

STATEMENT OF REASONS

Proposed Waiting Restrictions – Various Roads, Hardwicke Ward and Quedgeley Fieldcourt Ward, Stroud District and Gloucester City, Gloucestershire.

Proposals

It is proposed to introduce No Waiting at Any Time (Double Yellow Line) restrictions along sections of various roads in the Hardwicke Ward and the Quedgeley Fieldcourt Ward, in Stroud District and Gloucester City, Gloucestershire. Additionally, a section of No Waiting (Mon-Fri 8am-4pm) (Single Yellow Line) restrictions are proposed on Green Lane, Hardwicke.

Reasons

The measures around junctions are primarily proposed to improve the navigability of roads and to improve road safety generally for vehicles (including cyclists) and pedestrians. This will be achieved by preventing inappropriate parking close to junctions, or where it causes obstruction for passing vehicles (including emergency service vehicles), congestion and obscures visibility for pedestrians attempting to cross the various roads. The proposals would also supplement Rule 243 of the Highway Code (i.e., no parking within 10 metres of a junction).

Concerns have also been raised by Hardwicke Parish Council regarding the current lack of parking restrictions on these roads, leading to inappropriate parking in unsuitable locations. This type of parking can cause visibility issues on bends, and also force traffic onto the wrong side of the road.

Additionally, the No Waiting (Mon-Fri 8am-4pm) (Single Yellow Line) restrictions are proposed in response to concerns surrounding inappropriate parking in the vicinity of Hardwicke Parochial Primary School at school drop-off and pick-up time.

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

The specific grounds with which the County Council are using for the implementation of the proposed scheme as above are encompassed in the following sections of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984:

- Section 1 (a) For avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road or any other road or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising.
- Section 1 (c) For facilitating the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians).
- Section 1 (f) for preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the road runs.

Thorough consideration was given to the factors set out in Section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 in proposing this Traffic Regulation Order.

Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016 and Traffic Signs Manual

All of the associated signing and lining will be in accordance with the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016 and Traffic Signs Manual Chapters 3 and 5.

Equality Act 2010

Thorough consideration was given to the equalities duty of the County Council under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010.

Residents and Statutory Consultations

A resident/business consultation process has been carried out whereby a letter and plan were delivered to residents/businesses directly affected by the proposals. This process garnered a majority support for the restrictions.

Consultation has also been carried out with Statutory Consultees, including The Police, Emergency Services, Freight Transport Association, Road Haulage Association and the local County Councillor. No objections have been raised.