

Statement of Reasons

Gloucestershire County Council – The Forum Development, Station Road and Bruton Way, Gloucester

Proposals

To introduce waiting, loading and stopping restrictions in the roads surrounding the new Forum development.

Reasons

A new development has been built under Planning consent 20/01286/FUL 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 called The Forum.

Several Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) have already been consulted on and a decision made to proceed. However, the taxi trade and Gloucester City Council Licensing Team have raised concerns about the loss of permanent taxi rank space compared to pre-development. Gloucestershire County Council officers have worked with the developer to come up with a solution suitable for all.

The existing “10 mins limited waiting 8am-6pm/Loading Only 6pm-8am (next day)” restrictions on Station Road are proposed to be replaced with a permanent 24 hour taxi rank. This increases the amount of taxi rank space in the vicinity of The Forum compared to pre-development. It also mitigates any risk associated with non-exempt vehicles making u-turns etc to exit Station Road. There is an existing limited waiting drop off/pick up bay along Bruton Way which is a much safer location for vehicles to wait.

The existing recently approved “10 mins limited waiting 8am-6pm/Loading Only 6pm-8am (next day)” restrictions on Bruton Way are proposed to be replaced with a 20 mins limited waiting 8am-6pm/Loading Only 6pm-8am (next day) restriction. This will allow vehicles longer to drop off and pick up passengers as well as make enforcement easier to carry out.

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (RTA)

Gloucestershire County Council is relying on their powers to introduce this TRO as set out within Section 1 of the RTA:

- (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
- (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 RTA in proposing this TRO.

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.