

HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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SITE OPERATOR LICENCES FOR HEAVY GOODS VEHICLES

Report by the Chief Executive of New Forest District Council and the Director

RECOMMENDATION

That the New Forest District Council motion be supported and the Local Government Association (LGA) be asked to press the Government for the necessary legislative change.

1. Operators of Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs) require a site operating licence which is granted by the Traffic Commissioners. In deciding whether to issue a licence the Traffic Commissioners consult the relevant highway authority and consider environmental issues such as noise, fumes, pollution, vibration and visual intrusion.
2. However the Traffic Commissioners do not have to take into account representations concerning impact on the local road network or other issues concerning the local environment. They do not need to consult District or Parish Councils, although it is possible for councils to pick up a list of site operator licence applications.
3. New Forest District Council has the support of the County Council and has consulted other HIOW authorities via the Development Control Practitioners' Group. Full details of the representations are given in the Annex. So far the LGA has not responded.
4. It is recommended that member authorities support New Forest District Council and ask the LGA to expedite the matter.

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