

# STATEMENT OF REASONS

## **THE SWINDON BOROUGH COUNCIL (MILL LANE)** **(PROHIBITION OF MOTOR VEHICLES) ORDER 2019**

The requirement to close Mill Lane to vehicular traffic was first endorsed in the outline planning consent for Wichelstowe in 2005, with the road considered unsuitable for the projected increase in vehicular trips generated by the new development. This requirement was reinforced in the updated outline planning consent granted in 2014 with a condition applied requiring the developer to submit details of the proposed timing of closure.

Following a period of consultation the condition was discharged requiring the closure to be implemented by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019 coinciding with the commencement of housebuilding in the Middle Wichel area.

The reasons for making this order is as follows:

1. To provide safe and convenient movement of pedestrians and cyclists, whilst maintaining access for emergency and maintenance vehicles.
2. To prevent 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

Traffic Management

Highways and Transport Services

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