

STATEMENT OF REASONS

Proposed Waiting and Stopping Restrictions - Various Roads, Leckhampton and Warden Hill, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire

Proposals

In order to improve road safety and amenity for both vehicles and pedestrians in the town, it is proposed to introduce waiting and stopping restrictions on parts of various roads in the Leckhampton and Warden Hill area of the town of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

Reasons

The measures around junctions are primarily proposed to improve the navigability of these roads and to improve road safety generally for vehicles (including cyclists) and pedestrians. This will be achieved by preventing inappropriate parking close to junctions or where it causes obstruction for passing vehicles (including emergency service vehicles), congestion and obscures visibility for pedestrians attempting to cross the various roads. This would also supplement Rule 243 of the Highway Code (i.e., no parking within 10 metres of a junction).

The measures at Kidnappers Lane & the surrounding roads are proposed in light of the ongoing development of the new High School Leckhampton. The changes on these roads are primarily to maintain road safety, amenity, and navigability for vehicles, as well as avoiding congestion once the new school has been completed. The measures should help to deter parking at this location where it is unsafe to do so and prevent stopping at school opening and closing times. As the proposed stopping restrictions are timed, the school facilities will be accessible and free from parked vehicles for the majority of the school day. Additionally, the proposed timed waiting restrictions will allow parking in these areas outside of the restricted times avoiding being over-restrictive.

At Warden Hill Road the current parking restrictions in the immediate vicinity of Bournside School are being formalised to make them legally enforceable, whilst new restrictions are also being proposed along Warden Hill Road and at its junctions with Bournside Close, Bournside Drive and Castanum Court. The changes on these roads are primarily to improve road safety, amenity and navigability for vehicles, as well as avoiding congestion at peak times. Enforcement of restrictions will help to deter all parking and loading/unloading at this location. As the proposed loading restrictions are timed, loading will still be permissible outside of these times, as is the case with the timed waiting restrictions.

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

The specific grounds with which the County Council are using for the implementation of the proposed scheme as above are encompassed in the following sections of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 for making a Traffic Regulation Order:

- Section 1 (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.
- Section 1 (c) For facilitating the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians).
- Section 1 (f) for preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the road runs.

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

Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016 and Traffic Signs Manual Chapter 3

All of the associated signing and lining will be in accordance with the 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 County Council under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010.

Residents and Statutory Consultations

An extensive residents/business consultation process has been carried out across all of the sites whereby a letter and site-specific plan were hand delivered to residents/businesses directly affected by the proposals. Comments have been taken on board and the proposals amended where necessary.

Consultation has also been carried out with Statutory Consultees, including The Police, Emergency Services, Freight Transport Association, Road Haulage Association and the local County Councillor. No objections have been raised.