CITY OF STOKE-ON-TRENT (TRAFFIC REGULATION) (NO. 21) (COLLEGE ROAD BUS GATE) ORDER 2021

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the City of Stoke-on-Trent propose to make an Order under Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984. The effect of this Order is as follows:-

- 1. To allow Buses, Taxis, Pedal Cycles and Private Hire Vehicles access through the Bus Gates in;
 - a) College Road (North Bound carriageway) at its junction with Station Road for a distance of 5 metres northerly
 - b) College Road (South Bound Carriageway at a point 60m south of Queen Anne Street for a distance of 5 metres southerly.
- 2. To provide a loading bay, Mon-Sat 8am-5pm in Queen Anne Street from a point 15 metres west of its junction with College Road to a point 25 metres west of its junction with College Road.
- 3. To prohibit entry for all vehicles into Queen Anne Street from its junction with Stoke Road.
- 4. To introduce a one-way system in;
 - a) Beresford Street In an easterly direction towards College Road
 - b) Queen Anne Street In a westerly direction towards Stoke Road.
- 5. To shorten the length of the existing permit parking bay on the south side of Queen Anne Street at its College Road end to incorporate the new loading mentioned in 2. Above.
- 6. To prohibit all vehicles in excess of 7.5T from travelling south on College Road at its junction Avenue Road except those which require access to properties within College Road located between Avenue Road and a point 60m south of its junction with Queen Anne Street.
- 7. To revoke the provisions of exiting Traffic Orders which will be replaced by the provisions of this Order.

Full details of this proposal are contained in draft Orders which, together with maps showing the roads concerned and a statement of the Council's reasons for proposing to make this Order, may be examined <u>by clicking here to visit</u> <u>Stoke Traffweb</u>.

If you wish to object to the proposed Order you should send your objections, together with the grounds thereof, in writing to the address shown above or by e-mail to <u>traffic.orders@stoke.gov.uk</u>, quoting reference: DF/NM/TRO21/2021, by the 17th day of February 2022.

DATED this 26 day of January 2022.

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Statement of Council's Reasons

With the ongoing re-development of the University Quarter, there is a proposal to provide a bus gate on College Road and additional traffic management measures of reversing the existing one-way systems in Queen Anne Street and Beresford Street to allow for egress of vehicles within College Road onto Stoke Road.

The aim of the scheme is to improve and create a safer environment for pedestrians and cyclists between the railway centre and City Centre.

As part of this aspiration there is a need to remove various types of through traffic from College Road which are generally cutting through and not accessing local amenities and businesses.

Under section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act the City Council's functions is to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians) and the provision of suitable and adequate parking facilities on and off the highway for residents and businesses within the area. It appears to the Council that it is expedient to make this order for the following reasons: -

- 1. 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;
- 2. For preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the road runs
- 3. The importance of encouraging public transport and pedestrian and cycle traffic as an alternative to vehicular traffic in order to deliver clean air objectives and other public health benefits associated with active travel.
- 4. The desirability of securing and maintaining reasonable access to premises, as set out above.
- 5. The importance of facilitating the passage of public service vehicles and of securing the safety and convenience of persons using such vehicles.



CITY OF STOKE-ON-TRENT (TRAFFIC REGULATION) (NO. 21) (COLLEGE ROAD BUS GATE) ORDER 2021

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STOKE-ON-TRENT ("the Council") in exercise of its powers under Sections 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 ("the 1984 Act") (as amended by the Road Traffic Regulation (Parking) Act 1986) 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 1984 Act **HEREBY MAKES THE FOLLOWING ORDER :-**

GENERAL

In this Order, except where the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them:

