

## **STATEMENT OF REASONS**

**for**

### **City of Coventry (Judds Lane and Rowley's Green Lane)(No Stopping At Any Time and Taxi Clearway) Order 2025**

Following issues raised by the Coventry Building Society Football Stadium regarding access into and out of their car parks, changes to the traffic management are being proposed to improve safety and assist access for vulnerable road users and improve access for public transport, namely Taxis.

The proposed No Stopping At Any Time restriction will remove any provision for picking up or dropping off pedestrians, which will remove the need for vehicles along this location when the football stadium is in use. It will also ensure that vehicular access to and from the stadium is unhindered by preventing parking and/or manoeuvring vehicles.

There are also some lengths of Judds Lane that are not currently protected by any waiting restrictions and these encourage motorists to visit these lengths of road to search for an on street parking space. The proposed restriction will remove the provision for on street parking and thus remove traffic along the named roads as there will be no legitimate reason to travel these roads.

A Taxi rank is proposed to ensure sufficient provision for this element of Public Transport.

## **EFFECT**

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

- **City of Coventry (Judds Lane and Rowley's Green Lane)(No Stopping At Any Time and Taxi Clearway) Order 2025**

The general effect of these proposals will be to:

- i. Revoke the existing restriction of No Waiting At Any Time along the entire length of Judds Lane and the part of Rowley's Green Lane from Jimmy Hill Way (A444) to Judds Lane.
- ii. Introduce a No Stopping At Any Time along the entire length of Judds Lane and the part of Rowley's Green Lane from Jimmy Hill Way (A444) to Judds Lane.
- iii. Introduce a Taxi Carriage Clearway on Judds Lane, adjacent to the Coventry Building Society football stadium, to create a Taxi Carriage rank

2. The Director of City Services and Commercial, has delegated powers to approve the publishing of all proposed Road Traffic Regulation Orders

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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, keep traffic moving, reduce congestion and enhance facilities for pedestrians and visitors to the football stadium.

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 enhanced as congestion and obstruction caused by parking and picking up/dropping off will be significantly reduced.

*(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 order proposed creates a Taxi rank and remove parking which will aid the passage of public service vehicles.

*(d) Any other matters appearing to the local authority to be relevant*

The removal of on street parking will negate the need for drivers to access the streets within the proposed Order, reducing the volume of traffic and thus aiding access for pedestrians attending the football stadium.

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)

- (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
- (e) (without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (d) above) for preserving the character of the road in a case where it is specially suitable for use by persons on horseback or on foot

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

Judds Lane and Rowley's Green Lane (part) – Introduce a No Stopping At Any Time Restriction

This proposal, alongside the football stadium, will remove the ability for vehicles to stop along Judds Lane and part of Rowley's Green Lane. Without this provision, there will be no need for drivers to access the roads in question which will remove congestion and reduce parking & obstruction on the roads that provide access to the football stadium.

The cul-de-sac end of Judds Lane currently has no restriction for on street parking and this proposal will seek to prohibit parking here to improve access for pedestrians accessing the stadium via the Grindle Road rail overbridge.

Judds Lane – Introduce a Taxi Rank

This proposal will provide a designated location for Taxis to pick up and drop off passengers. The proposed Taxi Rank will prohibit picking up and dropping off of passengers for any other type of vehicle.