

## **STATEMENT OF REASONS PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER**

### **Derby City Council (Cottons Farm Primary Academy) (Moving Vehicle Restrictions) (Amendment to Map Based Schedule) (No.72) (Experimental) Order 2025**

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 this order is to introduce the following moving vehicle restriction, experimentally:

#### **Prohibition of driving of motor vehicles (Mon-Fri 8.30am – 9.00am and 3.00pm - 3.45pm) (Permit Holder Exemption)**

- On Sheridan Street in its entirety

### **BACKGROUND**

Cottons Farm Primary Academy, located on Sheridan Street has been selected as one of the schools to be included in the School Safe Haven Zones programme as part the Active Travel Fund. The School Safe Haven Zones programme is designed to promote Active Travel on the road outside of the school during school drop-off and pick-up times. This will help to reduce 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 stop people from walking and cycling to school. During our site visits at Cottons Farm, we observed vehicles mounting pavements, parking close to the school and double-parking. These actions all contribute to a feeling of unsafety and make it harder for pupils to travel actively.

The level of on-street parking and vehicle manoeuvres on Sheridan Street during the school run creates visibility issues for pedestrians, particularly for pupils who are not with an adult. The high volume of traffic combined with limited space leads to erratic and inconsiderate parking, which compromises pedestrian safety and access for residents.

Encouraging walking and cycling has been shown to be beneficial for both mental and physical health. Active travel can help reduce stress and anxiety and address many of the issues associated with obesity. It can also improve academic performance, as evidence suggests that children are more alert and attentive in school if they walk or cycle to get there.

## **REASONS FOR PROPOSALS**

To reduce non-exempt motor vehicle traffic entering Sheridan Street 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 the potential for pedestrian/driver conflict.

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