



**Leeds**  
CITY COUNCIL

**Highways & Transportation**

**Traffic Engineering Section**

## **TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS**

A Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) is a local traffic rule, introduced under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, for the following reasons:-

- Control or directing of traffic.
- Reduce and manage congestion
- Avoid/reduce danger to all road users
- Prevent damage to roads, bridges etc.
- Preserve the character, or amenity, of an area

A TRO requires road users to obey certain conditions including:-

Waiting and loading

One-way streets

Speed limits

Weight and width restrictions

Access and turning restrictions

Road and footway closures

Cycle and bus lanes

High occupancy vehicle lanes

To create a TRO, investigations have to be completed to determine the nature of the problem and what, if any, TRO may address that problem. Following investigation, and if there is justification for a TRO, a draft scheme will be prepared and a consultation exercise undertaken. This involves obtaining the views of:-

The Emergency Services, Local Councillors/ Parish Councils, Public Transport operators, local residents and community groups (where appropriate) and Freight Transport Association and the Road haulage Association (where appropriate) or other appropriate interest groups.

A proposal may be amended after consultation.

Subject to approval of the Highways and Transportation Board, the next step is to advertise the TRO. Notices have to be published in the local press and posted "on-street" to invite representations from the general public within a period of 21 days. Representations must be made in writing to the address specified on the notice and within a specified time period. A single unresolved objection requires that the TRO be considered by the Highways and Transportation Board.

Provided all objections have been resolved, the TRO can be sealed and implemented. Until appropriate lining and signing have been completed, the TRO cannot come into force.

Any changes to the proposals resulting from objections could require further consultation and advertising. This procedure can take many months to complete and the advertising and legal costs can be substantial.

A Public Inquiry must be held, if objections to certain TROs i.e. access and some loading restrictions, are received.

Resources are limited and unless significant local changes have taken place, repeat requests for traffic regulation orders will not be reconsidered if a similar request has been investigated within the previous two years.

TROs are mostly permanent legal documents, but there are some exceptions.

- Temporary Orders –(TTRO's) may be used when works affecting the highway require short term traffic restrictions.
- Emergency Orders – may be used when works must be carried out urgently.
- Experimental Orders – are used in situations that need monitoring and reviewing. They usually last no more than 18 months before they are abandoned, amended or made permanent

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