

Walmsley Bridge Lane Land Slip
Modification Statement of Reasons

Following Storm Ciara in 2020, approximately 25m length of Walmsley Bridge Lane adjacent to the River Brock in Claughton on Brock slipped. Walmsley Bridge Lane became unsafe for motor vehicles to pass and has since been closed to traffic.

Following the conclusion of the formal consultation process, and in consideration of the feedback received, the proposals have been modified to include closure of a section of Walmsley Bridge Lane to all motorised vehicles except solo motor cycles.

These proposals include the following:

- A prohibition of motorised vehicles except solo motor cycles traffic regulation order for a section of Walmsley Bridge Lane at the land slip location
- Road traffic signage providing advanced warning of the prohibition of motorised vehicles except solo motor cycles
- Timber post and rail fencing installed adjacent to the landslip location
- This prohibition includes an obstruction in accordance with Section 92 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 by introducing bollards to prevent vehicular traffic entering the section of Walmsley Bridge Lane exposed to the land slip

We are satisfied that article 3(1) of the RTRA does not apply as we consider the proposal falls under sections (a) and (b) from Article 3(2) of the RTRA applies

The adjustment is intended to ensure that existing provision for solo motor cyclists is maintained.

With these restrictions in place, risk to public safety will be reduced.

REASONS UNDER Section 1 of the RTRA

- (a) for avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road or any other road or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising, or
- (c) for preventing the use of the road by vehicular traffic of a kind which, or its use by vehicular traffic in a manner which, is unsuitable having regard to the existing character of the road or adjoining property, or