



OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (OXFORD, CHURCH COWLEY AREA) (EXPERIMENTAL TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT) ORDER 20**

STATEMENT OF REASONS

In response to the Coronavirus pandemic, the Council is introducing three Low Traffic Neighbourhoods (LTN's) in the Church Cowley, Florence Park and Temple Cowley areas of Oxford. These aim to encourage more residents to choose active, healthy and sustainable forms of travel.

These specific neighbourhoods suffer because drivers from outside the area take shortcuts through the residential streets, and residents have raised concerns to the Council about the problems of 'rat-running' traffic resulting in increased noise, danger and nuisance. Additionally, there are safety concerns for the cycle routes running through the neighbourhoods. The Council aims to make these cycle routes more pleasant in supporting wider policies towards active travel, reduction of air pollution and tackling climate change.

The LTNs will prevent motorised traffic passing through residential areas by the use of physical "traffic filters", i.e. signage supported by either `planters` or bollards. Filters on bus routes will continue to allow buses and Taxis through. All streets will continue to be accessible to residents, visitors, deliveries, emergency vehicles, waste vehicles and taxi's/private hire vehicles, but drivers will need to choose different routes.

The above Orders amend the existing orders that manage the waiting & restriction of parking. In order to facilitate the introduction of the LTN's additional double yellow lines will be added at filter locations to prevent obstruction. The Experiment will be closely monitored during its operation and any comments/complaints that are received will be given due consideration with a view to deciding whether the experiment, or any part of it should become permanent.

The County Council continues its responsibility to consider the provision of convenient and safe movement of motor vehicles and other traffic, and the proposed measures are aimed at ensuring that ¹ danger is minimised whilst ² facilitating the effective and safe passage of traffic, ³ access to amenities and ⁴ improve local air quality.

Detailed documents accompany this document.

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¹ *Section 1 (1) (a) Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984*

² *Section 1 (1) (c) Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984*

³ *Section 1 (1) (f) Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984*

⁴ *Section 1 (1) (g) Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984*