

STATEMENT OF REASONS

Proposed Waiting, Loading, Stopping and Permit Holder Restrictions - Various Roads Surrounding Various Schools, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire

Proposals

In order to improve road safety and amenity for both vehicles and pedestrians (particularly School Children), it is proposed to introduce waiting, loading and stopping restrictions on parts of various roads in the town of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

It is also proposed to make changes to the existing permit holder restrictions on Malvern Road as an administrative exercise.

Reasons

The measures proposed in this TRO package are as a result of concerns raised by the police and local representatives, regarding inappropriate parking within the vicinity of schools during the school day and in particular school drop off/pick up times.

The majority of the measures involve existing advisory "School Keep Clear" markings being formalised, in order to prevent stopping close to the school. This should provide safer, unobstructed access to the main school entrance and crossing points at key times during the school day. This will improve safety, amenity, visibility and navigability for vehicles (including cyclists) and pedestrians, particularly school children. They will also help to prevent congestion outside the school.

In addition to existing "School Keep Clear" markings being formalised, it is proposed to introduce some additional "No Stopping on School Entrance Markings" and No Waiting/No Loading restrictions in locations that it is deemed imperative that Stopping, Waiting and Loading be prevented, in order to improve road safety for school children.

The measures around and opposite junctions are primarily proposed to improve the navigability of these roads and to improve road safety generally for vehicles (including cyclists) and pedestrians. This will be achieved by preventing inappropriate parking and loading 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. The proposals would also supplement Rule 243 of the Highway Code (i.e., no parking within 10 metres of or opposite a junction).

Four short sections of No Waiting at Any Time (Double Yellow Line) restrictions are proposed on Milbrook Street, in order to prevent vehicles parking in front of and obstructing the accesses to Millbrook Court and River Court and Amos Close.

Additionally, as an administrative exercise, the length of the Permit Holder/Limited Waiting bay on Malvern Road is proposed to be extended to ensure that the TRO matches the on-street extent of the 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

An extensive residents/business consultation process has been carried out across all of the sites whereby a letter and site-specific plan were posted to residents/businesses directly affected by the proposals. Comments have been taken on board and the proposals amended where necessary.

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