

WBC 202* No. **

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

The Wokingham Borough Council (Prohibition of Motor Vehicles) (School Road, Arborfield) Order 202*

Made on: **

Coming into operation: **

Wokingham Borough Council ("the Council") as Traffic Authority in exercise of its powers under sections 1(1), 2(1) and 2(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (the "Act") and of all other enabling powers and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act, HEREBY MAKES the following Order:

1. This Order shall come into operation on *** and may be cited as The Wokingham Borough Council (Prohibition of Motor Vehicles) (School Road, Arborfield) Order 202*.

Part 1- Interpretation and Definitions

2. In this Order the expression:

"Motor Vehicle" means a mechanically propelled vehicle intended or adapted for use on roads as defined in Section 136 of the Act.

"Pedal Cycle" has the same meaning as in Schedule 1 of the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.

"Local Bus" means a public service vehicle used for the provision of a local service not being an excursion or tour" (especially as 'excursion or tour' as defined in the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Direction 2016.

"Local Service" has the meaning given in section 2 of the Transport Act 1985.

Part II- Prohibition of motor vehicles

3. Save as provided for in Article 4, no person shall cause any Motor Vehicle to enter or proceed along School Road, Arborfield in either direction, between a point 19.0 metres north-west of the centreline of Wood Lane and a point 20.5 metres north-west of that centreline, shown for indicative purposes on the plan annexed hereto.

Part III Exemptions

- 4. Nothing in **Article 3** of this Order shall apply: -
 - (a) to a Motor Vehicle being used by the fire brigade, ambulance or police purposes in an emergency,
 - (b) to a Pedal Cycle,
 - (c) to a Motor Vehicle, when used in the service of a local authority in pursuance of statutory powers or duties provided that in all the circumstances it is reasonably

necessary in the exercise of such duties for that Motor Vehicle to enter that section of School Road, Arborfield, or

- (d) to Local Bus being used for the provision of local services.
- 5. The Interpretation Act 1978 shall apply to the interpretation of the provisions of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

THE COMMON SEAL OF WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL Was hereunto affixed on the Nth day of ** 202*

Authorised Signatory/Solicitor

Statement of Reasons

The Wokingham Borough Council (Prohibition of Motor Vehicles) (School Road, Arborfield) Order 202*

Wokingham Borough Council is proposing to introduce the above-named order, which seeks to prohibit Motor vehicles from entering or proceeding along School Road, Arborfield in either direction, between a point 19.0 metres north-west of the centreline of Wood Lane and a point 20.5 metres north-west of that centreline.

The prohibition is required to reduce the amount of through traffic on the route and to prioritise the safety of pedestrians and cyclists and better regulate traffic flows in School Road, thereby improving road safety. A reduction in traffic would also improve the environment for pedestrians and cyclists encouraging more people to walk and cycle for short journeys. Local buses and emergency service vehicles will be exempted from the prohibition.

The restrictions proposed through this order have already been implemented on site. The restrictions have been reviewed and they have been found to be beneficial at improving road safety and creating a safer environment.

The proposed restrictions are therefore considered by the Council to be necessary and expedient to avoid danger to persons or other traffic using these roads or to prevent the likelihood of such danger arising and to facilitate the passage of pedestrian traffic and cyclists. The proposed measures have been subject to consultations with local councillors representing the areas and the Police.

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