

**WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**

**Rugby CPE – Variation 13, Regent Place , Rugby – Residents’ Parking**

**STATEMENT OF REASONS**

**1. BACKGROUND**

Warwickshire County Council is proposing to, vary the existing Warwickshire County Council (Borough Of Rugby) (Civil Enforcement Area) (Waiting Restrictions, On-Street Parking Places And Residents’ Parking) (Consolidation) Order 2017 (as varied), the effect of which will be to introduce R0 Residents’ Permit exemptions to a section of existing pay and display parking in Regent Place, Rugby.

Regent Place lies within the Rugby town centre area of predominately commercial properties. Residents within the area are entitled to apply for R0 permits; there are no R0 exempt bays on street, instead, with these, permit holders able to park in the nearby signed R1 bays.

At the northern end of Regent Place within the R0 zone, the road becomes more residential in nature. Short term surveys of parking availability vs occupancy, and longer term analysis of pay & display income, demonstrate that this section of Regent Place is generally relatively lightly used during the daytime in comparison with those directly outside commercial properties. Proposals are therefore to introduce R0 permit exemptions where capacity allows, which in turn should aid in reducing demand for spaces in nearby R1 permitted streets.

**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:-

(b) the need for maintaining reasonable access to premises

Providing permit exemptions to a section of existing pay and display parking provides a daytime facility for residents to park in an area where it can be demonstrated that the current layout is underused, minimising the prospective impact on parking turnover and availability of short-term paid parking for the town centre. In addition, parking available for R0 residents closer to their homes aids in reducing demand in the nearby R1 permitted streets. 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**

#### **Regent Place, Rugby**

Pay and Display, Monday – Saturday, 8am – 6pm, 2 Hours No Return in 4 Hours, Except Permit Holders R0

West side, from a point 14 metres south of its junction with Regent Place (east to west section), southwards for a length of 67 metres

### **4. Existing Order to be varied**

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

**5. Plans**

<b>Scheme Location</b>	<b>Consultation Plan Ref.</b>	<b>Map Tile Ref.</b>	<b>Revision No</b>
Regent Place, Rugby	See Map Tile EL97	EL97	4

Ends.