

WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

THE WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (DISTRICT OF STRATFORD-UPON-AVON)
(CIVIL ENFORCEMENT AREA) (WAITING RESTRICTIONS, ON STREET PARKING
PLACES AND RESIDENTS' PARKING) (CONSOLIDATION)
(VARIATION NO.12) ORDER 2026

STATEMENT OF REASONS

1. BACKGROUND

Warwickshire County Council is proposing to make a Traffic Regulation Order, pursuant to section 32 and 45 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to remove one advisory space and introduce three new regulated Blue Badge Holder Only Parking Bays. These requests have been made by the public and are to assist with accessibility. These proposals conform to the Warwickshire parking policies and will be implemented subject to the outcome of the statutory consultation, as described in Schedules 1 & 2 below and shown on the attached consultation plans.

2. PROPOSALS

Proposed Relocation and implementation of Blue Badge Holders Only Parking Bays- 3 & 3a Mulberry Street, Stratford-Upon-Avon

To make the most efficient use of the available kerb space, it is proposed to remove an existing advisory blue badge parking space and provide two new 24 hour regulated blue badge parking spaces outside 3 and 3a Mulberry Street. Relocating the existing advisory bay a short distance will maximise the available parking space for users of the adjacent pay & display or residents' permit holders' spaces. The proposal also supports the Council's broader objective of fostering an equitable and accessible environment for all users.

It is also necessary to reduce the existing Pay and Display, 1 Hour No Return within 2 Hours 8am-6pm except Permit Holders (S2) / 6pm-8am Permit Holders (S2) spaces on the northeast side of Mulberry Street by 13.2 metres to accommodate the two Blue Badge parking spaces.

Proposed Implementation Blue Badge Holders Only Parking Bay: 29 Vincent Avenue, Stratford-Upon-Avon.

A new Blue Badge Holder Only parking space has been requested by the resident at the above location to provide access to their home. The bay will be positioned directly outside the property to minimise impact on neighbouring properties and supports the broader objective of fostering an equitable and accessible environment for everyone.

Consultation Plan No.	Street Name	Town	ParkMap Plan No.	Revision No.
PTRO25 018	3a Mulberry Street	Stratford-Upon-Avon	HN37	6
PTRO25 018	3 Mulberry Street	Stratford-Upon-Avon	HN37	6
PTRO25 046	29 Vincent Avenue	Stratford-Upon-Avon	HM37	3

3. LEGAL FRAMEWORK

In deciding whether 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 person(s) 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:

- S32 of 1984 Act, for the purpose of relieving or preventing congestion of traffic;
- S45 of the Act, the implementation of parking spaces reserved exclusively for Blue Badge Holders outside properties that have submitted requests significantly improves welfare and accessibility for residents, enabling unobstructed passage and alleviating difficulties associated with parking near their homes, maintaining reasonable access to premises for Blue Badge holders.

The removal of Blue Badge Holder Only bays will increase the availability of on-street parking for residents and accommodate visitor parking more effectively. This action supports efforts to optimise overall parking provision while ensuring that suitable accessible parking arrangements remain available in nearby locations.

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.

4. SCHEDULE

Schedule 1: Proposed Blue Badge Holders Only Parking Bay(s)

3 & 3a Mulberry Street, Stratford-Upon-Avon

- On its north-westerly side from a point approximately 33 metres north-west of its junction with Great William Street, north-westwards for a distance of 13.2 metres.

29 Vincent Avenue, Stratford-Upon-Avon

- On its southern side from a point approximately 90 metres east of its junction with Clopton Road, westwards for a distance of 6.0 metres.

**Schedule 2: Proposed change to existing Pay & Display 1 Hour No Return 2
Hours 8am-6pm except Permit Holders (S2) / 6pm-8am Permit Holders (S2) only**

3 & 3a Mulberry Street, Stratford-Upon-Avon

- On its north-western side from a point 7 metres northwest of its junction with Great William Street running north-westwards for a distance of 33 metres.

5. Existing Order to be varied:

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

Ends.