

STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR LANSDOWN PLACE LANE, CHELTENHAM

Proposal to vary the prohibitions and restrictions to parking in the west of Cheltenham (Lansdown Place Lane), Cheltenham, to re-introduce permit parking

The Proposal

Gloucestershire County Council proposes changes to parking restrictions to Lansdown Place Lane (between the junctions of Lansdown Walk and Lansdown Crescent) in part of Cheltenham town centre under Section 1 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

The proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) will introduce a Zone 13 Permit Parking Area (PPA) parking zone, between 8am – 8pm Monday to Saturday (within Zone 13). The PPA will cover the section of Lansdown Place Lane; east of Lansdown Walk to its junction with Lansdown Crescent.

The Reasons

This proposal has been informed by the responses gathered during the recently completed Experimental TRO (ETRO) that covered the Lansdown area from August 2017 to October 2018. The ETRO which has now been made permanent, introduced uncontrolled parking on Lansdown Place Lane, Lansdown Crescent Lane and Lansdown Walk.

The ETRO was brought in to try to avoid an adverse impact on local businesses from the new Zone 13 Permit Parking Area (PPA) when it was introduced in August 2017.

Feedback was generally supported for the ETRO arrangements in most parts, but within the eastern section of Lansdown Place Lane, between Lansdown Walk, and Lansdown Crescent, there is a wish to go back to the permit holder parking arrangements of the original Zone 13.

Due to the specific requirements of the legal process around TROs, we couldn't achieve the desired outcome of the ETRO, in one single step, so we have split it into two stages:

- Firstly, we made the ETRO permanent – this has been completed and enforceable from 1st February 2019;
- The second stage is formed through this TRO proposal, which introduces a PPA in the eastern section on Lansdown Place Lane.

We now welcome feedback on the proposal for the PPA in eastern section of Lansdown Place Lane. The County Council proposals are intended to fulfil their responsibilities under the Section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act (1984). The proposed scheme will secure suitable and adequate parking provision in the neighbourhood for local residents and businesses, and visitors to the area. This will maintain good access to local properties and amenities. Parking restrictions at junctions are designed to allow safe vehicle movements.