



ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNCIL (BROOK ROAD, KINGSWOOD) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING RESTRICTED HOURS) (VARIATION NO.1) EXPERIMENTAL ORDER 2021

STATEMENT OF REASONS

Background

Between 19th August 2020 and 1st March 2021, the Council introduced an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order the effect of which was to prohibit the driving of motor vehicles in the length of Brook Road, which extends from its junction with Tenniscourt Road for a distance of 272m, during the restricted hours of 8:25 – 8:50am and 3:00 – 3:30pm, Monday to Friday during term time only, as shown on the traffic signs placed at the entrance to the zone.

Exemptions are contained in the order for vehicles to be used for building, industrial or demolition operations; the removal of any obstruction to traffic; the maintenance, improvement or reconstruction of the road; the laying, erection, alteration or repair in, or in land adjacent to the road of any sewer, or of any main, pipe or apparatus for the supply of gas, water or electricity or any telecommunication apparatus; in the service of a local authority and for fire brigade, ambulance or police purposes in exercise of official duties.

However, having considered comments made within several collated observational reports that have been prepared by South Gloucestershire Council Officers, along with progress meetings with the school during the first 6-month ETRO period, it is proposed to process a variation order for this school street scheme.

Purpose of Scheme

The purpose of the variation order is to continue to prohibit motorised traffic from entering and leaving Brook Road between specified times, Monday to Friday during term time, but with variations, as outlined below;

- Reduce the afternoon operational period from **3-3:30pm** to **3-3:20pm** – It has been noted that Brook Road is clear from all students by this time.
- Include an exemption for valid **Blue Badge holders** - parents/careers who hold valid Blue Badge for their child(ren) who attends the school only.

Access will continue to be maintained by a member of staff from the school. Residents within this section of road will also still need to avoid entering and leaving during the am and pm closure each day.



Proposed Scheme

The effect of the new proposed variations will, therefore, provide suitable access to those parents/carers who need to collect their child from the school and who hold a valid Blue Badge, whilst also reducing the afternoon operational times which will lessen the impact to the few residents/businesses who reside on Brook Road.

Therefore, given the overall benefit to the community, the school and general environmental implications, it would be appropriate to progress the variation order to trial the revised proposals.

The existing online ETRO consultation will be linked to a new online consultation page for the variation order, which will remain open for a further six month period, allowing for submission of comments on the revised scheme.

Drawing Reference

Drawing number T303-1486-08 shows the extents of the proposed pedestrian and cycle zone.

It is considered appropriate that this proposal should be introduced using the approved procedure for Experimental Traffic Regulation Orders in order to facilitate the modification of the scheme in the light of experience of its operation, should the need arise.

The Council will consider, in due, course whether a permanent Order in like terms to this Experimental Traffic Regulation Order should be made.