STATEMENT OF REASONS
for

CITY OF COVENTRY (CROWN GREEN and GATESIDE ROAD) (PEDESTRIANISED SCHOOL STREET) (EXPERIMENTAL) ORDER 2026

School Street schemes limit the amount of motor traffic in streets surrounding schools for a short time at the start and end of the school day.

The schemes aim to reduce congestion and improve air quality in and around school gates and make the streets outside schools safer at the start and end of the school day. In addition to having the potential to improve road safety outside schools, the schemes also offer other benefits including encouraging people to walk, cycle or wheel more. The measures can also help to address traffic and parking pressures; problems people living close to a school can experience due to school gate parking.

Access for residents is maintained whilst the restriction is in operation using permits.

It is proposed to introduce a School Street on both Crown Green and Gateside Road in the Ward of Foleshill, to support of Holbrook Primary School

The school and local residents have been consulted and are in support of the School Street. The scheme is to be installed using a prohibition of driving, Monday to Friday, at times agreed with the individual schools, based on the start and finish times for the school.

To be able to monitor the impact of the changes, the traffic regulation order (TRO) is being implemented as an Experimental TRO. This will provide the opportunity for people to see how the scheme works before responding with their comments and/or objections and for monitoring to take place.

The Director for Economic Growth has delegated powers to approve the publishing of Traffic Regulation Orders.

EFFECT

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

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The general effect of these proposals will be to:

i. Prohibit driving Monday to Friday, 8.15am to 9.15am and 2.45pm to 3.45pm with an exception for permit holders, with a permit identifier HBP, on:
Crown Green – for its entire length
Gateside Road - for its entire length

Eligible residents can apply for permits.

REASONS

2. 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, by reducing the volume of vehicular traffic and therefore the likelihood of potential conflict manoeuvres with pedestrians, especially children, and other vehicles. Access for residents is still available using a permit system.

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 maintained using a permit system. Residents within a specific scheme can apply for a permit for that scheme, which if used provides an exemption to the prohibition of driving restriction.

(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

Bus services and school buses will still be able to access. At locations where the traffic order applies but it is not a bus route, it will reduce the likelihood of potential conflict manoeuvres and should assist to improve safety for pedestrians.

3. 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)

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

The proposed introduction of a prohibition of driving on Crown Green and Gateside Road whereby vehicles (except for permit holders) will not be able to drive in the area Monday to Friday, 8.15am to 9.15am and 2.45pm to 3.45pm, is a traffic management scheme for Holbrook Primary School. The scheme introduces traffic free school streets, to try to improve safety for pedestrians, especially children, at school entry and exit times. This proposal includes an exemption for permit holders (permit identifier HBP) which assists to maintain access for residents of these roads when the prohibition of driving is in operation. The use of an ETRO will enable the effect of the changes to be monitored.