

PC089/2627d) New Road – weight restriction

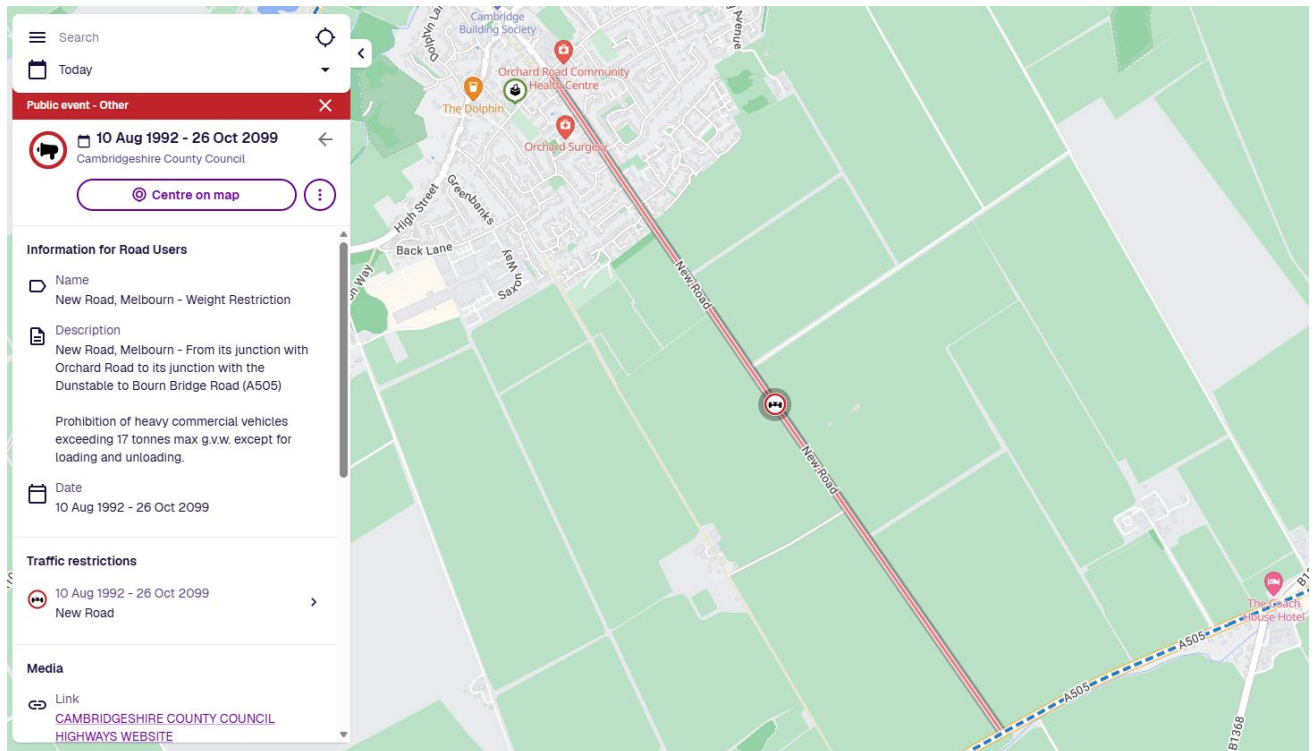
Background

Long running action to reinstate the 17.5 tonne weight restriction sign off the A505 to restrict traffic entering the village.

The sign is confirmed as ordered and should be installed.

Request from resident for the Parish Council to consider supporting a reduction in the weight limit.

Involvement from District & County Cllrs directing resident to Parish Council.



Consideration to support the reduction, possibly to 7.5 tonne due to increased population (from new housing estates) and the proximity of the Primary School on the route involved.

Possible actions

Write to Cambridge County Council Highways team citing section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and request the appropriate traffic regulation order.

UK local highways authorities have a legal duty to regulate traffic to preserve local amenities. They can introduce a 7.5-tonne environmental limit to address the following issues:

- **Preventing "Rat-Running" / Shortcuts:** Stopping heavy freight from treating minor village roads as quick shortcuts between main arterial "A" roads.
- **Protecting Quality of Life:** Reducing excessive noise, air pollution, and ground vibrations in historic or residential areas.
- **Improving Vulnerable Road User Safety:** Protecting pedestrians, school children, and cyclists on tight village footpaths.
- **Avoiding Minor Cosmetic Damage:** Preventing large vehicles from mounting pavements, cracking kerbs, or damaging street furniture.