STATEMENT OF REASONS

Proposed Waiting and Stopping Restrictions – Various Roads, Cinderford

Proposals
The introduction of No Waiting at Any Time (Double Yellow Lines), No Stopping on Entrance Markings and Limited Waiting Restrictions on Various Roads in Cinderford.

Reasons
The proposals have been formulated as a result of concerns raised by local representatives regarding the appropriateness of some of the current parking arrangements in the area.

Cinderford Town Council is part-funding this scheme with the support of the local County Councillor. The measures aim primarily to increase the amount of limited waiting provision available in the town centre and to correct an existing discrepancy between the on-street road markings and the Traffic Regulation Order on Market Street. The proposals also include the reduction of the length of the current limited-waiting bay outside No.10A Market Street to prevent vehicles from parking too close to the point where the carriageway narrows, thereby reducing the risk of obstruction.

A No Stopping on Entrance Markings restriction is proposed outside the Fire Station along Valley Road to ensure fire vehicles are not obstructed when they need to access and egress from the station.

The majority of the other proposals are to supplement provisions in the Highway Code, such as Rule 243, which prevents parking opposite or within 10 metres of a junction.

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. A majority support for the proposals was garnered.

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 were raised.