

Gloucestershire County Council

Cheltenham Transport Plan Phase 4 Amended Trial

Traffic Regulation Committee Meeting – Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. What is a Traffic Regulation Committee?

If at the end of a Traffic Regulation Order consultation period, there are outstanding valid objections which have not been withdrawn or resolved, the Traffic Regulation Committee will consider the arguments and make a recommendation on what the outcome should be.

The recommendation goes to a senior county council officer or in some cases to the county council's cabinet for consideration and a final decision.

2. Who sits on the Traffic Regulation Committee?

A total of nine county councillors from across the political spectrum sit on the Gloucestershire County Council Traffic Regulation Committee.

<http://glostext.gloucestershire.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=268>

3. What recommendation is the Traffic Regulation Committee being asked to make?

Having considered all the comments received about the Phase 4 original Experimental Traffic Regulation Orders (ETROs) and the effects of the restrictions, Cheltenham Borough Council and Gloucestershire County Council agreed in January 2019 to run revised experimental TROs. The amendments to the Phase 4 trial commenced for a six month period on Monday 3rd June 2019.

The original Phase 4 Trial ETRO started on Thursday 28th June 2018 and can run for a period of up to 18 months after which time it will have to be abandoned or made permanent. The Traffic Regulation Committee is being asked to make a recommendation as to whether the Phase 4 Trial (as amended from 3rd June 2019) should be abandoned or made permanent.

4. Why is Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) making the decision and not Cheltenham Borough Council (CBC)?

The Cheltenham Transport Plan scheme and vision are being promoted by Cheltenham Borough Council; however it does not have the legal powers to make changes to the public highway.

Cheltenham Borough Council has asked Gloucestershire County Council, as the highway authority, to provide support by making the changes to the streets to enable the plan.

5. What's Cheltenham Borough Council's (CBC's) role?

Cheltenham Borough Council is the overall Cheltenham Transport Plan (CTP) scheme owners.

6. How do I make a formal representation about the amended Experimental Traffic Regulation Orders (ETROs)

You can do so on Gloucestershire county Council's website here:

<https://gloucestershire-consult.objective.co.uk/public/trp/phase4/ctpreportamended>

Or by writing to:-

CTP Phase 4 Amendment
Parking & TRO Team
Block 5, 6th Floor
Shire Hall
Bearland
Gloucester
GL1 2TG

7. What's the deadline for submitting formal representations about the Phase 4 amended trial Experimental Traffic Regulation Orders (ETROs)?

Formal representations about the amended Experimental Traffic Regulation Orders (ETROs) must be submitted by **23:59 on 3rd December 2019**.

8. When and where will the Traffic Regulation Committee meeting be held?

The Traffic Regulation Committee will meet on **16th December** at St Paul's Church, St Paul's Road, Cheltenham, GL50 4EZ to consider the trial and make a recommendation to Gloucestershire County Council's cabinet who meet on **20th December** to make a decision.

9. Can the general public attend the Traffic Regulation Committee meeting?

The general public can attend both the Traffic Regulation Committee and the Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) cabinet meeting.

We are expecting the Traffic Regulation Committee meeting to be popular, so St Paul's Church in Cheltenham has been hired for the day. The venue can hold up to 300 people, and for health and safety reasons we need to make sure this limit is not exceeded. Therefore, if you would like to attend the

meeting, please book a place here: <http://gloucestershire.gov.uk/events/gcc-traffic-regulation-committee-16th-dec-2019/>

10. Can I speak at the Traffic Regulation Committee?

If you have submitted a formal representation to the amended Experimental Traffic Regulation Orders, you will be invited to attend this meeting. If you would like to attend this meeting please book a place by using the following link: <http://gloucestershire.gov.uk/events/gcc-traffic-regulation-committee-16th-dec-2019/> or alternatively please notify Joanne Bolton, Gloucestershire County Council, email: joanne.bolton@gloucestershire.gov.uk Tel: 01452 324197.

If you wish to speak at the meeting, you need to register **by 4pm on Friday 6th December 2019**. Please contact Joanne Bolton, Gloucestershire County Council (contact details above)

11. Will the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) Committee make a decision on the day?

The Traffic Regulation Order Committee has the power to make a recommendation to Gloucestershire County Council's cabinet, who will meet on the **20th December** to take the final decision.

12. Who makes the final decision about the Cheltenham Transport Plan (CTP) Phase 4 amended trial?

Gloucestershire County Council's cabinet will make the final decision on **20th December** at Shire Hall in Gloucester.

13. What recommendations can the Traffic Regulation Committee make?

The Traffic Regulation Committee has two choices:

- Make the amended Experimental Traffic Regulation Orders permanent; or
- Abandon the amended Experimental Traffic Regulation Orders

14. What decision can the County Council's cabinet make?

The County Council's cabinet can decide to accept or reject the recommendation given by the Traffic Regulation Committee.

15. If the Cheltenham Transport Plan (CTP) Phase 4 amended trial is made permanent, what happens?

The current road layout in and around Clarence Street will remain as it is. Cheltenham Borough Council will develop their scheme concepts for the High Street into more detailed proposals. This will be done in full consultation with local residents and businesses.

16. If the Cheltenham Transport Plan (CTP) Phase 4 amended trial is abandoned, what happens?

The bus gate in Clarence Street, the prohibition of driving order and the waiting restrictions in the Pittville Street to North Street loop will be removed and will revert back to the pre-trial traffic regulation orders.

Phases 1 – 3 of the Cheltenham Transport Plan were authorised to be permanently constructed by the Traffic Regulation Committee and GCC cabinet in the first half of 2015. These phases will not be removed. This includes the two-way working in Clarence Parade and the western end of Clarence Street.

17. I made a representation before 3rd June; will it be taken into account?

All formal representations received before the 3rd June 2019 were used to inform the amendments to the Phase 4 Trial. There is now the opportunity to comment on the amended scheme. Comments made before 3rd June will be published with the trial reports, however these will not be used to assess the Phase 4 amendments.

If you consider that the points made in your representation before 3rd June have not been addressed by the amendments to the Phase 4 trial you may wish to make a further representation for consideration by the Traffic Regulation Committee in December.

18. When will the Traffic Regulation Committee documents be published?

The meeting documentation will be published on the county council web pages <http://glostext.gloucestershire.gov.uk> at least one week before the meeting.

19. Where can I find out more information about the Cheltenham Transport Plan Phase 4 Trial?

More information, including the traffic monitoring report, is available on the county council's website here:

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/highways/major-projects-list/cheltenham-transport-plan/phase-4-amendment-boots-corner-trial-changes/>