

STATEMENT OF REASONS

for

City of Coventry (Ringway St Nicholas & Upper Well Street) (Two Way Cycle Lane) (Experimental) Order 2021

It is proposed to create a two-way cycle lane on sections of two of the Ringway St Nicholas (A4053) slip roads, part of the circulatory carriageway of Ringway Junction 9 and Upper Well Street. This is to assist people to cycle as an alternative means of travel.

The two-way cycle lane on the carriageway will be separated from the flow of other traffic; this should assist cyclists, especially less confident cyclists. The route has been chosen, in combination with additional cycle track provision, to assist to provide a route across the ring road into the city centre.

To be able to monitor the impact of this change the traffic regulation order (TRO) is being implemented as an Experimental TRO, if it is successful it will be made permanent in the future.

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 Order:-

City of Coventry (Ringway St Nicholas & Upper Well Street) (Two Way Cycle Lane)
(Experimental) Order 2021

The general effect of these proposals will be to

- i. create a two-way cycle lane on Ringway St Nicholas, on the northern side of the clockwise on slip (nearside lane) approximately 84.4 metres long.
- ii. create a two-way cycle lane on Ringway St Nicholas, on the southern side of the anti-clockwise off slip (nearside lane) approximately 10.4 metres long.
- iii. create a two-way cycle lane on the circulatory carriageway of Ringway Junction 9 between its junctions with the anticlockwise off slip and Upper Well Street.
- iv. create a two-way cycle lane on Upper Well Street (eastern side) from its junction with Ringway Junction 9 to its junction with Lamb Street

The proposals in combination with the creation of sections of segregated and unsegregated cycle track along lengths Ringway St Nicholas and Upper Well Street will assist to create a route across the ring road accessing the city centre.

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 the route for cyclists travelling across the ring road and in to/out of the city centre.

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 be maintained. There is one premises located with an entrance only access on the Ringway St Nicholas clockwise on slip (Wickes) and access will be maintained.

(b) the effect on the amenities of any locality affected and..the importance of regulating and restricting the use of roads by heavy commercial vehicles, so as to improve the amenities of the areas through which the roads run;

The order does not increase accessibility for heavy goods vehicles

4. The proposed traffic order is 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
- (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:-

Ringway St Nicholas clockwise on slip – Two Way Cycle Lane

The order will create a two-way cycle lane on the Ringway St Nicholas clockwise on slip (nearside), from a point approx. 29.8m northeast of its junction with Ringway Junction 9 to a point 114.2m northeast of the aforementioned junction. This will create part of a cycle route across the ring road in to/ out of the city centre which should assist people to cycle as an alternative means of travel.

Ringway St Nicholas anti-clockwise off slip – Two Way Cycle Lane

The order will create a two-way cycle lane on the Ringway St Nicholas anti-clockwise off slip (nearside lane) from its junction with Ringway junction 9 to a point approximately 10.4m northeast of the aforementioned junction. This will create part of a cycle route across the ring road in to/ out of the city centre which should assist people to cycle as an alternative means of travel.

Ringway Junction 9 – Two Way Cycle Lane

The order will create a two-way cycle lane on the circulatory carriageway of Ringway Junction 9 from its junction with the Ringway St Nicholas anti-clockwise off slip to its junction with Upper Well Street. This will create part of a cycle route across the ring road in to/ out of the city centre which should assist people to cycle as an alternative means of travel.

Upper Well Street (eastern side) – Two Way Cycle Lane

The order will create a two-way cycle lane on the eastern side of Upper Well Street, from its junction with Ringway Junction 9 to its junction with Lamb Street. This will create part of a cycle route across the ring road in to/ out of the city centre which should assist people to cycle as an alternative means of travel.