

STATEMENT OF REASONS

for

Experimental Traffic Regulation Order for Knights Templar Way Area - Prohibition of Driving

Knights Templar Way is a short road, with 2 cul de sacs, Lomsey Close and Monks Field Close leading from it, there is also a pedestrian access to Templars Primary School located at the bottom of the road. Local residents and Ward Councillors have raised concerns about parking and driving in the Knights Templar Way area when children are being taken and/or collected from Templars Primary School.

In response to these concerns, residents and the school have been consulted about a trial to introduce a Traffic Free School Street which works by stopping vehicles from driving in or out of a street during peak periods at the start and end of the school day. The three roads in this area are cul-de-sacs with no through traffic and should be well suited to this approach. Access for residents is maintained whilst the restriction is in operation by the use of permits.

The proposal would improve road safety outside the school, together with other benefits including reducing air pollution, reducing congestion, and encouraging people to walk or cycle more.

Over 86% of residents that responded to the consultation were in support of the Traffic Free School Streets on Knights Templar Way, Lomsey Close and Monks Field Close.

The proposed prohibition of driving (Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 9.30am and 2.45pm to 3.45pm) will create the first Traffic Free School Street in Coventry. Therefore, to be able to monitor the impact of the changes, the traffic regulation order (TRO) is being implemented as an Experimental TRO. This will provide the opportunity for people to see how the scheme works before responding with their comments and/or objections and for monitoring to take place.

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 Order.

- City of Coventry (Knights Templar Way Area) (Prohibition of Driving) (Experimental) Order 2023

The general effect of this proposal will be to:

- i. Prohibit driving on Knights Templar Way, Lomsey Close and Monks Field Close, Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 9.30am and 2.45pm to 3.45pm with an exception for permit holders (residents can apply for permits).

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 improve safety, by reducing the volume of vehicular traffic and therefore the likelihood of potential conflict manoeuvres with pedestrians, especially children, and other vehicles. Access for residents is still available using a permit system. There is also an existing residents' parking scheme which will remain in operation.

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 be maintained using a permit system. Residents can apply for a permit which if used provides an exemption to the prohibition of driving restriction

(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

The location where the traffic order applies is not a bus route, but will reduce the likelihood of potential conflict manoeuvres and should assist to improve safety for pedestrians.

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)

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

Knights Templar Way, Lomsey Close, Monks Field Close – Prohibition of Driving, Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 9.30am and 2.45pm to 3.45pm

The proposed introduction of a prohibition of driving on Knights Templar Way, Lomsey Close and Monks Field Close, whereby vehicles (except for permit holders) will not be able to drive in the area Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 9.30am and 2.45pm to 3.45pm, is a traffic management scheme which introduces a traffic free school street, to try to improve safety for pedestrians, especially children, at school entry and exit times. This proposal includes an exemption for permit holders (permit identifier KTC) which assists to maintain access for residents of these roads when the prohibition of driving is in operation. The use of an ETRO will enable the effect of the changes to be monitored