

STATEMENT OF REASONS

THE WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (STATION ROAD, KENILWORTH) (PROHIBITION OF VEHICLES) ORDER 2023

1. STATEMENT OF REASONS

- 1.1 Warwickshire County Council intends to make an Order to extend an existing Experimental Traffic Regulation Order, the effect of which will be to continue the closure of part of Station Road, Kenilworth, to vehicular traffic at all times from its junction with Warwick Road, Kenilworth for a distance of 98 metres.
- 1.2 This scheme is being carried out to provide a more secure environment for pedestrians and other road users and improve the amenity of the pedestrian area.
- 1.3 Warwickshire County Council has determined that the closure assists in the avoidance of danger to persons or traffic and prevents the likelihood of any such danger arising.
- 1.4 The additional space gained from the closure of the road allows for extra outdoor dining and extra space to allow for safe interaction and visiting, therefore facilitating the passage on the road for pedestrians.
- 1.5 The part of Station Road which will be permanently closed to all vehicles will prohibit the misuse of the right turn ban at the junction of Station Road and Warwick Road, which prior to the experimental scheme was widely ignored by motorists. The experimental scheme successfully reduced the number of near misses and collisions at this junction due to it being closed.
- 1.6 No Vehicles will be permitted into the length of road referred to in schedule 1(i) below. Vehicular access to the private pay and display car park and the private parking place for permit holders only, which entrances are located on the length of road referred to in schedule 1(ii) below will be permitted. Goods Vehicles making deliveries (including refuse collections), will also still be permitted in the length of road referred to in the schedule 1 (ii) below, as will Pedal Cycles.
- Those vehicles which are permitted will be allowed into the closure, referred to in schedule 1(ii) below, via the chicanes at the beginning of the closure. Where access is permitted, double yellow lines will remain enforceable.
- The One-Way restriction on Station Road, referred to in schedule 1(iii) below, has also been revoked as part of the Order, which mirrors the experimental order, which will allow those vehicles which are permitted in then the length of road referred to in schedule 1(ii) below, to travel in north easterly direction in order to exit Station Road.
- 1.7 During the experimental order a consultation was undertaken with relevant Stakeholders, businesses, the public and statutory consultees to ascertain the effectiveness or otherwise of the experimental order. Warwickshire County Council has considered the objections received as a result of this consultation and a decision has been made to make Traffic Regulation Order to continue the experimental prohibition indefinitely.
- 1.8 The Order will apply to the lengths of road referred to in Schedule 1 below and as illustrated on plan TR11418.

2. SCHEDULE 1

i. Closure of Station Road, Kenilworth (No exceptions apply)

From its junction with B4103 Warwick Road, north eastwards for a distance of 16 metres.

ii. Closure of Station Road, Kenilworth (Exceptions will apply)

From a point 16 metres north eastwards of its junction with Warwick Road, Kenilworth, to a point 98 metres from its junction with Warwick Road, Kenilworth, a distance of 82 metres.

ii. Revocation of One-Way Station Road, Kenilworth

From a distance 54 metres north east of its junction with B4103 Warwick Road, to its junction with B4103 Warwick Road, in south Westerly direction

3. EXISTING ORDERS TO BE VARIED

The Warwickshire County Council (Various Roads) (Traffic Regulation) (Part 1) Order 2008

4. RELEVANT EXPERIMENTAL ORDER

The Warwickshire County Council (Station Road, Kenilworth) (Prohibition of Vehicles) (Experimental) Order 2021

5. PRIORITY

5.1 High