

## OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (OXFORD, NORTH PARADE AVENUE) (EXPERIMENTAL TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT) ORDER 2021

## STATEMENT OF REASONS

The Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, has been amended by the Traffic Orders Procedure (Coronavirus) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2020 to enable Covid safe areas for the public. The following measures provide

the safe provision of amenities for customers of the businesses in the North Parade Avenue. It is proposed to close most of the road to vehicles on an experimental basis Sundays to Thursdays between 10am and 6.30pm, and on Friday and Saturday between 10am and 7.30pm, with exemptions for access for emergency services and for adjacent premises on Banbury Road and Winchester Road. The existing 30-minute parking places are suspended to relocate some on-street cycle parking. The measures will be in effect when appropriate signage is displayed.

The intended start in December 2020 for this experiment was cancelled due to the tightening of restrictions under the Covid pandemic and postponed pending a relaxation of those restrictions. That order is therefore revoked and replaced.

The Experiment will be closely monitored during its operation and any comments/complaints that are received will be given due consideration with a view to deciding whether the experiment, or any part of it should become permanent.

## Additional:

The street market that operates every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday (8am to 3pm) will continue to run without interruption. This measure will also be considered for incorporation into the permanent traffic regulation order when consultation is concluded (after a minimum of 6 months)

The County Council continues its responsibility to consider the provision of convenient and safe movement of motor vehicles and other traffic, and the proposed measures are aimed at ensuring that <sup>1</sup> danger is minimised whilst <sup>2</sup> facilitating the effective and safe movement of traffic, <sup>3</sup> access to amenities, and <sup>4</sup> to improve air quality/reduce pollution.

Detailed documents accompany this document.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Section 1 (1) (a) Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Section 1 (1) (c) Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Section 1 (1) (f) Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Section 1 (1) (g) Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984