

## **STATEMENT OF REASONS**

### **BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL**

#### **BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL Kings Heath and Moseley Places for People – Packages 1&2 (TRAFFIC REGULATION) ORDER 2022**

#### **BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL (BIRMINGHAM, Kings Heath and Moseley Places for People MOVEMENT & ACCESS)**

An experimental scheme was introduced in September/October 2020 with an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO) being made on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2020. It covered two ‘cells’ in the area bordered by Avenue Road, Howard Road, High Street and the railway line and included the following:

- Modal filters in the form of planters and removable bollards locked with FB11 “Fire Brigade locks” were installed on Highbury Road, Silver Street, Bank Street, Grange Road, Station Road, All Saints Road, Hazelhurst Road, Colmore Road, School Road, Cambridge Road and Poplar Road; and
- A section of York Road between Waterloo Road and High Street was pedestrianised.

The ETROs for the above measures were made permanent on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

Birmingham City Council propose to make other permanent Orders under the provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to alter the existing prohibition of movement 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 Kings Heath and Moseley Places for People – Packages 1&2 scheme seeks to implement measures to reduce through vehicular traffic along residential roads in the scheme area: under permanent traffic regulation orders. Measures include:

- 11 modal filters in the form of fixed bollards with associated signage at: Silver Street, Colmore Road, Hazelhurst Road, All Saints Road, Oxford Road, St Agnes Road, Ashfield Road, Melton Road, Barn Lane, portman Road and Mossfield Road.

- 6 diagonal fixed bollards with associated signage at: Station Road/York Road, Grange Road/York Road, Grange Road/Highbury Road, School Road/Greenhill Road, Valentine Road/Poplar Road/Springfield Road/Cambridge Road/School Road and Melton Road/Springfield Road.
- One-way streets including sections with contra-flow cycling at: Station Road, Grange Road, Westfield Road, Highbury Road, York Road, Waterloo Road, All Saints Road, Goldsmith Road, Melton Road, Gaddesby Road, Springfield Road, Institute Road, Heathfield Rd, Woodville Road, Poplar Road and Valentine Road.
- Implementing a pedestrian and cycle access with controlled and restricted parking zones for delivery vehicles access only. New fixed cast iron bollard in white colour with reflective amber band will replace the existing bollards to reduce and discourage other vehicular access on York Road
- Traffic calming in the form of a speed humps along Gaddesby Road, Clarence Road and Billesley Lane.
- New uncontrolled pedestrian crossings at: Highbury Road/Silver Street junction, four arms of the Valentine Road/Poplar Road/Cambridge Road/School Road junction, Gaddesby Road and Springfield Road's arms of the roundabout and Highbury Road by Silver Street junction.

The formal reasons for proposing the new Orders 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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