

STATEMENT OF REASONS

Proposed Waiting, Loading and Stopping Restrictions – Robert Burns Avenue and Surrounding Roads, Cheltenham.

Proposals

In order to improve road safety and amenity for both vehicles and pedestrians, it is proposed to introduce waiting, loading and stopping restrictions on parts of Robert Burns Avenue and surrounding roads in the town of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

Reasons

The proposed restrictions within the vicinity of the schools on Robert Burns Avenue are proposed primarily to improve road safety (particularly for school children), amenity and navigability for vehicles (including cyclists) and pedestrians, as well as avoiding congestion outside the school at peak times. These restrictions should also provide safer, unobstructed access to the main school entrance and crossing points at key times during the school day. This will also limit inappropriate parking close to junctions or where it causes obstruction for passing vehicles (including emergency service vehicles), congestion and obscures visibility for pedestrians attempting to cross the various roads. This would also supplement Rule 243 of the Highway Code (i.e., no parking within 10 metres of or opposite a junction). As the proposed loading restrictions are timed, loading will still be permissible outside of these times, as is the case for waiting with the timed waiting restrictions.

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

The specific grounds with 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 for making a Traffic Regulation Order:

- Section 1 (a) For avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road or any other 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.

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

Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016 and Traffic Signs Manual

All of the associated signing and lining will be in accordance with the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016 and Traffic Signs Manual Chapters 3 and 5.

Equality Act 2010

Thorough consideration was given to the equalities duty of the County Council under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010.

Residents and Statutory Consultations

A resident/business consultation process has been carried out whereby a letter and plan were delivered to residents/businesses directly affected by the proposals. Following feedback received during this consultation, comments have been taken on board and the proposal has been amended where deemed suitable.

Consultation has also been carried out with Statutory Consultees, including The Police, Emergency Services, Freight Transport Association, Road Haulage Association and the local County Councillor. No objections have been raised.