

Kevin Parkinson from Chorley Highways & Traffic Team at LCC submitted the following:

The Traffic Team are not aware of any issues during this year's event.

Amanda Meldrum from Highway Regulation Officer at LCC submitted the following:

One response was received via Lyndsey Hoyle.

Heath Charnock Parish Council submitted the following:

HCPC is not opposed to Ironman but would appreciate a review of the times that the roads are closed. Babylon Lane is closed in total for 11 hours from 6am. Rawlinson Lane is closed 2.5 hours later from 8.30am. There does not seem to be any consistency in these road closure times. By the time participants reach Babylon Lane they are well spaced out and are not riding as a peleton.

Ironman have produced a plan showing egress from Babylon Lane via Sutton Lane to Chorley Road but no way to access Babylon Lane on return as roads have one-way traffic flow. This means that Babylon Lane is closed for 11 hours in total with little sympathy for residents.

Ironman have replied by email to access and egress queries in an unsatisfactory manner, for example:

- a. Leave your car overnight in Sutton Lane to be able to get out on Sunday, but with this there is no way of return and not everyone wants to park their car on the street overnight from late on Saturday evening
- b. Proceed down Babylon Lane with hazard lights on, one way via Sutton lane and Chorley Road. When a Parishioner did this he was approached by a race marshall, who said he had no knowledge of the advice from Ironman organisers to use hazard warning lights
- c. On returning from holiday on the day of the 2017 race, the Chair of the Parish Council was advised by Ironman national email service to park the car on Long Lane at around 2pm and walk home, returning back to the car after 5pm. This is inconsiderate and Babylon Lane residents annually endure a day of inconvenience to allow the race to be held.

HCPC propose that Babylon Lane should be open to traffic in one direction all day for movement from the top of the Lane to the bottom for the duration of the event. This will give access for all, as Ironman allow other local roads to be used on this basis.

The other option would be to consider a change of route (perhaps in different years) to spread the inconvenience around possibly from the A6 near Fredericks Ice-cream shop to Grimesford Lane, New Road and re-joining the course at Horrobin Lane.

We would be grateful if these and other ideas could be discussed both by other Parish Council's, Chorley Council and Lancashire County Councils please to review the route and local impact on residents of hosting the Ironman race on an annual basis.

Adlington Town Council submitted the following:

Although there are some positives for the village and local businesses the following problems need to be addressed:

- the quality of marshalling had been improving over time, but the standard was felt to be very low this year, with traffic and cycling disruption problems observed on Westhoughton Road and other locations. It was agreed that marshal training needs to be prioritised
- clear instructions need to be followed by marshals regarding carers' access
- as most of the cycling section of the event takes place in Lancashire some recognition of this should be included in the promotion and name of the event

Anderton Parish Council submitted the following:

We discussed the Iron Man event at our latest parish council meeting. The response from residents this year seems to have been divided between “oh no not again” (those who feel restricted by free car access to and from their property) and those who say “it’s only for one day”. It was also generally felt that the crowds/ organisers (mainly in Babylon Lane) had behaved more responsibly and had cleared up any mess prior to dispersing. It was noted that some more local businesses were now taking advantage of the influx of visitors. It would be interesting to get a businesses view about this.

I don’t think people are generally against this event but one consistent view that seems to come across is that it would be good if the route could be varied annually (or bi/tri-annually?) so that the same communities don’t suffer the same restrictions, road closures and inconvenience year after year. I know in the past the Iron Man organisers have said this is too difficult but perhaps this is an aspect on which they could try harder to accommodate when discussing with the highways authority.

Whittle-le-Woods Parish Council submitted the following:

- 1 There were no details on the application to close the highway to traffic on Town Lane in Whittle Le Woods. But they closed the road anyway.
- 2 Dark Lane and Copthurst Lane were defined as being in Wheelton and not Whittle Le Woods.
- 3 Insufficient signage for road closure at the bottom of Town Lane.
- 4 When attempting to point these omissions to the road closure team there was delayed or no response to my query emails.
- 5 Next year I would like to discuss the Town Lane problems with the Ironman road closure manager prior to the licence application being made. My intension to help, not hinder the event.

The council (W L W) does approve and welcome the event to our parish but the above details do need to be addressed for next year.

It is a great event that's much enjoyed by people who turn out to watch it, and which gives skilled competitors a chance to compete.