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**Nottinghamshire
County Council**

My ref: H/MW/TRO 3368

Date: 5th February 2024
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Dear Sir / Madam,

**RUFFORD FORD, RUFFORD LANE, RUFFORD - PROPOSED PROHIBITION OF DRIVING
(TRO 3368) – PUBLIC ADVERT**

In the past 3 years public behaviour at Rufford ford has resulted in an escalating road safety issue generated in the main by social media posts. Following an accident in 2022 the County Council, with the support of Nottinghamshire Police, introduced an immediate temporary closure of the ford on public safety grounds.

Since then, a number of options have been considered, and it appears that closure of the ford may be necessary to address the road safety issues arising in this location. The County Council is under a duty to take action to remove or reduce danger to highway users and it appears, particularly from recent events during Storm Babet, that, having regard to the character of this road, significant numbers of motor vehicles are crossing the ford in a reckless and unsafe manner, endangering themselves and other highway users, and will continue to do so unless the ford is closed.

Further to an initial pre-consultation letter of 20th December 2023 sent to directly affected properties and key organisations, the next stage is that of formal consultation regarding the scheme. A notice will therefore be published in the Nottingham Post and placed on site. A copy of this site notice is enclosed along with a plan showing the extents of the proposed restriction (Drawing Number H/MW/4540/01). The proposal is that all motor vehicles will be prohibited from crossing the ford although access will still remain for pedestrians, cyclists and other non-motorised modes of transport who will continue to be able to use the ford other than when it is too deep, just as they are at present.

Any observations on these proposals are welcomed and should reach me in writing, either by letter or email, by **4th March 2024**. If your comments are in the form of an objection to the proposals, please clearly state this and the reasons for your objection. If the objection cannot be resolved, it will be considered through the County Council's procedures in due course. Please note that if you have already responded to the initial pre-consultation there is no need to send another copy of those observations as they will be carried forward.

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Yours faithfully,

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