between the junctions with Mill Race Lane and Alder Road from 11th to 19th June 2025 in order to gather information on the volume and speed of traffic using the road. Reviewing this data, it is noted that HGV traffic made up 3.8% of the total traffic flow on the road and that average speeds were 21.9mph with 85th percentile speeds of 25.7mph. Both of these figures are in keeping for a road of this nature.
- 2.5 In reviewing the road safety record for the road, it is noted that there have been two Personal Injury Collisions in the period November 2022 to November 2025. Both recorded slight injuries, one was at the junction with Longford Road, the other at the junction with Hall Green Road/Alderman's Green Road. Neither collision involved an HGV.
- 2.6 Whilst sympathetic to the matters raised in the petition and mindful of the current usage of Windmill Road, combined with the lack of suitable alternative routes means that at present there are no active plans to change the designation of the road from a signed goods corridor. Using Jacker's Road, Grange Road and Oakmoor Road is unsuitable, due to the presence of schools along that route and also the geometry of the Jacker's Road/Grange Road junction. The Hall Green Road and Old Church Road route also has a school along it. Consequently, it would not be possible to introduce a weight restriction on this road in order to prevent its use by goods vehicles. In line with our ongoing network and road safety monitoring, Windmill Road

will continue to be monitored as part of the annual review of personal injury collisions. Should a pattern of incidents be identified that require investigation or actioning they will be considered and put forward for funding at that time.

3. Results of consultation undertaken

3.1 No formal consultation has been undertaken.

4. Timetable for implementing this decision

4.1 Windmill Road will continue to be monitored

5. Comments from the Director of Finance and Resources and the Director of Law and Governance

5.1 Financial implications

There are no costs associated at this time.

5.2 Legal implications

There are no legal implications connected with the recommended action set out in paragraph 2.6 of the report.

Section 39 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 requires the Council to investigate road accidents involving vehicles and to develop a rational programme of measures (such as the Safety Scheme Programme) for preventing their recurrence.

6. Other implications

6.1 How will this contribute to the One Coventry Plan?

<https://www.coventry.gov.uk/strategies-plans-policies/one-coventry-plan>

N/A

6.2 How is risk being managed?

N/A

6.3 What is the impact on the organisation?

None

6.4 Equalities / EIA?

No specific equalities impact assessment has been carried out.

6.5 Implications for (or impact on) climate change and the environment?

None

6.6 Implications for partner organisations?

None

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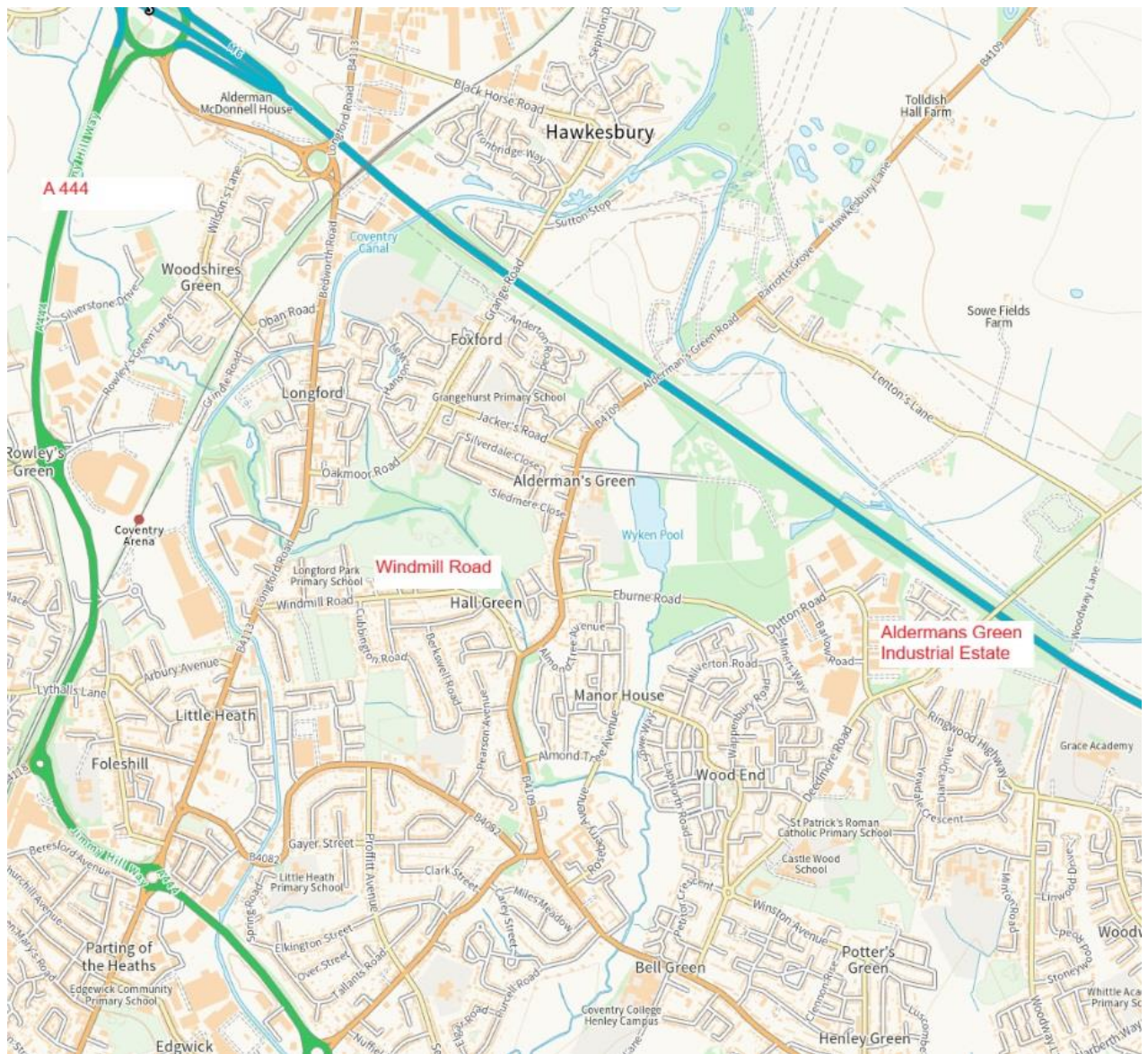
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Appendix A – Location plan



Appendix B – Text of Determination Letter

I am writing with regard to the above petition and your request for HGVs to be prevented from travelling along Windmill Road.

The matter was discussed with Councillor Hetherton, Cabinet Member for City Services, who has requested that this be dealt with by way of letter rather than a formal report being submitted to a future meeting, so that it can be dealt with more quickly.

Windmill Road is on the designated lorry route between Aldermans Green Industrial Estate and the A444 & M6 North. There are currently no plans to change this designation. However, the road will continue to be monitored as part of the annual review of personal injury collisions.

I would be grateful if you could please confirm in writing, either by email or letter, that you agree that the petition be progressed by way of this letter. If you do not agree, a report responding to your petition will be prepared for consideration at a future Cabinet Member meeting. You will be invited to attend this meeting where you will have the opportunity to speak on behalf of the petitioners. If no response is received within four weeks of the date of this letter, we will record this as your acceptance of the determination letter and the petition will be closed.

Yours sincerely

Appendix C – Classified Vehicle Count Summary– Windmill Road

Survey date: 11 June 2025 – 19th June 2025

Location	Direction	Average Weekday %age HGVs	Average all days %age HGVs
Windmill Road – between Mill Race	eastbound	4.6	4.2
Lane and Alder Road	westbound	3.7	3.3