

GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(PROHIBITION OF MOTOR VEHICLES – PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLE ZONE)
(EASTGATE STREET, SOUTHGATE STREET, NORTHGATE STREET &
WESTGATE STREET, GLOUCESTER CITY CENTRE) (GLOUCESTER)
EXPERIMENTAL ORDER NO. 1 2026

The Gloucestershire County Council (“the Council”) in exercise of its powers under Sections 1, 9 & 10 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (“the Act”) and of all other enabling powers and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of that Schedule hereby make the following Experimental Order (“the Order”):-

1. The Order:

- i. shall come into operation on the 5th January 2026 and may be cited as the “GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (PROHIBITION OF MOTOR VEHICLES – PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLE ZONE) (EASTGATE STREET, SOUTHGATE STREET, NORTHGATE STREET & WESTGATE STREET, GLOUCESTER CITY CENTRE) (GLOUCESTER) EXPERIMENTAL ORDER NO.1 2026”.
- ii. affects roads in the Westgate Ward within the City of Gloucester in the County of Gloucestershire.

2. In the Order:

“Bullion Vehicle” means a Motor Vehicle constructed or specially adapted for the carriage of cash valuables or other valuable securities to be used to travel to and from Banks or Building Societies and businesses immediately adjacent to the Roads, only for so long as may be necessary to enable such cash valuables or securities to be loaded from and to the Motor Vehicle

“Liveried Vehicle” means a Motor Vehicle having a distinctive design and colour scheme used to distinguish it as a police, fire brigade, ambulance, universal service provider, bullion or authorised utility organisation vehicle for the purposes of this Order

“Medical Practitioner” has the same meaning as within the meaning of the Medical Act 1983

“Motor Vehicle” means a mechanically propelled vehicle intended or adapted for use on the roads as defined in Section 185 of the Road Traffic Act 1988.

“Permit” means a digital permit approved and issued by the Council in accordance with the Gloucestershire County Council Parking Permit Policy Terms and Conditions.

“Permit Holder” means an authorised holder to whom a Permit has been issued.

“Prescribed Hours” means between 8am - 10am and 5pm - 6pm seven days per week.

“Universal Service Provider” has the meaning given by section 65(1) of the Postal Services Act 2011.

3. No person shall cause or permit any Motor Vehicle, except on the direction of a Police Officer in uniform or Civil Enforcement Officer in uniform, to proceed along the lengths of roads described in the First Schedule to the Order (“the Roads”).
4. Nothing in Article 3 shall apply, should there be no alternative route, to a Motor Vehicle:
 - i. being used for or on behalf of an individual, party or organisation authorised by the Council.
 - ii. being used by a Permit Holder with a valid Permit.
 - iii. being used for the purpose of enabling goods to be loaded on or unloaded from the Motor Vehicle at premises adjacent to the Roads during the Prescribed Hours.
 - iv. being used by a Medical Practitioner attending an emergency, in which cases the Council may require evidence to show that there was a genuine emergency.
 - v. being used by naval, military or air force or visiting forces if at the time they are being used or appropriated by such forces.
5. Nothing in Article 3 shall apply, should there be no alternative route, to a Liveried Vehicle:
 - i. being used for Fire and Rescue, Police or Ambulance emergency service purposes.
 - ii. being used for the removal of any obstruction to traffic on the Roads or sides of the Roads.
 - iii. being used for the maintenance, improvement or reconstruction of the Roads or sides of the Roads.
 - iv. being used for the laying, erection, alteration or repair in or on land adjacent to the Roads or sides of the Roads of any sewer or of any main, pipe or apparatus for the supply of gas, water or electricity or of any telegraphic line by an authorised utility organisation while attending to their apparatus.
 - v. being used in the service of a local authority in connection with highways inspections, parking enforcement, waste collection, gritting or street cleansing activities.
 - vi. being used in the service of a Universal Service Provider for the purpose of delivering or collecting postal packets.
 - vii. being used as a Bullion Vehicle.
6. The parts of the order specified in The Second Schedule to the Order are hereby suspended for the duration of the Order in so far as they fall within the extent of the Roads. Any restrictions that have not been suspended by the Order shall remain in full force and effect.

7. Under Section 10(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the Council may modify or suspend the operation of the Order or any provision of it if it appears essential (a) in the interest of the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of traffic (b) in the interest of providing suitable and adequate on-street parking facilities or (c) for preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which any of the Roads affected by the Order runs. This power shall be exercised only after consulting the appropriate Chief Officer of Police and giving such public notice as the Secretary of State may direct.

7. The Order is Experimental and may continue in force for a period of 18 months up to 4th July 2027. In due course GCC will consider whether or not the provisions of the Order should continue in force indefinitely.

THE FIRST SCHEDULE

Road Name	Description
Northgate Street (C8014)	From its junction with The Oxbode (480012) to its crossroad junction with Southgate Street (C8014)/Eastgate Street (480068)/Westgate Street (480067)
Southgate Street (C8014)	From its junction with Longsmith Street (480016) to its crossroad junction with Eastgate Street (480068)/Westgate Street (480067)/Northgate Street (C8014)
Eastgate Street (480068)	From a point approximately 15m north-west of its junction with Brunswick Road (C8001) to its crossroad junction with Westgate Street (480067)/Northgate Street (C8014)/Southgate Street (C8014)
Westgate Street (480067)	From its junction with Berkeley Street (480015) to its crossroad junction with Eastgate Street (480068)/Northgate Street (C8014)/Southgate Street (C8014)

THE SECOND SCHEDULE To be Suspended

Gloucestershire County Council (Prohibition of Driving) (Various Roads within Gloucester City) Order 2019:

Clauses 3, 4, 8 and 11; and

Schedule 1 – Proposed Prohibition of Driving (Pedestrian and Cycle Zone):

Road Name	Location
1. Northgate Street	From its junction with The Oxbode to The Cross
2. Westgate Street	From its junction with Upper Quay Street to its junction with The Cross
4. Eastgate Street	From a point 15m west of its junction with Brunswick Street to its junction with The Cross
5. Southgate Street	From its junction with Longsmith Street to its junction with The Cross

GIVEN under the Common Seal of Gloucestershire County Council this 11th day of December 2025

THE COMMON SEAL of
GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
was hereto affixed in the presence of:-

MA Johnson
for Assistant Director of Legal Services.

