**THE NORFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL**

**(PCA006 NORWICH QUEENS ROAD)**

**(LOADING BAY, HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND BUS LANE) ORDER 2023**

**STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR MAKING THE ORDER**

SCHEDULE 1

In the City of Norwich

No waiting at any time

It is prudent, in the interest of safety for all highways users, as well as to avoid the impediment of the revised loading bay, bus lane, and access roads, for the entire length of kerb line on the north side of the eastbound carriageway to prohibit waiting at any time. This will start at the access to the Queens Road multi-story car park running south-eastwards to the Bus Station access.

The proposal to make the Order is therefore made because it appears to the County Council that it is expedient to do so in accordance with Sub-Sections 1(a) of Section 1 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984.

(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

(c) for facilitating the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians)

SCHEDULE 2

In the City of Norwich

No loading or unloading at any time

It is prudent, in the interest of safety for all highways users, as well as to avoid the impediment of the revised loading bay, bus lane, and access roads, for the entire length of kerb line on the north side of the eastbound carriageway to prohibit loading or unloading at any time. This will start at the access to the Queens Road multi-story car park south-eastwards to the Bus Station access.

The proposal to make the Order is therefore made because it appears to the County Council that it is expedient to do so in accordance with Sub-Sections 1(a) of Section 1 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984.

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SCHEDULE 3

In the City of Norwich

Loading Bay (Loading and Unloading 30-minute max stay no return 1 hour)

At present HGVs are parking on the carriageway when delivering to local businesses as the cobbled island separator and taxi bay inhibit use of the layby. The revised A147/31 Queens Road Loading Bay will be reduced in depth and includes removal of the cobbled island separator and taxi bay, so will therefore solely be for loading/unloading. This will better facilitate HGVs, as well as allowing for increased loading/unloading for bus station pick up and drop offs.

The U41820/12 Bull Lane loading area will be reduced to accommodate the relocated Taxi Bay.

The proposal to make the Order is therefore made because it appears to the County Council that it is expedient to do so in accordance with Sub-Sections 1(a) of Section 1 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984

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SCHEDULE 4

In the City of Norwich

Hackney Carriage Stand (At any time)

To relocate the taxi bay to the U41820/12 Bull Lane layby to improve safety of the A147/31 Queens Road Loading Bay. Safe pedestrian access to the relocated taxi bay from the bus station will be facilitated by a new signal-controlled pedestrian crossing across U99004/10 Bus Station Access Road.

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SCHEDULE 5

In the City of Norwich

Left turn bus lane (At any time)

Creating of a segregated left turn only lane to facilitate faster journey times along the A147/31 Queens Road into the Bus Station by providing increased green light time. As the Bus Station is for buses only it is proposed that this left turn lane be solely for the use of buses. This is part of the Governments Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP), the overall strategy for improving bus travel in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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(g) for any of the purposes specified in paragraphs (a) to (c) of subsection (1) of section 87 of the Environment Act 1995 (air quality).