

THE COUNTY OF CUMBRIA (VARIOUS ROADS, CARLISLE URBAN AND RURAL AREA) (CONSOLIDATION AND MINOR AMENDMENT OF TRAFFIC REGULATIONS) (ORDER 2001) VARIATION (NO. 63) 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 Section 1(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, namely:

- (a) Avoiding danger to persons or traffic using the road, or other road, or to prevent the likelihood of such danger arising, or
- (c) For facilitating the passage on the roads or any other roads of any class of traffic (including pedestrians).

The proposed restrictions are as follows: -

West Walls - One way traffic restriction

Following the demolition of the former Central Plaza Hotel, it is proposed to implement a permanent one way on West Walls on safety grounds because of the likelihood of danger to the public, to protect the structure of the retaining wall of West Walls from collapse and enable associated repair works. This has made it necessary to only have a single lane of traffic away from the carriageway edge.

West Walls - Removal of disabled bays and No Waiting At Any Time and No loading/unloading at any time.

It is proposed that the disabled bays located 8m from the junction with Victoria Viaduct be removed and to introduce both no waiting at any time and no/loading at any time restrictions at that location, to provide a wider carriageway and enable vehicles to proceed a sufficient way away from the retaining wall in a single lane of traffic.

Blackfriars Street - no loading/ unloading

It is proposed to introduce no loading/unloading restrictions, on safety grounds so as to reduce the risk to pedestrians posed by large delivery vehicles (which previously used West Walls for deliveries), reversing and turning on Blackfriars Street, by reducing conflict with vehicle parked on the double yellow lines.

Local Committee Decision (Minute 12(6)(i) refers: -

“(6) West Walls and Blackfriars Street – Traffic Restrictions

RESOLVED, that having considered the representations which have been received to the statutory consultation and advertisement of:

- (i) the County of Cumbria (Various Roads, Carlisle Urban and Rural Area) (Consolidation and Minor Amendment of Traffic Regulations) (Order 2001) Variation Order (No. 63) 20>< (“the West Walls Order”);

agree to introduce the West Walls Order, as advertised, except with the following amendments: -

- (a) the One-Way Traffic proposal on West Walls be shortened to apply from Victoria Viaduct to Heads Lane only (as shown on the plan in Appendix 5 of the report);

- (b) to omit the One-Way traffic restriction on Annetwell Street;
- (c) the no loading and unloading restrictions on Blackfriars be shortened on the North Eastern side to run from Ferguson's Lane to Highland Laddie Lane only (as shown on the plan in Appendix 5 of the report)."