

STATEMENT OF REASONS

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

(LOZELLS LOW TRAFFIC NEIGHBOURHOOD) (TRAFFIC REGULATION) (EXPERIMENTAL) ORDER 2023

Birmingham City Council propose to make an experimental Order under the provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will include 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 Lozells Places for People Scheme seeks to implement measures within Lozells under an experimental traffic regulation order. Measures include one-way streets with contraflow cycle lanes, false one way and no waiting at any time restrictions.

These proposals are being promoted under the provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 which allows the Council to take measures under Section 1 for the following reasons:

- 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

An experimental approach is being adopted so as to ensure the proposal works in practice and that we have a strategy in place that allows for further engagement/consultation, monitoring and evaluation of the scheme over a structured period of time; allowing us to address and elevate key areas and ensure that interaction with other aspects of the highway are not overlooked or exposed.

The aims of the Experimental 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 Experimental 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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