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**Nottinghamshire
County Council**

My ref: H/MW/TRO 3368

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Dear Sir / Madam,

**RUFFORD FORD, RUFFORD LANE, RUFFORD - PROPOSED PROHIBITION OF DRIVING
(TRO 3368) – INITIAL CONSULTATION**

In the past 3 years there has been a significant rise in anti-social behaviour at Rufford ford generated in the main by social media posts. The issue escalated in 2022 and following an accident, the County Council with the support of the Police introduced an immediate temporary closure of the ford on public safety grounds.

In the interim period, a number of permanent options have been considered and the conclusion is that only a permanent prohibition of driving for motor vehicles presents a viable option that would guarantee that the anti-social behaviour does not return. The Council has a duty to protect public safety and it is clear particularly from recent events during Storm Babet that reckless behaviour is unfortunately inevitable without a robust permanent closure in place.

To address this therefore, it is proposed to introduce a 'Prohibition of Driving' restriction along a 28 metre section of Rufford Lane where the Ford crossing is, as shown on drawing number H/MW/4540/01.

This letter is part of the initial consultation to consider the views of statutory, residents, businesses and organisations who may be interested in this matter before the scheme is publicly advertised. Any suggested changes to the scheme could be made before the public advert is sent out. If you wish to make any comments or suggested alterations can you please submit your response before **27th January 2024** using the e-mail or postal address at the bottom of the letter.

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Yours faithfully,

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