

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

Brighton & Hove (St James Street, Church Road and London Road) (Various Restrictions) Experimental Order 2020 (TRO-16-2020)

STATEMENT OF REASONS

The coronavirus (Covid-19) public health crisis has had a significant impact upon the lives and health of people in the city, as well as significant economic consequences. It has also resulted in cleaner air and quieter streets and an increase in residents cycling and walking.

As the city begins to see more people go back to work, there is need for residents to carry on cycling and active travel. With public transport capacity reduced, the city could experience significant congestion unless an increase in alternative sustainable options including cycling is facilitated.

The Council has set out a COVID19 Transport Emergency Response Action Plan and the proposals within this traffic order are needed to support the delivery of this agreed plan. Details of the action plan can be viewed at <https://new.brighton-hove.gov.uk/travel-and-transport>

The footways along sections of St James's Street, Church Road (Hove) and London Road have been widened to allow for the safe passage of pedestrians with social distancing, particularly outside shops where queues may form. Changes to the parking restrictions are required to relocate the parking provision where possible or to revoke if necessary.

Loading bans are required as parking on the narrowed roads would cause an obstruction; it has also been observed that the widened footpaths have been parked on in places. The loading restriction will ensure that traffic flows and pedestrians are not put in danger by vehicles parking on the footway.

These changes will be monitored and members of the public are encouraged to comment so that a decision can be made to whether these changes should be made permanent.

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