STATEMENT OF REASONS

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

EMERGENCY ACTIVE TRAVEL FUND, BIRMINGHAM

Birmingham City Council propose to make experimental Orders under the provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the affect of which will be to introduce cycle lane infrastructure as shown on the attached plans:

419867-MMD-L01-XX-DR-D-0101 to 0103_P02_Stirchley

419867-MMD-L15-XX-DR-D-0101 to 0103_P01_Sutton Coldfield

419867-MMD-C01-XX-DR-D-0101 to 0111_A_A45

419867-MMD-C02-XX-DR-D-0101 to 0114_A_A38

419867-MMD-C03-XX-DR-D-0001 to 0013_WIP200615_City-Centre to A47

419867-MMD-C04-XX-DR-D-0101 to 0108_P01_City Hospital

104130-PF-100-1A-DR-TR-001 EATF Bradford Street

104130-PF-100-C1-DR-TR-001 EATF A38/A34

As part of our Emergency Birmingham Transport Plan to ensure a low carbon, clean air recovery from COVID-19, we are delivering a number of temporary measures to make walking and cycling easier and safer across the city and to support social distancing.
The schemes will generate a low carbon, clean air recovery from COVID-19, consistent with the Emergency Birmingham Transport Plan. The funding will also provide a safe space for residents to cycle, creating a safer experience for residents travelling around the city. Success in tranche 1 will also allow Birmingham to be eligible for tranche 2 funding later in the summer'.
These projects form part of the West Midlands Emergency Active Travel Fund Package (Tranche 1) and are in line with Department for Transport requirements:

This new funding is designed to help you use pop-up and temporary interventions to create an environment that is safe for both walking and cycling in your area. Active travel allows people to get around whilst maintaining social distance and will have an essential role to play in helping us avoid overcrowding on public transport systems as we begin to open up parts of our economy. We have a window of opportunity to act now to embed walking and cycling as part of new long-term commuting habits and reap the associated health, air quality and congestion benefits'.

Schemes to be funded under the first tranche of the Emergency Active Travel Fund must commence delivery within four weeks of receipt of the funding by WMCA, and complete delivery within eight weeks of receipt of funding.

The formal reason(s) for proposing the new Order is (are):

a) for any of the purposes specified in paragraphs (a) to (c) of subsection (1) of section 87 of the Environment Act 1995 (air quality)