

STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR PERMANENT AND EXPERIMENTAL TROS

Proposed Zebra crossing facility with associated no waiting at any time restrictions Cirencester Road, Newcourt Road, Bafford Lane and Charlton Close. No waiting at any time in variation to the GCC On Street Parking Order 2017

The Proposal

Zebra crossing facility with associated no waiting at any time restrictions Cirencester Road, Newcourt Road, Bafford Lane and Charlton Close.

The Reasons

This scheme has been proposed due to the new Sainsbury's development and forming part of the developments planning obligations. It was considered necessary, at the time the application was permitted, that improvements would be required in the form of a pedestrian crossing point. This is due to the increase in footfall generated by the development. It is deemed that these improvements would be required to make the development acceptable. The retail store is considered to be a significant attractor across a busy, wide main road which may lead to difficulty in crossing for pedestrians residing on the eastern side. This proposal is due to deliver safe and suitable access for all modes/users and encourages sustainable forms of transport.

A zebra crossing (not raised) is being proposed on Cirencester Road between the junctions of Bafford Lane/ Newcourt Road and Pumphreys Road.

The proposed double yellow lines on the approach to the zebra crossing and on the junctions are for safety reasons and in-line with relevant guidance, the Highway Code and the Manual for Streets. This will aim to maintain traffic flow and access for motorists whilst also improving visibility and road safety for all road users, including pedestrians. The yellow lines proposed for a longer stretch on Newcourt Road is to maintain traffic flow in this narrow street.

The double yellow lines on the approach to the crossing are required for safety reasons. Visibility concerns will arise if the parking restrictions are reduced too far. The double yellow lines have been proposed to reflect the stopping sight distance given by Manual for Streets for a road with an 85th percentile speed of 31mph. Reducing the double yellow lines below this would be dangerous therefore it is not feasible to reduce them any further on the approach to the crossing on Cirencester Road.

Zebra crossing

Gloucestershire County Council in exercise of its powers under Section 23 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended) intends to place a new zebra crossing on Cirencester Road, between its junctions with Newcourt Road and Pumphreys Road.

Reason

The zebra crossing proposal for Cirencester Road comes under the following reasons stipulated in Section 1 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984:

- (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
- (c) for facilitating the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians), and
- (f) for preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the road runs

No waiting at any time

Gloucestershire County Council in exercise of its powers under Section 1 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended) intends to place no waiting at any time restrictions on the following roads, within Charlton Kings Parish, Cheltenham; Cirencester Road, Newcourt Road, Bafford Lane and Charlton Close.

Reason

The zebra crossing proposal for Cirencester Road comes under the following reasons stipulated in Section 1 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984:

- (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)

Thorough consideration was given to the factors set out in Section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 in proposing this Traffic Order.

The lining will be in accordance with The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.

Thorough consideration was given to the equalities duty of the county council under section 149 of the Equalities Act 2010.

The Police, Ambulance Service, Fire Service, Town and Parish Council's, Road Haulage Association and the Freight Transport Association have not raised any objections to the proposals.

Minor administration amendments

Minor amendment to Gloucestershire County Council On Street Parking Order 2017 will take place. This minor amendment is to give clarity to the Cheltenham Racecourse Majors Events (CRME) definition to ensure it is clear and concise. This exercise is solely administrative and this change in wording will not change the restrictions.