BARNSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

THE METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF BARNSLEY (BARNSLEY TOWN CENTRE) (EXPERIMENTAL TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS) ORDER 2023

Statement of Reasons

The construction of the Glass Works has led to significant changes to Barnsley town centre and its highway layout, including stopping up parts of the Highway, incorporating streets within the pedestrianisation areas, demolition of buildings, construction of a new footbridge on the eastern side of the town centre and realignment of some carriageways

This requires considerable changes to the Traffic Regulation Orders for the town centre, to manage the use of the pedestrian space more effectively, to improve loading/servicing arrangements as well as improve connectivity to the Interchange. The opportunity has also allowed some revisions to other restrictions within the Town Centre, to make the street layout clearer for road users.

The restrictions to be introduced are summarised as follows:

Prohibit driving, loading & unloading between 09:00 & 16:30 and 18:00 & 05:00 daily - on Cheapside, Kendray Street, Market Street, May Day Green, New Street, Peel Square and Queen Street.

Prohibit driving, loading and unloading between 09:30 & 16:00 and 19:00 & 04:00 daily - Albert Street East.

Prohibit waiting, loading & unloading 24 hours a day for all days - Eldon Street, Lambra Road, Midland Street and Wesley Street.

Provide Disabled Person's Parking Places 24 hours a day for all days - Eldon Street.

Provide Hackney Carriage Ranks 24 hours a day for all days - Eldon Street, Market Hill and Midland Road.

Provide Hackney Carriage Ranks from 00:00 to 05:00 daily - Eldon Street.

Provide Bus Stop Clearways from 05:00 to 00:00 daily - Eldon Street.

Provide 1 hour Limited Waiting - Lambra Road.

The Order also makes provision for the nature and extents of restrictions to be altered where considered necessary during the trial period.

The restrictions will be introduced on a trial basis for a maximum duration of up to 18 months, using an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order. This will provide an opportunity for the effectiveness of the restrictions to be monitored and their impact on

other roads to be assessed. The public will have an opportunity to make representations during the first 6 months of the trial period which will be taken into consideration before a decision is made whether or not to implement the measures on a permanent basis. If any restrictions are required to be changed during the trail period there will be a further opportunity for representations to be made in respect of those changes.

The use of an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order TRO is considered to be the most effective way to achieve delivery of the restrictions with the flexibility to make any changes necessary before the restrictions are made permanent.

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