- a. a reference to an article or schedule followed by a number is a reference to the article of, or schedule to, this Order so numbered;
- b. causing includes permitting;
- c. "carriageway" has the same meaning as in Section 329 (1) of the Highways Act 1980 (1980 c.66)
- d. "council" means The Council of the City of Stoke on Trent
- e. "Consolidation Order" shall have the meaning of the following Order -City of Stoke-on-Trent (Traffic Regulation) (No.13) Consolidation Order 2008.
- f. "vehicle" includes part of a vehicle
- g. **"authorised vehicle"** means :- A Private Hire Vehicle which is suitably liveried as approved by Stoke on Trent City Council and operating under a licence issued by the council;
- h. **"bus", "local bus", "pedal cycle", "traffic lane"** have the meanings given in the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016 (S.I. 2016 / No.362)
- i. **"bus lane" or "bus gate"** means a traffic lane on the length of road which is specified in the first schedule of this Order
- j. -"times of operation" means in relation to a bus lane in an item in column (2) of the table in the first schedule of this Order, and the times specified in column (3) of that item.
- k. An entry in column (3), (4) or (5) of an Item in the table in the first schedule of this Order applies to that column and subsequent items in that table.

BUS GATES

 Except as provided for in Articles 12 of this Order no person shall cause or permit a vehicle to be in a bus lane/bus gate in a length of road specified in an item in column (2) of the table in the First Schedule of this Order, during the times specified in that item in column (3) of that item, unless that vehicle is proceeding in the direction specified in column (4) of that item and is of a type specified in column (5) of that item.

Contraventions of Bus Lane / Bus Gate

2. Where driver has caused or permitted a vehicle to enter a bus gate or bus lane which does not form part of the provisions contained within this Order a contravention shall be deemed to of occurred and the issuing of a Penalty Charge Notice will take place.

Bus Gate Exemptions

- 3. Nothing in this Order shall apply in respect of anything done with the permission or at the discretion of a police officer in uniform.
- 4. Nothing in this Order shall render it unlawful to cause or permit a vehicle to be in a bus gate or bus lane as specified in the First Schedule for as long as may be necessary :-
 - (a) any vehicle in a Bus Gate which is being used (and which cannot conveniently be used for such purposes in any other road) in connection with any building operations or demolition in or in land adjacent to the Bus Gate: the removal of any obstruction to traffic; the maintenance, improvement or reconstruction of the Bus Gate; or the laying, erection, alteration or maintenance in, or in land adjacent to the Bus Gate of any sewer, or of any main, pipe or apparatus for the supply of gas, water or electricity or of any telecommunications apparatus.
 - (b) to enable a vehicle by reason of circumstances beyond the drivers control, or in order to avoid an obstruction to the main carriageway or to avoid an accident, or
 - (c) to enable a council vehicle in the service of the local authority for the purpose of collecting refuse.
 - (d) to enable a vehicle in connection with the laying, erection, alteration or repair in or near to a bus lane of any sewer or of any main, pipe or apparatus for the supply of gas, water or electricity, or of any telecommunications apparatus as defined in paragraph 1(1) of Schedule 2 of the Telecommunications Act 1984 (1984 c.12) if the vehicle cannot be used for that purpose without being in the bus lane and in so far as the activity is not prohibited by the provisions of any other Traffic Order
 - (e) to enable a vehicle of (and bearing a livery used by) a universal service provider within the meaning ascribed by the Postal Services Act 2000 to be used for the purpose of delivering or collecting postal packets in the course of the provision of a universal postal service as defined in that Act
 - (f) to enable a vehicle to comply with any requirement resulting from works, road works or an emergency in any part of the road adjoining the bus lane or bus gate;
 - (g) to enable a vehicle if being used in an emergency for ambulance, fire brigade or police purposes provided the vehicle bears the relevant livery;

GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 5. Save as provided for in Article 9, 10(i), (iii) and (v) of this Order no person shall cause or permit any vehicle to wait other than for Loading and unloading purposes between the hours of 8am to 5pm, Monday to Saturday inclusive in the lengths of road specified in the Second Schedule hereto.
- 6. Save as provided for in Article 9 of this Order no person shall cause or permit any vehicle to be driven in the lengths of road specified in the Fourth schedule other than in the direction stated.
- 7. To add the lengths of road specified in the Fifth Schedule hereto to the One Hundredth and Forty Eighth Schedule of "The Consolidation Order" and thereby each length of road is to be used in accordance with the provisions pertaining to that schedule within "The Consolidation Order"
- 8. Save as provided for in Article 9 and 10 of this Order no person shall cause or permit any vehicle in excess of 7.5 Tonnes to be driven in the lengths of road specified in the sixth schedule other than requiring access to a premises or property situated and adjacent to that said length of road.

