

LEICESTER CITY COUNCIL (ST MARGARET'S WAY AND ABBEY LANE A6, LEICESTER) (RED ROUTES, RED ROUTE CLEARWAY – NO STOPPING, LIMITED WAITING, GENERAL PARKING PLACES AND LOADING BAYS) TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER 2025

STATEMENT OF REASONS

TCF - The Connecting Leicester programme has already delivered a number of major transport improvements which have reconnected and strengthened the city as a place to visit for business, shopping, leisure and cultural purposes. Leicester City Council was awarded funds from the Department for Transport's Transforming Cities Fund. The package of work will focus on major sustainable transport improvements to provide attractive choices for people to get to work, education, local and other facilities supporting the city's growth and deliver on the council's climate emergency, air quality and healthy living commitments.

One of the many projects being planned as part of the TCF programme is an improvement scheme on the A6 corridor from Burleys Way to Red Hill Circle. It is proposed to introduce a Red Route (double red lines) prohibition on **Abbey Lane** from approximately 14 metres south-west of Byford Way/Pioneer Close to Red Hill Circle. In addition a Red Route Clearway (terminal & repeater signs only) on **St Margaret's Way** from Burleys Way/Vaughan Way to a point approximately 14 metres south-west of Byford Way/Pioneer Close junction. These will replace the existing no waiting restrictions (double and single yellow lines) along with at any time and peak time loading prohibitions. As a Red Route and Red Route Clearway, means that motor vehicles are not allowed to stop (At any time) on its whole length except exempted vehicles (buses, taxis), or in signed bays, or in an emergency, or are forced to do so by other traffic or signals. The picking up and dropping of passengers from private vehicles is not permitted except a vehicle displaying a disabled badge. The Red Route prohibitions apply to both the grass verge areas and the footways.

As part of a modification to the original proposals it is now proposed to introduce new loading bay on both side of **Abbey Lane**. The hours of operation will be from 9.30am to 4pm and 7pm to 7am on all days. There will be eleven loading bays on the north-west side between Byford Road and Abbey Rise. These will be spaced reasonable distances apart to help collections and deliveries. This is to support residents and companies with deliveries to properties outside rush hour times. In addition, two loading bays, again operating the same time periods are to be introduced on the south-east side of Abbey Lane. These again supporting some residential properties along with to some local business.

It is proposed to introduce General Parking Places (GPP) being an unrestricted free bays within defined lay-by areas. These seven lay-bys are located on the south-east side of **Abbey Lane** between Thurstaston Rd and Corporation Rd . The GPPs will operate at all times on all days. The lay-by areas will not be affected by the peak period No Stopping At any time, as parked vehicles are not affecting the free flow of traffic on the A6, when parked within the limits of the lay-by area. Therefore, motor vehicles within the lay-by may stop and park within a GPP without time limit or charge.

Furthermore, it is proposed to maintain the existing 30 minutes, with a no return within 1 hour limited waiting bay, located within the lay-by area on the north-west side of **Abbey Lane** outside the post office. The hours of operate will be amended to operate from 7 am to 7pm from Monday to Saturday. However, the lay-by is covered by a single red line Red Route restriction. This operates at the same time as the limited waiting bay.

Finally, bus stops clearway road markings will be updated, so that the thick yellow line running adjacent to the kerb will be repainted red. This means that Taxis (Hackney Carriage) vehicle cannot stop on the bus stop to pick up or drop off passengers. This gives priority back to buses on a scheduled service, and it is hoped that this would reduce delay and inconvenience to passengers. This affects all bus stops on both **Abbey Lane** and **St Margaret's Way**.

Please see attached Plan: - N11646C/A6RR/1212