



## **Statement of Reasons**

### **Wick**

## **High Street & Church Road (A420) – Proposed waiting restrictions (Golden Valley Local Nature Reserve)**

### **Background**

In recent months, Golden Valley Local Nature Reserve has experienced a significant increase in visitors. Although bus services are available along the A420 with stops close to the reserve entrance, near the Carpenters Arms, there is no designated car park for the nature reserve and on-street parking is very limited – previous limited parking availability at Wick village hall is no longer available.

Many of the visitors to the reserve continue to arrive by car and park along the main A420 in the High Street and Church Road. This has caused a road safety hazard by obstructing both the carriageway and footway, creating significant traffic congestion and a danger to pedestrians.

### **Purpose of Scheme**

To prevent the obstruction of the main carriageway of the A420 and adjacent footways resulting from unsafe parking practices in the vicinity of the reserve.

### **Proposed Scheme**

In April 2021 South Gloucestershire Council installed double yellow lines along the High Street and Church Road (A420) which are currently legally enforceable on a temporary basis only, for up to 18 months. The current consultation is to determine whether the restrictions should now be made permanent.

### **Drawing Reference**

Outline details of the scheme are shown on drawings T435-121-01 / 02 & 03.

### **Timescale**

- The outcome of the proposals will be subject to the comments received during this consultation, in which opinions can be assessed and to gauge if the proposals proceed to public advertisement later in 2021/22.