



## **ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**

### **SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNCIL VARIOUS ROADS WINTERBOURNE AND DOWNEND (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) EXPERIMENTAL ORDERS 2019**

#### **STATEMENT OF REASONS**

##### **Background**

At the end of April 2018 Experimental Traffic Order (ETO) PT.5919-E1817 was brought into operation to trial prohibition of driving motor vehicles through various minor roads in the Moorend, Bury Hill and Bromley Heath areas, predominantly for environmental reasons.

Having considered comments received during the experimental period and being satisfied some restrictions are warranted on a permanent basis, though of a less onerous nature, the council now propose to trial three revised restrictions. The restrictions will be implemented as new Experimental Traffic Orders under Section 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as it is possible further variation may be required before permanent features are installed.

##### **Purpose of the scheme**

The effect of new proposals will be to prohibit motor vehicles with the exception of solo motorcycles, from using Old Bromley Heath Road north of the A4174, a section of Bromley Heath Road access road south of the A4174, and Cuckoo Lane as through routes.

A new trial is required to test the revised layout and operation of individual closures that are either greater in length and, or allow exemptions for certain users. The revisions now proposed being beyond the powers of variation and time constraints of the original legal order.

An exception to allow access to property within the restricted lengths of road is to be included in new proposals for Old Bromley Heath Road and Cuckoo Lane.

An exception for solo motorcycles will apply to all proposed trial closures as the council considers it impractical to provide self-enforcing measures preventing such use without also limiting access for some non-motorised users, who we would wish to encourage in a reduced traffic environment.

With the 2018 experimental prohibition of motor vehicles closure points on Bury Hill, Ruffet Road and Coalsack Lane proving to be too restrictive to be widely acceptable, they are no longer being pursued. As such the physical restriction at Bury Hill near Down Road will be removed as soon as it is practical to do so.

The new proposals will provide better access alternatives for businesses and residents in the Moorend and Bury Hill area, without re-opening routes seen as providing an advantage to through traffic at peak periods when more suitable roads are available for large volumes of motor traffic.

## Details of the scheme proposals

The new trials will make use of similar temporary concrete features to those used previously at the point closure locations.

On Old Bromley Heath Road and Cuckoo Lane physical features such as gates and or bollards will also be installed that allow access to property within the closed section by key holders. Advance direction and Cul-de-Sac signs will be installed for the benefit of directing local access to residential property and businesses premises, and to help dissuade unfamiliar drivers from entering those roads with a view to avoiding main roads.

Should experience of the trial in operation indicate a need to vary the location or manner in which the restrictions operate, an experimental traffic order allows for modifications to be made within a certain timeframe.

Each closure point location will be signed with the prohibition of motor vehicles, except solo motorcycles sign.

The Council will consider in due course whether permanent orders in like terms to these Experimental Traffic Regulation Orders should be made and suitable permanent measures installed.

Plans and drawings of proposals will be available to view on the council consultation pages throughout the trial in addition to copies held at library's local to the consultation in Downend, Winterbourne and also at Yate One Stop Shop.

The relevant experimental traffic order proposals are:

**Ref. L3/STOP/PT.6426** - (Cuckoo Lane, Winterbourne) (Prohibition of Driving) Experimental Order 2019 - **Cuckoo Lane** - from a point 90 metres generally south of Bury Hill southwards for 115 metres.

**Ref.L3/STOP/PT.6427** – (Old Bromley Heath Road, Winterbourne) (Prohibition of Driving) Experimental Order 2019 – **Old Bromley Heath Road also known as Bromley Heath Road** - from a point 130 metres generally south of Moorend Road southwards for 75 metres.

**Ref.L3/STOP/PT.6428** – (Bromley Heath Road Access Road, Downend) (Prohibition of Driving) Experimental Order 2019 - **Bromley Heath access road** - from a point 6 metres generally south of Quakers Road southwards for 2 metres.

Details about how to make your views known to us about the experimental traffic order are set out in the online scheme consultation.