

STATEMENT OF REASONS

for

Spon End Traffic Regulation Orders

Coventry City Council has developed a Local Air Quality Action Plan to try to address the harmful impact air pollution is having on the health of people living, working and studying in Coventry.

The plan includes work to reduce traffic on Holyhead Road and to direct traffic through Spon End. To be able to do this, it is necessary to remove the pinch point which causes congestion at Spon End. There are a number of proposals to reduce traffic delays and queuing at this location including road widening, changes to traffic signals and improvements for cyclists. As part of these changes it is proposed to prevent the right turn out of The Arches Industrial Estate access road on to Spon End. It is also proposed to install a prohibition of driving (except for cyclists) at the western end of Upper Spon Street.

The Director for Transportation & Highways has delegated powers to approve the publishing of Traffic Regulation Orders

EFFECT

1. This Statement of Reasons relates to the making of the following Road Traffic Regulation Orders:-

- **City of Coventry (The Arches Industrial Estate Access Road) (Prohibition of Right Turn) Order 2022**
- **City of Coventry (Upper Spon Street) (Prohibition of Driving and Revocation) Order 2022**

The general effect of these proposal will be to:

- i. Prevent vehicles travelling along The Arches Industrial Estate access road turning right on to Spon End
- ii. Prevent vehicles (except pedal cycles) being ridden or driven in any direction, in the length of Upper Spon Street from its junction with Spon End/Butts to a point 4 metres east of its junction with Spon End/Butts.
- iii. Revoke the existing one way order on Upper Spon Street (which only permits vehicles to travel in a north-easterly direction on Upper Spon Street from its junction with Spon End/Butts to a point approx. 75 metres north east of that junction).
- iv. Revoke the existing no right turn order from Butts in to Upper Spon Street

2. The Director for Transportation & Highways, has delegated powers to approve the publishing of all proposed Road Traffic Regulation Orders

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3. When considering whether to make a traffic order the Council is under a duty pursuant to S.122 Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended), to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians) and the provision of suitable and adequate parking facilities on and off the highway having regard to the matters specified in S.122 (2). It is considered that the proposals will assist to facilitate the movement of traffic and improve safety.

Furthermore; it is considered that the proposals will affect the matters specified in S.122 (2) as follows:

(a) the desirability of securing and maintaining reasonable access to premises;

Reasonable access to premises will remain, vehicles permitted to turn left or right from Spon End into The Arches Industrial Estate access road and left out of The Arches Industrial Estate access road.

Access will remain available to the western end of Upper Spon Street, as the existing one way on Upper Spon Street will be revoked, providing a route in to and out this area.

(c) the importance of facilitating the passage of public service vehicles and of securing the safety and convenience of persons using or desiring to use such vehicles

These proposals are part of a Local Air Quality Plan which includes works to remove the pinch point which causes congestion at Spon End, this will facilitate the passage of all vehicles through this area.

4. The proposed traffic order is to be implemented in accordance with Section 1(1), Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended) as it appears to the Authority that it is expedient to make them –

- (a) for avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road or any other road or 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),
- (f) for preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the road runs
- (g) for any of the purposes specified in paragraphs (a) to (c) of subsection (1) of section 87 of the Environment Act 1995 (air quality)

5. The proposed changes and the authority's reasons are as follows:-

The Arches Industrial Estate Access Road - Prohibition of Right Turn

The proposed prohibition of right turn will in effect prevent vehicles travelling along The Arches Industrial Estate access road turning right on to Spon End. The changes will prevent delays to traffic traveling along Spon End as they will not be impacted upon by right turning traffic from The Arches Industrial Estate access road. Prohibiting this manoeuvre will also improve safety due to the proposed new road layout. There is also an existing no right turn prohibition at the nearby Melbourne Road/Spon End junction.

Upper Spon Street - Prohibition of Driving, Revocation of No Right Turn from Butts in to Upper Spon Street & Revocation of one way

The proposed prohibition of driving on the length of Upper Spon Street from its junction with Spon End/Butts to a point 4 metres east of the aforementioned junction will in effect prevent vehicles entering and exiting Upper Spon Street from this junction. This in combination with the revocation of the one way (which only permits vehicles to travel in a north-easterly direction on Upper Spon Street from its junction with Spon End/Butts to a point approx. 75 metres north east of that junction), will provide access to on street parking for the local shops. Due to the proposed prohibition of driving the existing prohibition of no right turn from Butts in to Upper Spon Street will no longer be required. The changes will prevent vehicles, other than pedal cycles, accessing Upper Spon Street from Spon End/ Butts and therefore reduce through traffic.