

Statement of Reasons

South Gloucestershire Council (Highwood Road, Patchway) (Prohibition of Entry except for Buses) Experimental Order 2012 (Ref: PT.4430)
South Gloucestershire Council (Highwood Road (Charlton Hayes area), Patchway) (Prescribed Movements) (Prohibition of Right Turn) Experimental Order 2012 (Ref: PT.4431)
the South Gloucestershire Council (Highwood Road, Patchway) (Reserved Bus Lane) (24 Hours) Experimental Order 2012 (Ref: PT.4432)

Background

In 2011, South Gloucestershire Council approved a planning application to create a 5.49ha- "Linear Park" adjacent to Highwood Road as part of the development of the Filton Airfield "Northfield" site in Patchway.

The planning consent for the Northfield development requires that Highwood Road becomes a single carriageway between the Standing Stone Roundabout and the "Charlton Boulevard" (currently being built).

The proposed traffic management changes on Highwood Road to support the "Linear Park" development were submitted to legal advertisement between the 5th and 29th March 2012.

The Full Council considered the objections to the proposed traffic management changes on the 18th July 2012 and decided to support the introduction of experimental Traffic Regulation Orders for a period of up to 18 months to allow for the implications of the scheme to be fully considered in consultation with the local community. This view was supported by the Planning, Transport and Strategic Environment committee on the 20th June 2012.

Purpose of Scheme

The introduction of the experimental Traffic Regulation Orders is to complement the environmental enhancement works for Highwood Road and will help to ensure that road safety is maintained. The enhancement works are aimed to give priority to sustainable modes of transport (i.e. bus and cycling) and to minimise any potential congestion.

Proposals

The changes to Highwood Road are as follows:

Northern half of the carriageway

- Highwood Road will become a single carriageway and accommodate two-way traffic between Standing Stone Roundabout and Coniston Road.
- Highwood Road will become a single carriageway dedicated bus, taxi and cycling road only between Coniston Road and the "Charlton Boulevard".

Southern half of the carriageway

- Highwood Road will be open to local traffic from Charlton Hayes development and emergency vehicles only between Coniston Road and the "Charlton Boulevard".

Highwood Road will remain a dual carriageway between the "Charlton Boulevard" and Patchway Roundabout.

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A number of complementary Traffic Regulation Orders are required to support these changes on Highwood Road and include:

- bus priority measures (i.e. bus, taxi and cycles),
- signal controlled pedestrian and cycle crossings, and
- prohibited movements.

All the details are set out in the supporting drawings.

Drawing

Drawings T423-278-08 and T423-278-10 contain full details of the scheme.

Timescale

The Experimental Orders will be operational for a period of up to 18 months and will commence from October 2012. Objections to these orders should be made within the first 6 months of their operation.

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