Statement of Reasons

Proposed Prohibition of Driving
Underhill Road
Matson, Gloucester

Proposal
A Prohibition of Driving on Underhill Road between its junction with Cranwell Close and Matson Avenue.

Reasons
Gloucestshire County Council have been asked to look at improving pedestrian safety on Underhill Road near Robinswood Primary School. The proposal is to prohibit driving on a short section of the carriageway on the 90 degree bend near the footpath leading to Matson Park. A large number of pedestrians congregate at this point at school start and finish times and the aim of the proposal is to improve road safety by removing any pedestrian/motor vehicle conflict. Underhill Road would become a ‘No through route’ but the impact on local residents is small as routes onto Rectory Road and Matson Avenue will be maintained.

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 the following sections of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984:

• 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 Police, Ambulance Service, Fire Service, City Council, Road Haulage Association and the Freight Transport Association have not raised any objections to the proposals.