

## **STATEMENT OF REASONS**

**for**

### **Traffic Regulation Orders & Notices of Intent for the Binley Cycleway**

proposed in addition to the designation of highway to create a cycle track.

The Binley Cycleway is a proposed 6km long segregated cycleway connecting the City Centre with University Hospital Coventry and Warwickshire. The cycleway was proposed to try to address the biggest barrier to cycling, which is consistently stated to be 'fear for safety', and therefore encourage more people to cycle. Investment in high quality cycle routes is a priority set out in the draft Coventry Transport Strategy.

Cycling has an important role to play in addressing the challenges the city and region face, which include reducing congestion, carbon and pollution, supporting economic growth and employment, tackling obesity and creating places where people want to live, work, learn, shop and do business. Cycling offers an affordable, convenient and low-cost travel option to access jobs, education and leisure opportunities, particularly for people without access to cars.

On the 20<sup>th</sup> October 2021 the Cabinet Member for City Services considered consultation responses to the proposed cycleway scheme and it was approved to install 75% of the Binley Cycleway, to be implemented under sections 65 (1), 65 (2) and 66 of the Highways Act 1980.

This has now been completed, providing a physically separated space within the highway protected from motor traffic and away from pedestrians. The Binley Cycleway has been introduced utilising core design principles for high quality cycling infrastructure, which are those of a route being safe, coherent, direct, comfortable and attractive, which are required to encourage people to switch modes and cycle for some journeys.

On the 15 November 2023 the Cabinet Member for City Services considered the consultation responses to the remaining section of the Binley Cycleway, along the southern section of Clifford Bridge Road between Brinklow Road and Dorchester Way and it was approved to revise the design and complete this section of the scheme.

In addition to the proposed TROs, other features (raised tables and controlled crossings) are proposed which require a Notice of Intent.

The Director of City Services and Commercial has delegated powers to approve the publishing of Traffic Regulation Orders and Notices of Intent

### **EFFECT**

1. This Statement of Reasons relates to the making of the following Road Traffic Regulation Orders and Notices of Intent. It also includes details of the proposed extent of the designation of the highway to segregated and unsegregated cycle track:-

- **City of Coventry (Various Roads) (Prohibition of Waiting) Order 2024**

- **City of Coventry (Clifford Bridge Road) (40mph Speed Limit) Revocation Order 2024**
- **Proposed Installation of Controlled Crossings – Binley Cycleway 2024**
- **Proposed Road Humps (Raised Tables) – Binley Cycleway 2024**

The general effect of these proposals will be to:

- i. Prevent vehicles waiting at the junction of Clifford Bridge Road/Portree Avenue, extend the existing prohibition of waiting on Clifford Bridge Road on the both sides of its junction with Gainford Rise, and prevent vehicles waiting on the northern side of Gainford Rise between Clifford Bridge Road and Faygate Close, and at the junction of Gainford Rise/Faygate Close
- ii. Reduce the speed limit, where currently 40mph, to 30mph (national speed limit) on Clifford Bridge Road, apart from a section between Ansty Road and a point 24m north of Farren Road) and reduce the speed limit where currently 40mph, to 30mph (approx. 25m) on the Clifford Bridge Road link to A46
- iii. Install a controlled crossing (toucan crossing), replacing the existing controlled pedestrian crossing, on Clifford Bridge Road outside 99/101 Clifford Bridge Road.
- iv. Install a controlled crossing (puffin crossing) on Clifford Bridge Road outside 185/187 Clifford Bridge Road
- v. Install a raised table on the following roads:
  - Mill Lane - at its entrance, west of its junction with Clifford Bridge Road,
  - Bridgeacre Gardens – at its entrance, at its southern junction with Clifford Bridge Road,
  - Bridgeacre Gardens - at its entrance, at its northern junction with Clifford Bridge Road.

2. The Director of City Services and Commercial, 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 as part of the Binley Cycleway scheme will assist to improve safety and access, by reducing vehicle speeds, reducing the likelihood of potential conflict manoeuvres, and providing controlled crossings.

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.

*(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 traffic orders proposed, together with the installation of raised tables to slow down traffic should assist to improve safety for all traffic. Pedestrian movements should also be facilitated with the introduction of new controlled crossings.

