

STATEMENT OF REASONS

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL
(HOLYHEAD ROAD AREA, HOLYHEAD)
(TRAFFIC REGULATION)
ORDER 2026

Birmingham City Council having regard to its duty under section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (“the Act”) proposes to make permanent orders under the provisions of the Act, the effect of which will be to alter the existing vehicle movements on Onibury Road, Uplands Road, Newcombe Road, Mervyn Road, Aylesford Road, Westbourne Road, Regent Road, Hamilton Road, Rookery Road and Sandwell Road, to a series of permanent one-way traffic system and 20mph speed limits as shown on the attached plans (CA-03296-03-03-TRO-0, CA-03296-03-03-TRO-02, CA-03296-03-03-TRO-03, CA-03296-03-03-TRO-04, CA-03296-03-03-TRO-05, CA-03296-03-03-TRO-06, CA-03296-03-03-TRO-07, CA-03296-03-03-TRO-08, CA-03296-03-03-TRO-09, CA-03296-03-03-TRO-10).

The Holyhead Road scheme is located in the Holyhead Ward. It is part of Birmingham City Council’s (BCC) Local Improvement Budget 2021. The programme came from Birmingham City Council which received suggestions put forward by local residents or communities to improve their quality of life. Many did not meet the criteria for funding through normal funding budgets such as Ward Minor Measures or Local Safety Scheme Programme. The Local Improvement Budget (LIB) programme was approved by the Cabinet in December 2021 with an overall allocation of £1m to install Vehicle Activated Speed Signs (VASS) and Non-VASS Schemes at various locations across the City to address specific community concerns.

Petitions were received from residents of Regents Road, Mervyn Road and Newcombe Road supported by the Ward Councillor to introduce one ways on these road to regularise parking and to introduce 20mph Speed Limits in the area. The area is mostly residential with 30mph speed limit throughout. The residents have stated that there have been accidents but mostly damage only to cars. They allege this due to parking on both sides of the roads and two-way traffic.

The formal reasons for proposing the new Order are:

- a) for facilitating the passage on the roads or any other road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians)
- b) 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
- c) for any of the purposes specified in paragraphs (a) to (c) of subsection (1) of section 87 of the Environment Act 1995 (air quality)

The order for the One Way System is made under section 1(1)(a), 1(1)(c) and 1(1)(f) of the Road Traffic Act 1984.

The order for the 20mph Speed Limit is made under Section 84 of the Road Traffic Act 1984.

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