

# Proposed 7.5t Weight Limit in Crawley

## Change in OCC strategy

**OCC plan a strategic assessment of HGV movements in the Windrush Valley area**

**All village applications for separate weight restrictions are on hold**

Oxfordshire County Council has decided to withhold support for weight restriction proposals in the Windrush Valley until they have completed a strategic assessment of HGV movements in the area and selected their preferred solution for the district as a whole. Until this is done, individual applications for changes in weight restrictions by independent villages such as Crawley will not be approved.

Crawley PC regrets to inform you about this delay. We will continue to press our case for a weight restriction on all the roads through our village and we will make sure that our proposals are given fair consideration within the OCC Strategic Review. A copy of our original proposal is attached. However the timing is not within our control and we will have to remain patient.

### Progress prior to OCC decision

- Full set of drawings for revised road signs had been completed
- Contractors had provided works estimates
- An informal consultation was nearing completion
  - ◆ Crawley PC have circulated proposal details to all residents and businesses
  - ◆ We have met with neighbouring parish councils
- Funding options were well progressed
- Next step would have been to make a formal application to approve weight restriction changes
- If this were approved, we could have implemented the scheme during 2021

### Future Programme

We must assume that the OCC Review will take several months to complete and that decisions will not happen before mid-2021. One of the fundamental considerations will be whether the current trial 7.5t weight restriction through the centre of Burford will become permanent at the end of the 18-month trial period (August 2020 to January 2022). A decision on this could impose a delay on any other weight restriction changes until 2022.

**For the safety of Crawley residents and for the protection of roads and footways in our village we will continue to campaign for a weight restriction**