

## **STATEMENT OF REASONS**

**for**

### **City of Coventry (St Martins Road) (Prohibition of U-Turn) Order 2024**

In response to road safety concerns it is proposed to introduce a prohibition of U-Turn ('No U-Turn') on St Martin's Road at its signalised junction with Erithway Road.

Safety concerns have been raised previously about drivers turning right on to St Martins Road when exiting the garage (petrol station) located at the junction of St Martins Road/A45, to travel towards the St Martins Road / A45 roundabout. The manoeuvre has since been physically prevented by the installation of bollards. However, some drivers are now turning left out of the garage on to St Martins' Road and undertaking U-turns on St Martin's Road at its signalised junction with Erithway Road.

The proposal will prevent southbound drivers on St Martins Road, performing a U turn at the junction with Erithway Road

The Director for Transportation, Highways and Sustainability 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 (St Martins Road) (Prohibition of U-Turn) Order 2024**

The general effect of these proposal will be to:

Prevent southbound vehicles travelling along St Martins Road performing a U-turn manoeuvre at its junction with Erithway Road,

2. The Director for Transportation Highways and Sustainability, 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.

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, routes are available without the need to perform a U turn. In addition to the access on St Martins Road, vehicles can also egress the garage forecourt on to the A45 Stonebridge Highway westbound which allows full access to all routes leading from the roundabout.

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
- (c) for facilitating the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians),

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

#### St Martin's Road - Prohibition of U-Turn

The proposed prohibition of U-Turn order on St Martins Road at its junction with Erithway Road, will prevent southbound vehicles travelling along St Martin's Road from performing a U-Turn at its traffic signalised junction with Erithway Road. The changes will improve road safety, as vehicles have been observed making U turn manoeuvres at this location, and such manoeuvres can result in conflicts.