

## **STATEMENT OF REASONS**

**for**

### **City of Coventry (Beechwood Avenue) (20mph Zone) Order 2025**

Earlsdon Liveable Neighbourhood is a traffic management scheme proposed to create more social space within the highway, with more attractive environments for walking and cycling.

Earlsdon was chosen as one of two pilot areas in Coventry for Transport for West Midlands' Active Travel Neighbourhood funding, for a scheme of this type, as the area has historically presented issues that would best be tackled with a neighbourhood-wide approach.

The scheme was introduced throughout 2024 and subsequent to this requires a small amendment to the extent of the 20mph speed limit

### **EFFECT**

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

- **City of Coventry (Beechwood Avenue) (20mph Zone) Order 2024**

1. The general effect of these proposals will be to restrict vehicular traffic from travelling at speeds greater than 20mph on part of Beechwood Avenue.
2. The Director for Transportation, Highways & Sustainability has delegated powers to approve the publishing of Traffic Regulation Orders and Notices of Intent.

### **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 proposal will further assist to improve safety and access, by reducing vehicle speeds

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 as this proposal does not prevent access to any existing premises as alternative routes are available.

*(c) the importance of facilitating the passage of public service vehicles and of securing the safety and convenience of persons using or desiring to use such vehicles*

The traffic orders proposed will reduce the likelihood of potential conflict manoeuvres and reduce vehicle speeds to improve amenity and accessibility for pedestrians and vulnerable road users generally, as well as when access public transport.

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:-

Beechwood Avenue – 20mph zone

The Order will introduce a 20mph zone for this length of Beechwood Avenue, which will contribute to a reduction in vehicle speeds and improve road safety for all road users.

Road in the City of Coventry	Extent
Beechwood Avenue	From a point 62 metres west of its junction with the westernmost junction of Hartington Crescent to a point 130 metres north westerly of the rail bridge