

STATEMENT OF REASONS

Proposed Waiting Restrictions – Various Roads in the Vicinity of the Blackbridge Sports Centre, Gloucester

Proposals

The introduction of No Waiting at Any Time (Double Yellow Line) restrictions on sections of the carriageway at Podsmead Place, Laburnum Road, Chaucer Close, Poplar Close, Sycamore Close & Redwood Close, Gloucester.

Reasons

The proposals are in association with the ongoing development at the Blackbridge Sports Field and aim to address the potential for future access and egress issues for vehicles navigating these roads and junctions, following the completion of the sports centre development. The proposal seeks to prevent inconsiderate and inappropriate parking, double parking and parking where it causes obstructions for vehicles (in particular for emergency service vehicles). It also aims to prevent parking close to junctions and where it affects sight lines. These restrictions would also supplement Rule 243 of the highway code (no parking within 10 metres of or opposite 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. In response to the feedback received during this consultation the proposal has been scaled back, where deemed suitable.

Consultation has 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.