

Statement of Reasons

Gloucestershire County Council – The Forum Development, Station Road, Gloucester

Proposals

1. To revoke the existing Bus Lane along Market Parade and implement a new 24/7 with-flow Bus Lane along Market Parade which will prohibit all vehicles, except buses, taxis, pedal cycles and private hire vehicles from entering that part of Market Parade; and
2. To introduce No Entry restrictions on Spreadeagle Road and Grosvenor House Service Road to prohibit all vehicles from entering those sections of roads; and
3. To introduce a One Way restriction along Market Parade to complement the new with-flow bus lane mentioned in number 1 above to prohibit all vehicles from travelling south-east along that part of Market Parade; and
4. To introduce waiting and loading restrictions in the roads surrounding the new Forum development.

Reasons

A new development has been approved under Planning consent 20/01286/FUL to build “The Forum” which is a mixed-use development in the centre of Gloucester comprising new office space, a hotel, retail centre and a multi-storey car park. The development includes surrounding public realm works to Station Road and Market Parade providing an improved connectivity between the Bus Station and Kings Square.

The restrictions outlined in the “Proposals” section above are required to support the amended traffic movements and road layout around the new development in line with the planning consent. The bus lane along Market Parade is proposed to be re-instated as a one way with-flow lane in a north-westerly direction, no entry restrictions are proposed to stop traffic entering the new bus lane from Spreadeagle Road and to ensure the access and egress to The Forum is from separate junctions. Some amended waiting and loading restrictions are being proposed to ensure the entrance and exit to The Forum are kept clear of parked vehicles. The current taxi rank is proposed to be moved to a slightly different location to serve the new development and some 10 minute drop off/pick up points are proposed both on Bruton Way and Station Road.

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (RTRA)

Gloucestershire County Council are relying on their powers to introduce Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) as set out within Section 1 of the RTRA:

- (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; and
- (c) for facilitating the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians); and
- (d) for preventing the use of the road by vehicular traffic of a kind which, or its use by vehicular traffic in a manner; and
- (f) for preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the road runs.

In addition, thorough consideration was given to the factors set out in Section 122 of the RTRA in proposing these TROs.

Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016

All of the associated signing and lining will be in accordance with traffic signs regulations and general directions 2016.

Equality Act 2010

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