

**STATEMENT OF REASONS
PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER**

**Derby City Council (Hardwick) (Moving Vehicle Restrictions) (Amendment to
Map Based Schedule) (No.67) (Experimental) Order 2024**

**Derby City Council (Hardwick) (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting)
(Amendment to Map Based Schedule) (No.141) (Experimental) Order 2024**

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 orders are 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 orders is to introduce the following restrictions, experimentally:

**Prohibition of driving of motor vehicles (Mon-Fri 8.30am – 9.00am
and 2.45pm - 3.30pm) (Permit Holder Exemption) exemptions 1, 2**

- On Hastings Street from its junction with St James' Road to the end of the cul-de-sac outside Derby Family Medical Centre.
- On Dover Street from its junction with St James' Road to the end of the cul-de-sac outside Dover Court.

No Stopping (Mon-Fri 8:30am - 9:00am & 2:45pm – 3.30pm)

- On St James' Road opposite no's: 67 – 77. To replace existing lining on site.

BACKGROUND

Hardwick Primary School, located between St James' Road, Dover Street and Hastings Street, has been selected as one of the schools to be included in the School Safe Haven Zone programme as part of 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.

Increasing walking and cycling has proven to be beneficial to both mental and physical well-being. 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.

Traffic congestion and road safety fears have proven to inhibit walking and cycling to school. During site visits, vehicles were observed on St James' Road, Dover Street and Hastings Street mounting and parking on the pavement, reversing onto the footway and double parking close to the school.

Over the years there have been reports of near misses of pupils/parents with manoeuvring cars. Residents have complained about difficulties with access for some time.

Site visits also confirm significant traffic congestion and obstruction to traffic movement along St James' Road near the junction with Hastings Street. Parking near the junction obstructs vehicle movement along both St James' Road and Hastings Street and is detrimental to the safe operation of the junction. Traffic levels will likely increase around this location following the introduction of the School Safe Haven Zone.

The existing school keep clear marking on St James' Road are currently unenforceable and extend beyond the permitted enforceable length. This has led to vehicles parking on the markings which the Council is unable to take any action against. By reducing the marking from 37 metres to 25 metres enforcement can be supported by a traffic regulation order.

REASONS FOR PROPOSALS

The prohibition of driving of motor vehicles restriction will reduce non-exempt motor vehicle traffic entering or using Hastings Street and Dover Street at 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. It will also help mitigate traffic congestion, obstructions and improve the safe operation of the junction of St James' Road and Hastings Road.

The introduction of the No Stopping (Mon-Fri 8:30 am - 9:00 am & 2:45 pm – 3.30 pm) restriction along St James' Road will therefore create better visibility for pedestrians (especially children) crossing the road on St James' Road. This will increase parking opportunities for residents and visitors to the area.

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