

**WILTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**

**THE COUNTY OF WILTSHIRE (A350, FURZE HEDGE, CHICKLADE AND EAST KNOYLE) (PROHIBITION OF RIGHT HAND TURN) ORDER 2009**

**Statement of the County Council's reasons for proposing to make the Order**

The villages of Chapmanslade (A3098), Corsley (A362) and Maiden Bradley (B3092) in south west Wiltshire, straddle routes which are being used extensively by Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs) travelling between Somerset and Wiltshire. None of these roads are designated as HGV routes by Wiltshire or Somerset County Councils. Due to the number and size of HGVs increasing, the impact of these vehicles on these rural communities has increased. Wiltshire County Council undertook an informal consultation exercise with stakeholders and residents regarding potential restrictions along the roads referred to above and commissioned a report on the options available.

This Order would prevent Heavy Goods Vehicles over 7.5 tonnes turning right onto the A303 from the A350 using the County Council's powers under Sections 1 (1) (a) and (d) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, namely:

- (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;
- (d) 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.