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

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

Clifford Bridge Road/Portree Avenue, Clifford Bridge Road/Gainford Rise, Gainford Rise, Gainford Rise/Faygate Close - Prohibition of Waiting (double yellow lines)

The proposed introduction of a prohibition of waiting (double yellow lines) at the junction of Clifford Bridge Road/Portree Avenue, extension of the double yellow lines on the northern side of Gainford Rise to extend from Clifford Bridge Road up to Faygate Close, junction of Gainford Rise/Faygate Close and extension of the existing double yellow lines on Clifford Bridge Road on both sides of its junction with Gainford Rise will assist to prevent parking, to improve visibility and safety at these locations.

### Clifford Bridge Road - Revocation of 40mph Speed limit

The proposed revocation of the majority of the existing 40mph speed limit on Clifford Bridge Road and also on Clifford Bridge Road link to A46 at its approach (approx. 25m) to its roundabout junction with Clifford Bridge Road will result in the road becoming subject to the national speed limit, which at this location is 30mph. This will assist to slow down traffic and improve safety.

### Various locations along Clifford Bridge Road – Installation of controlled crossing facilities

Controlled crossing facilities are proposed to be installed at the following locations along the Clifford Bridge Road:

- Toucan crossing, replacing the existing controlled pedestrian crossing, on Clifford Bridge Road outside 99/101 Clifford Bridge
- New puffin crossing outside 185/187 Clifford Bridge Road

The new facilities will assist pedestrians and/ or cyclists to cross the road.

### Various locations along Binley Cycleway – Installation of road humps (raised tables)

Raised tables are proposed to be located in the following side roads along the Binley Cycleway route:

- Mill Lane,
- Bridgeacre Gardens (southern junction with Clifford Bridge Road)
- Bridgeacre Gardens (northern junction with Clifford Bridge Road)

The raised tables will allow the Binley cycle track to continue at the same level across these side roads, rather than the cycleway and footway dropping down to road level, at the junction. This will also further enforce the change in priority to cycles over vehicles and provide priority for pedestrians. It should also assist to reduce vehicle speeds which will improve road safety.

## **ESTABLISHMENT OF CYCLE TRACK - BINLEY CYCLEWAY**

The sections of segregated and unsegregated cycle track creating part of the route to connect the City Centre to the University Hospital Coventry and Warwickshire are detailed in the table below and are being installed pursuant to powers under sections 65 (1), 65(2) and 66 of the Highways Act 1980 (as amended) and of all other enabling powers.

<b>Location</b> (where cycle track being installed)	<b>Extent</b>	<b>Side of road</b>	<b>Segregated/ Unsegregated</b>
Clifford Bridge Road	From its junction with Mill Lane to a point approx. 38 metres north of its southern junction with Bridgeacre Gardens	West	Segregated (2 way)
Clifford Bridge Road	From a point approx. 38 metres north of its southern junction with Bridgeacre Gardens to a point approx. 62 metres north of its southern junction with Bridgeacre Gardens	West	Unsegregated (shared use pedestrian & cyclist)
Clifford Bridge Road	From a point approx. 62 metres north of its southern junction with Bridgeacre Gardens to a point approx 12.5 metres north of the northern boundary wall of 187 Clifford Bridge Rd	West	Segregated (2 way)
Clifford Bridge Road	From a point approx 12.5 metres north of the northern boundary wall of 187 Clifford Bridge Rd for a distance of 128.5 metres in a northerly direction	West	Unsegregated (shared use pedestrian & cyclist)
Clifford Bridge Road	From a point approx 55m south of its roundabout junction with the Tesco access road (where southern arm meets roundabout) to a point where the northern arm meets the roundabout.	West	Segregated (2 way)
Clifford Bridge Road	From a point 15 metres south of the access from Clifford Bridge Road to Coombe Park Road (between no.s 98 and 100 Clifford Bridge Road) to the aforementioned access	East	Segregated (2 way)
The access from Clifford Bridge Road to Coombe Park Road (between no.s 98 and 100 Clifford Bridge Road	Whole Length	Both	Segregated (2 way)