

STATEMENT OF REASONS
for
Traffic Regulation Orders to
Facilitate the Whitley South development

The Whitley South development is a mixed-use development comprising of major infrastructure works on and adjacent to the A45 Coventry, between Toll Bar interchange and the Stivichall Interchange. The site comprises of 50 acres of development predominantly between the A45 and Rowley Road.

The highway proposals require traffic regulation orders to be introduced and include a change to the speed limit on the A444 Stivichall southbound off slip on the approach to the roundabout junction with the A45/A46, prohibition of waiting restrictions on new highway and a no entry restriction.

Certain lengths of road referred to in the orders are not yet named. As such, the plan provided in this statement of reasons sets out the proposed highway layout.

The Director for Transportation & Highways has delegated powers to approve the publishing of Traffic Regulation Orders

EFFECT

1. This Statement of Reasons relates to the making of the following Road Traffic Regulation Orders:-

- **City of Coventry (A444 Slip Road) (50mph Speed Limit) Order 2021**
- **City of Coventry (Scimitar Way) (No Entry) Order 2021**
- **City of Coventry (Various Roads) (Prohibition of Waiting) Order 2021**

The general effect of these proposals will be to:

- i. Reduce the permitted speed limit of vehicles to 50mph on the southbound off slip of the A444 Stivichall & Cheylesmore Bypass leading to the roundabout junction with the A45 and new (unnamed) access road.
- ii. Introduce a 50mph speed limit on part of the new (unnamed) access road connecting the A444 Stivichall & Cheylesmore Bypass southbound off slip to Scimitar Way. The part of the access road affected being from its junction with the off slip road to a point 59 metres east of the A45 roundabout junction.
- iii. Prohibit vehicular traffic entering and travelling westbound on the new (unnamed) access road (connecting the A444 Stivichall & Cheylesmore Bypass southbound off slip to Scimitar Way), from Scimitar Way.
- iv. Prohibit parking on both sides of Scimitar Road using a prohibition of waiting (double yellow lines).
- v. Extend the existing length of prohibition of waiting (double yellow lines) in a westerly direction on both sides of Rowley Road by 198 metres (from a point

79 metres west of its junction with Rowley Drive to a point 277 metres west of the aforementioned junction)

- vi. Prohibit parking, using a prohibition of waiting (double yellow lines), on the new highway constructed as part of the infrastructure works to Whitley South. These roads are not yet named, as such the plan provided in this statement of reasons shows the lengths of road coloured yellow.

2. The Director for Transportation & Highways, has delegated powers to approve the publishing of all proposed Road Traffic Regulation Orders

REASONS

3. When considering whether to make a traffic order the Council is under a duty pursuant to S.122 Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended), to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians) and the provision of suitable and adequate parking facilities on and off the highway having regard to the matters specified in S.122 (2). It is considered that the proposals will assist to improve safety and access by reducing vehicle speeds, preventing drivers entering and travelling in the wrong direction on a section of new highway and assist movement and access by prohibiting parking.

Furthermore; it is considered that the proposals will affect the matters specified in S.122 (2) as follows:

(a) the desirability of securing and maintaining reasonable access to premises;

Reasonable access to premises will remain, in addition the provision of prohibition of waiting (double yellow lines) on Scimitar Way, new highway construction as part of the infrastructure works and extending the prohibition of waiting on Rowley Road will also assist to prevent parking which could impact access arrangements

The proposals do not prevent access to any existing premises.

4. The proposed traffic orders are to be implemented in accordance with Section 1(1), Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended) as it appears to the Authority that it is expedient to make them –

- (a) for avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road or any other road or preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising
- (c) for facilitating the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians)
- (d) for preventing the use of the road by vehicular traffic of a kind which, or its use by vehicular traffic in a manner which, is unsuitable having regard to the existing character of the road or adjoining property,
- (f) for preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the road runs

5. The proposed changes and the authority's reasons are as follows:-

A444 Stivichall & Cheylesmore Bypass southbound off slip (leading to the roundabout junction with the A45/A46) and new (unnamed) access road – 50mph speed limit

The proposed reduction of the speed limit to 50mph, on the A444 Stivichall & Cheylesmore Bypass southbound off slip of the leading to the roundabout junction with the A45/A46 and new (unnamed) access road, is to reduce in stages (step down) the speed limit on the A444 slip road to the start of the 30mph limit (national speed limit) on the new access road and will assist to improve safety for all traffic.

Scimitar Way – No Entry (Prohibition of Entry)

The proposals introduce a no entry from Scimitar Way on to the new (unnamed) access road (connecting the A444 Stivichall & Cheylesmore Bypass southbound off slip to Scimitar Way). Preventing vehicles entering the new access road at this point, which forms a turnaround area, will prevent vehicles travelling in a westbound direction along the access road. The access road is in effect one way as vehicles can only enter the road from the slip road junction. This will assist to improve safety and avoid head on collisions.

Scimitar Way, Rowley Road and new highway constructed as part of the infrastructure works to Whitley South – Prohibition of Waiting

It is proposed to introduce a prohibition of waiting on both sides of Scimitar Way and the new highway constructed as part of the infrastructure works to Whitley South. In addition, it is proposed to extend the existing prohibition of waiting on Rowley Road, westward on both sides of the road for approximately 198 metres. The prohibition of waiting (double yellow lines) are to prevent parking and maintain unobstructed access.

The plan referred to

