

The County of Herefordshire District Council (Bewell Street, High Street and Widemarsh Street Hereford) Order 2016

Statement of Reasons

The above Order is being proposed for the following reasons:

- 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 (*i.e. to improve safety*)
- For facilitating the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians) (*i.e. to maintain access and/or to reduce congestion*)
- 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
- For preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the road runs

Overview

Vehicles are prohibited from using Widemarsh Street and the High Street between 10.30am and 4.30pm so that area provides a safe and attractive place for pedestrians in a heritage area providing retail services. The signed bays in Widemarsh Street will provide facility for loading / unloading of vehicles between 7am and 10.30am and 4.30pm and 7pm and facility for taxi's providing a service in support of the night time economy between 7pm and 7am.

The proposed restrictions are intended to address a variance between the existing TRO's applying to these streets and their intended use, following public realm improvements in 2010. The extension of the vehicle prohibition into a short section of Bewell Street at its eastern end, whilst allowing access to Bewell Square is intended to deter vehicles entering a narrow section of street through which there is no existing through access during the restriction period and thereby avoid unsafe reversing manoeuvres.

This traffic regulation order articles where appropriate have also been updated in accordance with current standards and formats, and to align the exemptions to comply with the introduction of rising bollards to support the movement restriction

In authorising the advertisement of these proposals the Council has given consideration to its duty under s122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 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 (while having regard to the matters specified in s122 subsection (2) of that Act)

Herefordshire Council reserves the right to produce an amended or further statement, in the context of any public inquiry or judicial proceedings to these proposals.