

STATEMENT OF REASONS PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER

Derby City Council (Oakleigh Avenue Area) (Moving Vehicle Restrictions) (Amendment to Map Based Schedule) (No.66) (Experimental) Order 2023

Derby City Council is duty bound pursuant to Section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended) to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians) and the provision of suitable and adequate parking facilities on and off the highway.

The proposed Order is in accordance with Section 1(1), of the Act as it appears to the Authority that it is expedient to make it for the purposes prescribed:

1. For avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road or any other road or any such danger arising
2. For facilitating the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians)
3. 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
4. For preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the road runs
5. For management of the quality of air pursuant to paragraphs (a) to (c) of sub section (1) of Section 87 of the Environmental Act 1995 (air quality)

EFFECTS

The purpose of the order is to introduce the following restriction, experimentally:

Prohibition of driving of motor vehicles (Mon-Fri 8.30am - 9am and 2.45pm - 3.45pm) (Permit Holder Exemption) exemptions 1, 2

- Oakleigh Avenue, Eastwards from it's junction with Reginald Road South – to include Newstead Avenue, Lenton Avenue and Lea Drive
- Ismay Road, for its entire length

BACKGROUND

St Alban's Catholic Voluntary Academy, located between Ismay Road and Oakleigh Avenue, has been selected as one of the schools to be included in the School Safe Haven Zone programme as part the Active Travel Fund. The School Safe Haven Zones programme proposes to tackle congestion and improve air quality at the school gates, making it easier and safer to walk and cycle to school.

Traffic congestion and road safety fears have been proven to inhibit walking and cycling to school. During site visits, vehicles were observed in the area of the school mounting pavements, parking close to the school, parking with engines running and double parking.

The level of on-street parking and vehicle manoeuvres in the area created by the school run, result in visibility issues for pedestrians, especially unaccompanied pupils. The volume of traffic in conjunction with the limited access to space results in erratic and inconsiderate parking that compromises pedestrian safety and access for residents.

Increasing walking and cycling has proven to be beneficial to both mental and physical wellbeing. Encouraging active travel can help reduce stress and anxiety as well as the many issues associated with obesity. It can also help improve academic performance as evidence suggests children are more alert and attentive throughout the school day if they chose to walk or cycle to school.

REASONS FOR PROPOSALS

To reduce non-exempt motor vehicle traffic entering or using Oakleigh Avenue, Newstead Avenue, Lenton Avenue, Lea Drive and Ismay Road at the start and end of the school day. This will increase safety for pedestrians and cyclists, encourage more sustainable modes of transport, improve air quality, and reduce driver conflict.

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