

Birmingham City Council

Statement of Reasons

Southside Public Realm Improvement, Birmingham

The Southside Public Realm Improvements are located in Ladywood and Bordesley and Highgate Wards in Birmingham.

The Southside area is situated close to the heart of Birmingham city centre, located directly south of New Street Station, and directly west of the Smithfield development site. The area is home to popular visitor destinations including the Birmingham Hippodrome, Chinese Quarter and the Arcadian Centre.

The project forms part of the Enterprise Zone Connecting Economic Opportunities Programme (EZCOP) – a key infrastructure programme as part of the Greater Birmingham and Solihull Local Enterprise Partnership (GBSLEP) Enterprise Zone Investment Plan.

The improvement works will transform links from New Street Station to Southside District with improved walking and cycling routes to New Street Station and transformation of a new public square adjacent to Birmingham Hippodrome.

The new square will create a distinctive and instantly identifiable space within the City's public spaces, it will offer a flexible space for a wide variety of public events.

Improvements will also be made to street furniture and lighting, and trees to make the area more welcoming and attractive.

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 preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the road runs

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