

## **STATEMENT OF REASONS**

**for**

### **City of Coventry (Butts) (Prohibition of U Turns) Order 2023**

In response to road safety concerns it is proposed to extend the existing prohibition of U Turns along Butts. The current restriction operates on Butts from its junction with Sovereign Row to a point 60m southeast from that junction. The proposals will extend the restriction up to and including the junction with Albany Road/Butts Road.

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 (Butts) (Prohibition of U Turns) Order 2023**

The general effect of these proposal will be to:

- i. Prevent vehicles travelling along Butts, from its junction with Sovereign Row up to and including its junction with Albany Road/Butts Road, performing a U turn manoeuvre,
- ii. Revoke the existing No U turn order on Butts from Sovereign Row to a point 60m south east from that junction to create a longer extent where the No U turn restriction will apply.

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

### **REASONS**

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, routes are available without the need to perform U turns.

*(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 will assist to improve safety for pedestrians as vehicles are performing U turns at locations where pedestrian crossings are part of signalised junctions.

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:-

#### Butts - Prohibition of U Turns

The proposed prohibition of U Turn order will extend an existing 'No U Turn' order currently in operation on Butts from its junction with Sovereign Row to a point 60m south east from that junction. The new extent will be on Butts from its junction with Sovereign Row up to and including the junction of Albany Road/Butts Road. The changes will improve road safety for pedestrians, vehicles have been observed making U turn maneuvers at locations along the route when controlled pedestrian facilities are operating.