

WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

**THE WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (ALCESTER ROAD, STRATFORD
UPON AVON)
(PROHIBITION OF RIGHT TURNS)
(VARIATION NO. 1) ORDER 2021**

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 A request to exempt Fire Engines on an emergency call from the existing No Right Turn at the above location has been received from the Fire Service. The full proposal is laid out below.

Consultation Drawing Ref.	Location
TR / 11064 / 01	A422 (eastbound) Alcester Road turn into (southbound) Grove Road, Stratford upon Avon.

2. STATEMENT OF REASONS

- 2.1 Alcester Road at Grove Road, Stratford upon Avon.

The Fire Service has brought to the attention of the Highway Authority that time could be saved when their appliances have been called out on an emergency call, if they were exempted from the No Right Turn ban at Alcester Rd/Grove Rd junction.

Currently, there is an existing No Right Turn ban applicable to all vehicles at that junction.

The proposal is to relax the existing No Right Turn at this junction, **but only to vehicles on an emergency blue light call**. All other vehicles using this junction would still have to adhere to the No Right Turn as usual.

Allowing emergency service vehicles on a legitimate blue light call to turn into Grove Rd, will mean they can avoid Greenhill Street and the traffic light system at its junction with Rother Street. This will result in precious minutes being taken off their call out timings and will lead to better response times. This can have a direct effect on the blue light services primary role, to protect / preserve life and property.

Although this request originated from the Fire Service for their vehicles initially, they had no issue in WCC expanding the exemption to include the Police and Ambulance Services. Supportive emails from all three services have been received.

It would be expedient to make the order under section 1 (1) (c) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 in order to facilitate the passage on the road of a particular class of traffic, this being emergency service vehicles on a blue light emergency call,

3. SCHEDULE 1

3.1 Plan Ref. TR 11064 / 01

3.2 Alcester Road into Grove Road – No Right Turn Relaxation.

- (i) No person shall, except upon the direction or with the permission of a police constable in uniform or a traffic warden, cause or permit any vehicle to make a right turn from Alcester Road into Grove Road, Stratford upon Avon, **unless that vehicle is classed as an emergency service vehicle on an emergency call** and displaying a blue flashing light

4. Existing Order to be Varied.

4.1 The Warwickshire County Council (Alcester Road, Stratford upon Avon) (Prohibition of Right Turns) Order 2005.

4.2 WCC reference No 631