

STATEMENT OF REASONS

Proposed Waiting, Loading & Resident Permit Holder restrictions, Bath Road, Cheltenham.

Proposals

The proposals here aim to make the restrictions more appropriate, consistent and clearer to road users along this section of Bath Road, so that contraventions, which affect both residents and businesses, are minimal.

Reasons

This proposal at Bath Road has come about following a review of the existing parking restrictions undertaken by Gloucestershire County Council (GCC). This review was to ascertain whether they are suited to the present requirements of the area and are compliant with current Department for Transport (DfT) guidance on the design and enforcement of on-street parking restrictions. Following this assessment, there is a requirement to make some minor changes to the current parking restrictions in this area, to ensure that they reflect the current DfT guidance.

Additionally, as part of this Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) scheme the dual Residents Permit/Pay to Park bays will have their hours formalised to correct the anomaly between what is signed on-street and in the TRO. It is also proposed to introduce a No Return period of two hours for the Pay to Park element of these dual use bays, which aims to increase the turnover of the bays. There will be no changes to the permit holder provision within these bays.

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

The specific grounds with which GCC 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 TRO:

- 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. No Objections were raised.

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.

A public consultation is now required, hence the publication of these documents.