



ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNCIL (SIGNAL ROAD, STAPLE HILL) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) EXPERIMENTAL ORDER 2020

STATEMENT OF REASONS

Background

As a result of the COVID-19 crisis, restrictions on motor vehicles in Signal Road are to be trialled as part of the Council's network management duty and guidance announced by the Secretary of State for Transport, Grant Shapps on 9th May 2020.

The government has tasked local authorities to use their powers to quickly implement schemes that will capitalise on the increases in active travel and greatly reduced motor vehicle use seen during lockdown. In turn this will often provide choice to help people social distance and reduce the risk of virus transmission whilst it remains in circulation.

Purpose of Scheme

With the recent relaxation of government measures, the proposed changes will help reduce the impact of increased vehicle traffic and improve the potential benefits to key cycling and walking routes.

Preventing through motor traffic on Signal Road, Staple Hill, will provide more attractive routes for pedestrians & cyclists, encouraging active travel and reducing motor vehicle use in the vicinity of the Bristol to Bath cyclepath access.

The measures will be implemented under an Experimental Traffic Order which could potentially run for 18 months before being made permanent.

Proposed Scheme

The proposals include:-

- Signal Road closure 33m west from its junction with White Lodge Road

Drawing Reference

Drawing number T303-1484-010SR.

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.