

**STATEMENT OF REASONS  
PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER**

**Derby City Council (Victoria & Albert Street area) (Moving Vehicle Restriction)  
(Amendment to Map Based Schedule) (No.58) 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 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 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.
3. For preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the road runs.
4. For preserving the character of the road in a case where it is especially suitable for use by persons on horseback or on foot.

**EFFECTS**

Proposed **Prohibition of Right Turn for Motor Vehicles, Exemption 1** to replace existing **No Left Turn for All Vehicles** on St Peter's Street at its junction with Albert Street. Cyclists will be exempt from this banned manoeuvre.

Proposed **Prohibition of Right Turn for Motor Vehicles, Exemption 1** on Exchange Street at its junction with Albert Street. Cyclists will be exempt from this banned manoeuvre.

Proposed **Prohibition of Left Turn for Motor Vehicles, Exemption 1** on the Corn Market at its junction with Albert Street to replace existing **No Left Turn for All Vehicles**. Cyclists will be exempt from this banned manoeuvre.

Proposed **Prohibition of Left Turn for Motor Vehicles, Exemption 1** on St James Street at its junction with The Strand/ Victoria Street to replace existing **No Left Turn for All Vehicles**. Cyclists will be exempt from this banned manoeuvre.

Revocation of the following restrictions on Victoria and Albert Street:

- **Bus, Cycle and Hackney Carriages Only**, on the Westbound side of Albert Street from its junction with Exchange Street to its junction with St Peter's Street, and on the Eastbound side of Victoria Street from its junction with The Strand to its junction with Cornmarket.
- **Prohibition of driving of motor vehicles at all times except public service vehicles and hackney carriages, 5pm to 10am also access**, on the Westbound side of Victoria Street from its junction with St Peter's Street to its junction with The Strand, and on the Eastbound side of Albert Street from its junction with Cornmarket to its junction with Morledge.

To be replaced by:

- Proposed **One Way For All Motor Vehicles**, on Victoria Street and Albert Street, in a Westerly direction, from its junction with Morledge to its junction with The Strand. Cyclists will be exempt from this one way restriction.
- Proposed contraflow **Mandatory Cycle Lane** on Victoria Street and Albert Street, in an Easterly direction from its junction with The Strand to its junction with Morledge

## **BACKGROUND**

Funding provided to Derby City Council from the Transforming Cities initiative has been allocated in part to regenerating Albert and Victoria Street in Derby City Centre. Proposals put forward involve changing the existing road layouts to give priority to sustainable transport modes including cycling and buses. Connectivity will be improved, and the area will become a more comfortable place to walk through. Public realm improvements will be undertaken as part of the road layout changes. Reducing the vehicular traffic passing through the area will improve the air quality and promote prosperity as more people are likely to spend time in the area.

To enable the changes to be implemented, the existing Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) in place along these roads will need reviewing and amending to reflect the proposed changes. The amendments will enable changes to the road layouts to be legally enforceable and therefore ensure that the aspirations of the scheme are successful.

## **EXEMPTIONS**

Exemption 1:

- a. A vehicle being used in the case of an emergency by the Fire, Ambulance or Police Services.
- b. A vehicle if it cannot be used for such purpose in any other road, to be used in conjunction with any of the following operations, namely:
  - i. building, engineering or demolition operations;
  - ii. the removal of any obstruction to traffic;
  - iii. the maintenance, improvement or reconstruction of the said length of road;
  - iv. the laying, erection, alteration or repair in, or on land adjacent to such length of road or any sewer or any telegraphic line as defined in the Telecommunications Act 1984;
  - v. in the service of a Local Authority, Water Company or statutory undertaker in pursuance of its statutory powers or duties;
  - vi. for the carrying out of works on the lengths of road or adjacent premises, where the vehicle is required for the delivery or collection of materials or goods which cannot reasonably be carried by hand: or
  - vii. being used for the purposes of delivering or collecting postal packages as defined in section 125 Postal Services Act 2000.

## REASONS FOR PROPOSALS

The plan is designed to improve safety and connectivity of the area making these streets more pedestrian and disabled user friendly, reducing vehicular traffic and improving the active travel options, in turn producing more attractive, unified streets that strengthen the feeling of place and create local identity.

A proposed **One Way For All Motor Vehicles** restriction on Victoria Street and Albert Street, will allow permitted vehicles to travel from Morledge/Corporation Street to The Strand/Wardwick, while supporting changes to the road layout to improve pedestrian and cycle access. Cyclists will be exempt from this proposed one way restriction as they will benefit from a contraflow **Mandatory Cycle Lane**, travelling towards Morledge/Corporation Street from The Strand/Wardwick.

Existing moving vehicle restrictions along Albert Street and Victoria Street will be revoked except for a short length of the existing **Bus, Cycle and Hackney Carriages Only** restriction on Albert Street between Exchange Street and Morledge, which by remaining will deter unauthorised vehicles from using Albert Street and subsequently Victoria Street, allowing priority for sustainable travel options.

**Prohibited turns** are proposed to prevent motor vehicles travelling easterly on Victoria and Albert street in the opposite direction to the proposed one way restriction. Cyclists will be exempt from these prohibited turns in order to allow use of the proposed contraflow mandatory cycle lane.

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