

WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

**THE WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (DISTRICT OF WARWICK)
(CIVIL ENFORCEMENT AREA) (WAITING RESTRICTIONS, ON STREET
PARKING PLACES & RESIDENTS' PARKING) (CONSOLIDATION) (VARIATION
NO. 16) ORDER 2026**

GARRETT DRIVE & VICKERS WAY (HEATHCOTE)

STATEMENT OF REASONS

1. BACKGROUND

Warwickshire County Council is proposing to make a Traffic Regulation Order, pursuant to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to introduce waiting restrictions on Garrett Drive, Heathcote, as well as formal enforceable "School Keep Clear" markings on Vickers Way, Heathcote

Garrett Drive and Vickers Way form part of large scale residential development off Harbury Lane, Heathcote. Garrett Drive is one of the primary routes into and out of the estate, and as such carries relatively high vehicular traffic volumes. With Heathcote Primary School fronting both Garrett Drive and Vickers Way excessive levels of parking as close as possible to the school gates leads to both traffic congestion and risk of conflict between vehicles and pedestrians.

As such, single yellow line restrictions ("No Waiting, Monday – Friday, 8 - 9.30am & 3 - 4.30pm") and "School Keep Clear" markings were introduced by developers as advisory measures; with the intention that both roads will be adopted as highway maintained at public expense. These proposals are therefore intended to formalise the existing layout of single yellow lines and School Keep Clear markings (extending the existing layout), to allow enforcement.

2. LEGAL FRAMEWORK

In deciding whether or not to make a Traffic Regulation Order, the Council is required to have regard to the matters set out in section 122 of the 1984 Act. Section 122(1) requires the Council to exercise the functions conferred on it by the 1984 Act as (so far as practicable having regard to the matters specified in section 122(2)) 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.

The matters to which the Council must have regard are:-

- the desirability of securing and maintaining reasonable access to premises
- the effect on the amenities of any locality affected and the importance of regulating and restricting the use of roads by heavy commercial vehicles so as to preserve or improve the amenities of the areas through which the roads run

- the national air quality strategy prepared under section 80 of the Environmental Protection Act 1995
- 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
- and any other matters appearing to the Council to be relevant

Therefore, whilst the overall objective of the Council must be to secure the expeditious convenient and safe movement of vehicular traffic this will sometimes need to give way to the objectives in section 122(2) and a balance has to be achieved between the overall objective and the matters set out in section 122(2).

Warwickshire County Council is proposing to make this Traffic Regulation Order based on the following legal grounds under the 1984 Act:-

- (a) for avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road or any other road or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising, and
- (c) for facilitating the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians),

Restricting parking at peak times in Garrett Drive aids traffic flow into and out of the residential estate; dispersing the high concentration of demand for parking across a wider area reduces conflict points between motorists and pedestrians, potentially with reduced intervisibility.

“School Keep Clear” markings are intended to keep the areas of highest pedestrian usage clear of obstructions and visibility blind spots, reducing the potential for conflict points between motorists and pedestrians.

The Council, as the Traffic Authority, is required to have regard to its duty under section 16 of the Traffic Management Act 2004, to manage the local road network to achieve as far as possible:

- securing the expeditious movement of traffic on the local road network; and
- facilitating the expeditious movement of traffic on road networks for which another authority is the Traffic Authority,
- having had regard to its other obligations, objectives and policies as far as possible.

The Council is required to have regard to its duty under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 in the making of these proposals, and give regard to advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it, and in particular, to the need to:

- remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are connected to that characteristic;
- take steps to meet the needs of persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are different from the needs of persons who do not share it;
- encourage persons who share a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

Thorough consideration was given to the factors set out in Section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and Section 16 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 in proposing this Traffic Regulation Order.

Thorough consideration was given to the equality's duty of the Council under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010.

3. SCHEDULE

No Waiting, Monday – Friday, 8 - 9.30am & 3 - 4.30pm

Garrett Drive, Heathcote, Warwick

- (i) South-east side, from a point 14 metres south-west of its junction with Harbury Lane, south-westwards to its junction with Vickers Way
- (ii) North-west side, from a point 14 metres south-west of its junction with Harbury Lane, south-westwards for 35 metres
- (iii) North-west side, from a point 61 metres south-west of its junction with Harbury Lane, south-westwards for 16 metres
- (iv) North-west side, from a point 89 metres south-west of its junction with Harbury Lane, south-westwards for 7 metres
- (v) North-west side, from a point 108 metres south-west of its junction with Harbury Lane, south-westwards to its junction with Vickers Way

School Keep Clear – No Stopping, Monday – Friday, 8am – 5pm

Vickers Way, Heathcote, Warwick

- (i) North-east side, from a point 9 metres north-west of its junction with Garrett Drive, north-westwards for 43.5 metres
- (ii) North-east side, from a point 64.5 metres north-west of its junction with Garrett Drive, north-westwards for 43.5 metres

4. Existing Order to be varied

The Warwickshire County Council (District of Warwick) (Civil Enforcement Area) (Waiting Restrictions, On Street Parking Places and Residents' Parking) (Consolidation) Order 2017 (As Varied)

5. Plans

Scheme Location	Consultation Plan Ref.	Map Tile Ref.
Garrett Drive & Vickers Way, Heathcote, Warwick	PTRO25-005-01	GI58 Rev.1, GJ58 Rev.0

Ends.