

STATEMENT OF REASONS

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL (BORDESLEY & HIGHGATE) (TRAFFIC REGULATION) ORDER 2022

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL (BIRMINGHAM, CITY CENTRE MOVEMENT & ACCESS)

Birmingham City Council propose to make a permanent Order under the provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to alter the existing prohibition of movement restrictions and parking restrictions.

Birmingham City Council has a duty under section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 when making TROs to consider the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of traffic and other traffic (including pedestrians).

This requires the City Council to weigh up several factors when deciding to proceed with a proposal. These include where applicable:

- The desirability of securing and maintaining reasonable access to premises.
- The effect on the amenities of any locality affected and (without prejudice to the generality of this paragraph) the importance of regulating and restricting roads by HGVs so as to preserve or improve the amenities of the area through which the road runs.
- The strategy prepared under section 80 of the Environment Act 1995 (national air quality strategy).
- 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.
- Any other matters appearing to be relevant.

The City Centre Movement and Access project seeks to implement measures within the city centre under permanent traffic regulation orders. Measures include bus gates for coaches and buses, one-way streets with contraflow cycle lanes, prohibition of entry, road humps, relocation of controlled parking zone bays, loading bays and no waiting at any time restrictions.

The formal reasons for proposing the new Order are:

- 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.
- b) for facilitating the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians)
- c) for preventing the use of the road by vehicular traffic of a kind which, or its use by vehicular traffic in a manner which, is unsuitable having regard to the existing character of the road or adjoining property
- d) for preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the road runs

The aims of the Permanent Order are to facilitate the free passage of traffic, aid road safety and improve the amenity for cyclists.

Thorough consideration was given to the equality's duty of the Council under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010.

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

All signing and lining will be in accordance with the Traffic Signs Regulations & General Directions in force at the time of implementation.

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