

STATEMENT OF REASONS

for

City Of Coventry (Palmer Lane)(Prohibition Of Driving) Order 2024 & City Of Coventry (Palmer Lane)(No Entry) Order 2024

A Public Realm scheme is proposed in Palmer Lane. The scheme includes de-culverting the river Sherbourne and hard and soft landscaping to create a new city centre place. The scheme will improve the amenity of Palmer Lane and give greater priority for pedestrians as well as provide a public open space.

The proposed scheme will prohibit vehicles from driving along a part of Palmer Lane with the potential in the future to provide outdoor space and seating for pedestrians.

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EFFECT

1. This Statement of Reasons relates to the making of the following Road Traffic Regulation Order.

- **City of Coventry(Palmer Lane)(Prohibition of Driving)Order 2024**
- **City of Coventry(Palmer Lane)(No Entry)Order 2024**

The general effect of these proposals will be to:

- i. Create a pedestrian area, which will prohibit access to motor vehicles on the northern most part of Palmer Lane. This prohibition will be 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Vehicular access into this area will only be permitted for loading and unloading for adjacent premises
- ii. Install a No Entry restriction into Palmer Lane from Burges/Cross Cheaping

2. The Director for City Services and Commercial has delegated powers to approve the publishing of 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 improve access and amenity for pedestrians.

Furthermore, it is considered that the proposals will affect 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, as access will be granted into the prohibition of driving area for the purposes of loading and unloading to adjacent premises.

The No Entry provision does not prevent access to premises as alternative routes are available.

(b) the effect on the amenities of any locality affected and (without prejudice to the generality of this paragraph) the importance of regulating and restricting the use of roads by heavy commercial vehicles, so as to preserve or improve the amenities of the areas through which the roads run;

The length of Palmer Lane to be restricted narrows making it difficult to manoeuvre and turn around large vehicles

(d) any other relevant matters

The restriction of vehicles will provide a public space where pedestrians are not in conflict with 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

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

(e) for preserving the character of the road in a case where it is specially suitable for use by persons on foot

(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:

Palmer Lane – Prohibition of Driving

The proposed introduction of a prohibition of driving is part of a public realm scheme to create a new city centre place, improving the amenity of Palmer Lane and giving greater priority for pedestrians. There is also the potential in the future to consider the use of tables and chairs in the area (subject to licences). Bollards will be used to assist the compliance of the restriction, with arrangements for access for loading/unloading for adjacent premises within the prohibited area.

Palmer Lane – No Entry into Palmer Lane from Burges

The proposed No Entry will assist to remove conflict along the narrow, two way section of Palmer Lane, adjacent to the Hackney Carriage rank.