Statement of Reasons

New Zebra Crossings
London Road, Gloucester

Proposals
This proposal is to install two new zebra crossings on London Road to enhance pedestrian routes in the area to facilitate a new dedicated cycle route.

Reasons
As part of the Government's response to Covid19 and to encourage alternative sustainable modes of transport the Council is proposing to introduce a long planned for dedicated cycle route between Northgate in the centre of Gloucester along London Road and Cheltenham Road to the University of Gloucester campus at Oxstalls. It will involve the introduction of 2 metre wide cycle lanes on either side of London Road and Cheltenham Road. They will be mandatory and will be in operation 24 hours a day.

The scheme will present a massive improvement for both pedestrians and cyclists in terms of both safety and convenience. As this first part of the scheme is being introduced under the Government proposals in response to Covid19 to provide alternative and healthier options to cars for local travel and when there is limited capacity on buses, we are using the emergency temporary traffic regulations introduced by the Government for this purpose to enable schemes of this type to be introduced quickly in response to the pandemic and to enable people to move about more quickly as we come out of lockdown.

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984
The specific grounds which the County Council are using for the implementation of the proposed scheme as above are encompassed in section 23 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

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• Section 1 (a) for avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road or any other such road or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising.
• Section 1 (c) for facilitating the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians).
• Section 1 (f) for preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the road runs.

In addition, thorough consideration was given to the factors set out in Section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 in proposing this Traffic Order.

Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016
All of the associated signing will be in accordance with Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.

Equality Act 2010
Thorough consideration was given to the equalities duty of the County Council under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010.
Statutory Consultation
The Ambulance Service, Police, Fire Service, City Council, Road Haulage Association and the Freight Transport Association have not raised any objections to the proposals.