

## **ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL**

### **ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**

#### **THE ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL (CITY CENTRE, ABERDEEN) (TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT) (EXPERIMENTAL) ORDER 2023**

#### **STATEMENT OF REASONS**

Bus priority measures in the form of Bus Gates / Lanes are being established in the city centre to enhance bus reliability and travel time, with access also maintained for pedal cycles, and the public transport modes of taxis and local hire vehicles. Goods vehicles will also be exempt in terms of access for the loading / unloading of goods and burden. The removal of general through traffic will establish an improved environment for pedestrians and cyclists, while facilitating future streetscape improvements.

There will be a north-eastly one-way established for vehicles on Trinity Street, this with consideration to the operation of the new bus priority measures.

A general prohibition on motor vehicles, except for the purpose of access, on certain city centre roads will support the operation of the 'Bus Gates / Lanes'. Also supporting the 'Bus Gates' will be certain prohibitions on specific turns from nearby junctions.

The prohibition of right turn from Union Terrace to Rosemount Viaduct (except for buses, pedal cycles, taxis and authorised vehicles) is to discourage through traffic routing via Union Street.

The 'Pedestrian and Cycle Zone' on Schoolhill / Upperkirkgate establishes an enhanced environment for pedestrians and cyclists, while facilitating future streetscape improvements. Access for the purpose of loading will be maintained for motor vehicles from midnight to 11am, and from 4.30pm to midnight, on any day. A section of eastbound one way for vehicular traffic, except cycles, will also manage vehicle flow on this corridor. There will also be a dedicated facility for goods vehicle loading and disabled parking established within the layby on Schoolhill, just east of its junction with Belmont Street.

There will be wider provision of disabled parking facilities, with bays established on Carmelite Lane, Exchange Street, Flourmill Lane and Stirling Street. The purpose of these bays being to provide close proximity parking for disabled persons visiting nearby city centre facilities.

In the interests of road safety, particularly when considering vulnerable road users, a mandatory 20mph speed limit is being established on lengths of Bridge Street, Carmelite Street, College Street, Guild Street and Wapping Street.

A length of prohibition of waiting and loading will be established on the south side of Guild Street, between its junctions with the accesses that serve the Bus Station and the Railway Station. This restriction is to allow a certain length of the road to function as an area where vehicles can only stop to allow passengers to actively board or alight.