

Statement of Reasons

GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (PROHIBITION OF MOTOR VEHICLES) (KIDNAPPERS LANE) (PARISH OF LECKHAMPTON WITH WARDEN HILL) (CHELTENHAM BOROUGH) ORDER 2026

AND

INSTALLATION OF NEW CROSSINGS, RAISED TABLES AND SEGREGATED AND SHARED USE FOOTWAY & CYCLEWAYS ON VARIOUS ROADS IN THE PARISH OF LECKHAMPTON WITH WARDEN HILL 2026

Proposal

This is a proposal to:

1. introduce the Prohibition of Motor Vehicles listed in Schedule 1 below; and
2. introduce the Crossings listed in Schedule 2 below; and
3. introduce the raised table listed in Schedule 3 below; and
4. introduce the Shared Use Footway/Cycleway listed in Schedule 4 below; and
5. introduce the Segregated Footway/Cycleway listed in Schedule 5 below.

Schedule 1 – Prohibition of Motor Vehicles

Road name/number	Extent of restriction
Kidnappers Lane (490628)	From its Junction with Shurdington Road (A46) to its junction with Kidnappers Lane (809100).

Schedule 2 – New Crossings

Crossing Type	Road Name & Number	Description
Parallel	Kidnappers Lane (809100)	At a point approximately 30m south of its junction with Shurdington Road (A46).
Parallel	Kidnappers Lane (490628, 809100)	At a point approximately 44m north-east of its junction with the Kidnappers Lane cul-de-sac (490628)
Parallel	Kidnappers Lane (490628)	At a point approximately 187m east of its junction with Farm Lane (490752)
Toucan	Shurdington Road (A46)	At a point approximately 54m north-east of its junction with Heathfield Road (809101)

Schedule 3 – New Raised Table

Location	Side of carriageway	Type	Max Height	Max Length	Max Width	Max Slope Gradient
Kidnappers Lane (490628, 809100) at a point approximately 44m north-east of its junction with the Kidnappers Lane cul-de-sac (490628)	Both	Raised Table to accommodate a raised parallel crossing	75mm	9m	7m	1:16

Schedule 4 – New Shared Use Footway/Cycleway

Road Name & Number	Side of carriageway	Extent
Shurdington Road (A46)	North-west	From a point approximately 79m south-west of its junction with Woodlands Road (490739) for a distance of approximately 193m in a south-westerly direction.
Shurdington Road (A46)	South-east	From its junction with Heathfield Road (809101) for a distance of approximately 56m in a north-easterly direction.

Shurdington Road (A46)	South-east	From a point approximately 55m north-east of its junction with Kidnappers Lane (809100) for a distance of approximately 12m in a north-easterly direction.
Kidnappers Lane (809100)	North-east	From its junction with Shurdington Road (A46) to its junction with Tamworth Chase (709364)
Kidnappers Lane (490628, 809100)	South-east	From its junction with Tamworth Chase (709364) to a point opposite its junction with the Kidnappers Lane cul-de-sac (490628)
Heathfield Road (809101)	North-east	From its junction with Shurdington Road (A46) for a distance of approximately 37m in a south-easterly direction.

Schedule 5 – Segregated Footway/Cycleway

Road Name & Number	Side of carriageway	Extent
Shurdington Road (A46)	South-east	From its junction with Kidnappers Lane (809100) for a distance of approximately 55m in a north-easterly direction.
Shurdington Road (A46)	South-east	From its junction with Kidnappers Lane (809100) for a distance of approximately 55m in a south-westerly direction.
Kidnappers Lane (809100)	Both	From its junction with Shurdington Road (A46) for a distance of approximately 10m in a south-easterly direction.

Reasons

These measures are proposed in association with the new residential development currently under construction to the south-east of the A46 Shurdington Road (Planning Ref - 20/01788/FUL).

As part of the ongoing development works, a new roundabout is being constructed on the A46, along with the realignment of Kidnappers Lane to connect to this junction. As a result, the existing section of Kidnappers Lane that currently joins the A46 will no longer be utilised by motor vehicles and will instead become part of the new cycle infrastructure in the area. Therefore, to prevent inappropriate use by motor vehicles and ensure this section is reserved for cyclists and pedestrians, a prohibition of motor vehicles restriction is proposed to be introduced on this stretch of carriageway.

In addition to the prohibition of motor vehicles restriction, the development works incorporate sections of segregated and shared use cycleway/footway infrastructure improvements together with toucan and parallel crossings at locations on both the A46 Shurdington Road & Kidnappers Lane. One of these parallel crossings will be raised.

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

The Council are proposing to implement the prohibition of motor vehicles restriction under Sections 1,2 & 4 and Parts II & IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (RTRA).

The Council are proposing to implement the Toucan & Parallel Crossings under Section 23 of the RTRA.

More specifically, according to the RTRA, it is the duty of a highway authority to 'manage their road network' and 'to improve road safety'. Section 122 of the RTRA states that local authorities must, so far as is practicable, exercise their functions under the RTRA so as to 'secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of traffic'.

The proposals therefore accord with the RTRA.

Highways Act 1980

The Council are proposing to implement the Shared Use & Segregated Footway/Cycleway sections under Sections 65 and 66 of the Highways Act 1980 (as amended).

The Council are proposing to implement the raised table under Section 90A of the Highways Act 1980 (as amended).

Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016

The associated signing and lining will be in accordance with Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016 and Traffic Signs Manual Chapter 3.

Equality Act 2010

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