

STATEMENT OF REASONS PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER

Derby City Council (Vicarage Road) (Moving Vehicle Restrictions) (Amendment to
Map Based [Schedule](#)) (No.52)
(Experimental) Order 2021

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 3pm - 3.30pm) (Permit Holder Exemption)

- On Vicarage Road from its junction with Park Road to its junction with Farnsworth Road.

BACKGROUND

Mickleover Primary School, located on Vicarage Road, 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 proposes to tackle congestion and improve air quality at the school gates, making it easier and safer to walk and cycle to school.

Mickleover Primary School was previously involved in the successful 'Air Quality Day' initiatives held across the City so there is a lot of support from the school to introduce measures to reduce traffic at school drop off and pick up times and to make the Vicarage Road a safer place for its pupils.

Vicarage Road stretches from Fenton Road to Etwall Road, the restriction is proposed for the stretch closest to the school entrance, from Farnsworth Road to Park Road. This section of road is made up of a mix of semi-detached and terraced housing, the terraced properties on the school side do not have off street parking, which means there is already a high level of competition from residents for on street parking.

There are terraced houses opposite the school that have rear access ways and garages; but the access ways are narrow and heavily parked on both sides which restricts visibility for emerging and exiting vehicles.

Due to the high level of on street parking at school drop off and pick up times vehicles travelling in opposite directions are unable to pass which causes congestion. Site visits have shown many vehicles turning in the road to try to avoid waiting in the flow of traffic which poses a danger to pedestrians.

Parents can use the Pavilion Community Centre car park as a drop of point which is approximately 80 metres from the school entrance on the opposite side of the road, however, as the road leading to it is only a single lane width congestion builds on Vicarage Road as cars try to exit and enter at the same time.

The levels of on-street parking create visibility issues for pedestrians, especially any unaccompanied pupils. The on-street parking on Vicarage Road is exacerbated by pupils being driven to and from the school and the potential for driver conflict during school drop off/pick up times increases.

REASONS FOR PROPOSALS

To reduce school run related traffic entering and exiting the section of Vicarage Road between Park Road and Farnsworth Drive, close to the school, at the busiest times of the day. This will increase pedestrian and cyclist safety, encourage more sustainable modes of transport, improve air quality and reduce driver conflict.

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