**NORFOLK COUNCIL (norwich, EXCHANGE STREET AREA)**

**(Traffic Management)**

 **EXPERIMENTAL Traffic Regulation Order 2022** .

 **THE NORFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL**

**(NORWICH CITY CENTRE CONTROLLED PARKING ZONE)**

**(EXCHANGE STREET, GAOL HILL, ST BENEDICTS STREET)**

**EXPERIMENTAL AMENDMENT TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER 2022**

**NORWICH CITY COUNCIL**

**(CENTRAL PEDESTRIANISED AREAS) EXPERIMENTAL AMENDMENT**

 **TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER 2022 .**

**THE NORFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL (NORWICH, QUEEN STREET)**

**(PEDESTRIANISATION) EXPERIMENTAL TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER 2022**

The Norfolk County Council has made the above Experimental Traffic Orders under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effects of which are as follows:-

1) amend the permitted loading hours of the existing City Centre pedestrian and cycle zones to start an hour earlier, so loading can take place from 4pm to 10am. This will mean that pedestrian and cycle zones will be closed to motorised traffic except for loading between 4pm and 10am.

The following roads are affected:

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| Arcade Street | Guildhall Hill |
| Castle Street | Hay Hill |
| Davey Place | Haymarket |
| Dove Street | Orford Place |
| Gentleman’s Walk | White Lion Street |

The following lengths of roads are included as pedestrianised and cycle zones:-

(i) Bedford Street (Little London Street to London Street), Exchange Street and William Booth Street;

(ii) New streets with exemptions for access, loading and blue badge holders – Bedford Street (Exchange Street to Little London Street), Gaol Hill and Lobster Lane;

(iii) New streets with an exemption for access only – St Benedict’s Street (St Margaret’s Street to Charing Cross), Little London Street; and William Booth Street.

(iv) Queen Street will be closed to motorised traffic except for loading between 3am and 10am and 4pm to 7pm.

2) a new weight restriction of 3.5 tonnes is introduced in - Bedford Street (part), Little London Street and Lobster Lane to form a weight restricted access and loading loop. Please note it will still be possible to drive eastbound along the length of Bedford Street between 4pm and 10am for all access and loading;

3) Exchange Street

1. install a 13.5m loading bay south of Lobster Lane (Between Butcher Bhoy and Thorns).
2. install an 8m loading bay north of Bedford Street (Outside Jarrold’s Stationery Shop).
3. no waiting or loading will be allowed at any other point on Exchange Street. This will include the removal of the loading bay outside 8 – 14 Exchange Street.
4. traffic flow on Exchange St will be south to north, however cycling will be permitted in both directions.

4) Gaol Hill - change existing loading bay to goods vehicle loading only, 20 minutes maximum stay, no return within one hour.

5) St Andrews Street - all vehicles except cycles will be subject to a right turn only when travelling west on St Andrews Street into Duke Street.

6) St Benedicts Street

1. introduce loading and waiting prohibition on west corner of St Benedicts and St Margarets Street;
2. install a loading bay on the south of St Benedicts St between Nos 36 and 42 – 44;
3. convert the Pay and Display area outside 55 – 57 St Benedicts to car club spaces;
4. install a loading bay on the south of St Benedicts St outside Nos 90 and 92;
5. install two loading bays (One on each side of the road) between St Gregorys Alley and St Gregorys Back Alley;
6. convert the existing pay and display area outside 19 St Benedicts to a loading bay;
7. no waiting or loading will be allowed at any other point on St Benedicts Street between St Margaret St and Charing Cross;
8. traffic flow on St Benedicts St will be west to east, however cycling will be permitted in both directions;

7) St Margarets Street - convert the existing pay and display area on St Margaret St (Near St Margarets - Church of Art) to a loading bay; and

8) Upper Goat Lane : one-way restriction is reversed.

The Orders were made on 19th May 2022 and will come into force on 1st June 2022 and remain in force for 18 months initially.

These Experimental Orders will be in force for a period not exceeding 18 months. However, consideration will be given in due course as to whether to make an Order for its provisions to continue in force indefinitely. Within a period of six months beginning with the 20th May 2022 or if this Order is varied by another Order or modified pursuant to Section 10(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, beginning with the day on which the variation or modification came into force, any person may object to the making of an Order for the purpose of such indefinite continuation.

The provisions of these Orders are experimental and the Executive Director of Community and Environmental Services or a person delegated to by him is authorised to make changes if necessary for safety and operational reasons as set out in Section 10 (2) (a), (b) and (c) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

A copy of the Orders and full details of the scheme may be viewed online at <https://norfolk.citizenspace.com/>.  Copies may also be available for inspection at Norfolk County Council, County Hall, Martineau Lane, Norwich, any Norfolk County Council library during normal office hours or available on request via transportfornorwich@norfolk.gov.uk or telephone 0344 800 8020. However, since the pandemic staffing levels have been reduced and viewing online would be recommended in keeping with the government guidelines.

Any objections and representations relating to the Orders must be made in writing and must specify the grounds on which they are made. All correspondence for these proposals must be received at the office of nplaw, Norfolk County Council, County Hall, Martineau Lane, Norwich, NR1 2DH, marked for the attention of Mrs Simmons by 19th November 2022. They may also be emailed to trafficorders@norfolk.gov.uk.

Any person who desires to question the validity of the Orders or of any provision contained in them on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or on the grounds that any requirement of that Act, or of any instrument made under it, has not been complied with in relation to the Order, may within six weeks 19th May 2022 apply to the High Court for this purpose.

The Officer dealing with the public enquiries concerning this scheme is Mr K Pye, telephone 0344 800 8020.

DATED this 20th day of May 2022

 Helen Edwards

 Chief Legal Officer

County Hall,

Martineau Lane,

Norwich. NR1 2DH

Note:  Information you send to the Council will be used for any purpose connected with the making or confirming of this Order and will be held as long as reasonably necessary for those purposes.  It may also be released to others in response to freedom of information requests.

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