

STATEMENT OF REASONS PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER

Derby City Council (Uplands Avenue) (Moving Vehicle Restrictions) (Amendment to
Map Based Schedule) (No.50)
(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 8.15am - 9am and 2.30pm - 3.30pm) (Permit Holder Exemption), exemptions 1, 2

- Uplands Avenue from its junction with Ridgeway Avenue to the end of the cul-de-sac, adjacent to the entrance to St. Georges Primary School

BACKGROUND

St. George's Primary School and Ridgeway Infant School are located on Uplands Avenue in the Blagreaves area of Derby. The two schools have been selected to be

included in the School Safe Haven Zones 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.

St. George's Primary School and Ridgeway Infant School are both located off Uplands Avenue. Vehicles can only access Uplands Avenue via Kegworth Avenue, from Blagreaves Lane. With over 500 pupils attending the two schools, there is pressure on Uplands Avenue and Ridgeway Avenue during the morning and afternoon school run periods. During site visits, vehicles were observed on Uplands Avenue mounting pavements, reversing into the footway and double parking close to the two schools. There have been reports that pupils/parents have been hit by manoeuvring cars and residents have complained about difficulties with access.

The level of on-street parking and vehicle manoeuvres on Uplands Avenue created by the school run results 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 safety for pedestrians and access for residents.

REASONS FOR PROPOSALS

To reduce non-exempt motor vehicle traffic entering and driving through the end section of Uplands Avenue, close to the two schools, at the busiest times of the 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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