GENERAL EXEMPTIONS TO GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 9. Nothing in this Order shall apply to anything done under the direction or with the consent of a Police Officer in uniform.
- 10. Nothing in Articles 5 and 8 of this order shall render it unlawful to cause or permit a vehicle to wait in the lengths of road referred to in that Article for as long as may be necessary: -
 - (i) to enable a person to board or alight from the vehicle;
 - (ii) to enable goods to be loaded onto or unloaded from a vehicle;
 - (iii) to enable the vehicle if it cannot conveniently be used for such purposes in any other road, to be used in connection with any building operation or demolition, the removal of any obstruction to traffic, the maintenance, improvement or reconstruction of the length of road so referred to, or the laying, erection, alteration or repair in or near to the said road of any sewer or any main, pipe or apparatus for the supply of gas, water or electricity, or of any telecommunication apparatus kept installed for the purposes of a telecommunication code system or with any service provided by means of any such apparatus as defined in the Telecommunication Act, 1984;
 - (iv) to enable a vehicle of (and bearing a livery used by) a universal service provider within the meaning ascribed by the Postal Services Act 2000 to be used for the purpose of delivering or collecting postal packets in the course of the provision of a universal postal service as defined in that Act

 (v) to enable the vehicle if it cannot be used for such purposes in any road, to be used in pursuance of statutory powers and duties

INTERPRETATION & REVOCATIONS

- 11. The Interpretation Act, 1978 shall apply for the interpretation of this Order as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.
- 12. To revoke those parts of the Orders specified in the Schedule of Revocations hereto and hereby amend those Orders accordingly.

OPERATIONAL & CITATION

13. This Order shall come into operation on the xxxxxx 20xx and may be cited as "city Of Stoke On Trent (Traffic Regulation) (No. 21) (College Road Bus Gate) Order 2021"

DATED this XX day of XXXX XXXX.

SIGNED ON BEHALF of the COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STOKE-ON-TRENT Authorised signatory

FIRST SCHEDULE BUS GATES ACCESS FOR BUSES, TAXIS, PEDAL CYCLES AND AUTHORISED VEHICLES

College Road

from a point 60 metres south of its junction with Queen Anne Street for a distance of 5 metres in a southerly direction

Times of Operation

24 hours

Direction of Travel of Bus Gate

Southerly

Type of Permitted vehicle

Bus, Taxis, Pedal Cycles and authorised vehicles

College Road

from its junction with Station Road for a distance of 5 metres in a northerly direction

Times of Operation

24 hours

Direction of Travel of Bus Gate

Northerly

Type of Permitted vehicle

Bus, Taxis, Pedal Cycles and authorised vehicles

SECOND SCHEDULE LOADING ONLY BAY MON-SAT 8AM-5PM

Queen Anne Street

(South Side)

from a point 15 metres west of its junction with College Road to a point 25 metres west of its junction with College Road

THIRD SCHEDULE NO ENTRY

Queen Anne Street

From Stoke Road into Queen Anne Street

FOURTH SCHEDULE ONE WAY STREET

Beresford Street

from its junction with Stoke Road to its junction with College Road; in an easterly direction

Queen Anne Street

from its junction with College Road to its junction with Stoke Road; in a westerly direction

FIFTH SCHEDULE RESIDENT PERMIT HOLDERS ONLY MON-SAT 8AM-9PM ZONE REFERENCE S3 / S4

Queen Anne Street

(South Side)

from a point 20 metres west of its junction with College Road for a distance of 92 metres in a westerly direction

SIXTH SCHEDULE VEHICLES PROHIBITED WITH A MAXIMUM GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT IN EXCESS OF 7.5 TONNES EXCEPT FOR ACCESS

College Road

At its junction with Avenue Road for a distance of 10 metres in a southerly direction

SEVENTH SCHEDULE SCHEDULE OF COSTS

Permit Cost - £10

SCHEDULE OF REVOCATIONS

City of Stoke-on-Trent (Traffic Regulation) (Various Provisions) (No.4) Order, 2014

Resident Permit Holders Only Mon-Sat 8am-9pm Zone Reference S3 / S4

Queen Anne Street