

STATEMENT OF REASONS

for

CITY OF COVENTRY (LONDON ROAD) (7.5 TONNE WEIGHT RESTRICTION) (EXPERIMENTAL) ORDER 2026

It is proposed to introduce an experimental 7.5 tonnes weight restriction on London Road in order to reduce the number of HGVs using the road and improve amenities in the area.

EFFECT

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

- **City of Coventry (London Road)(7.5 Tonnes Weight Restriction)(Experimental) Order 2026**

The general effect of these proposals will be to prohibit vehicular traffic over 7.5 tonnes in weight using the section of road London Road between Allard Way and Tonbridge Road.

2. The Director for Regeneration and Economy has delegated powers to approve the publishing of 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 proposal will contribute to the safer movement of traffic.

Furthermore, it is considered that the proposals will affect matters specified in S.122(2) as follows:

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 weight limit will assist amenity and accessibility for pedestrians and vulnerable road users generally as well as in accessing public transport

(d) any other matters appearing to be relevant

The weight limit will reduce the number of large vehicles using the road and improve amenity and access for pedestrians.

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:

London Road – 7.5 Tonnes Weight Restriction

The Order will create a 7.5 tonnes weight restriction on the length of London Road shown in the table below. The weight limit will contribute to a reduction in the number of HGVs using the road and improve amenities within the area. The use of the ETRO will enable the effects of the changes to be monitored.

Road in the City of Coventry	Extent
London Road	Southbound - between its junctions with Allard Way and Tonbridge Road
London Road	Northbound – from its junction with Tonbridge Road to a point 5 metres south of the London Road Service Road.