

THE COUNTY OF CUMBRIA (WEST WALLS, CARLISLE)
(PROHIBITION OF HEAVY COMMERCIAL VEHICLES OVER 7.5 TONNES
MAXIMUM GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT) ORDER 2022

STATEMENT OF REASONS

(As amended by Carlisle Local Committee decision of 25 May 2022)

Cumbria County Council proposes to introduce the above Order for the following reasons set out in Sections 1(1) (a), (b) and (d) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, namely:

- 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, or
- For preventing damage to the road or to any building on or near the road, or
- For preventing the use of the road by vehicular traffic of a kind which, or its use by vehicular traffic in a manner which, is unsuitable having regard to the existing character of the road or adjoining property.

The proposed restriction is as follows: -

West Walls - 7.5 tonnes maximum gross vehicle weight limit

It is proposed to introduce a 7.5 tonnes maximum gross vehicle weight limit on the entire length of West Walls, Carlisle, as a result of the demolition of the Central Plaza Hotel, because of the likelihood of danger to the public, and to protect the structure of the retaining wall of West Walls from collapse and enable associated repair works to be possibly carried out at some point in the future.

Local Committee Decision (Minute 12(6)(ii) refers, namely: -

- “(ii) agree that The County of Cumbria (West Walls, Carlisle) (Prohibition of Heavy Commercial Vehicles Over 7.5 Tonnes Maximum Gross Vehicle Weight) Order 2022 (“the Weight Limit Order”), be introduced as advertised but with the following exemptions included for vehicles being used,
- (a) for police, fire and ambulance purposes; or
 - (b) for the purpose of an undertaker in an emergency, such as the loss of supply of gas, electricity or water to premises in the area, which necessitates the bringing

of vehicles into the section of road to which this Weight Limit Order applies; or

- (c) in the service of a local authority in performance of statutory powers or duties; or
- (d) for mechanical road cleansing and sweeping; or
- (e) anything done with the permission of or at the direction of a police constable in uniform.”