

THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF CALDERDALE (ON-STREET WAITING, LOADING AND PARKING PLACES) (WESTERN CORRIDOR) AMENDMENT NO.01 ORDER 2024

THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF CALDERDALE (HALIFAX CENTRAL AREA) (CONTROLLED PARKING ZONE) CONSOLIDATION ORDER 2008 (WESTERN CORRIDOR) AMENDMENT NO.XX ORDER 2024

THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF CALDERDALE (CAR PARKS) CONSOLIDATION ORDER 2019 (VARIATION NO. *) ORDER 20**

STATEMENT OF REASONS

Calderdale Council is proposing to make the above Orders to facilitate a package of improvement measures in Halifax Town Centre which will provide improved accessibility for all residents and visitors, reduce congestion and improve pedestrian and cycling connectivity within the historic core of Halifax.

To deliver these improvements, changes are required to the existing Traffic Regulation Orders and some new orders are also required. These will include changes to existing parking and loading (disabled, car and motorcycle), to bus and taxi stops, the introduction of cycle and pedestrian zones, and some changes to traffic movements e.g. banned and mandatory turns and direction of travel (e.g. one way roads). This scheme will include changes to existing kerb lining. In some areas the restriction type and extent will not change, however they will be relocated on the carriageway to follow the new kerb layout.

Proposals include:

A629 / PRESCOTT STREET / SKIRCOAT ROAD / WARD'S END / FOUNTAIN STREET / POWELL STREET

- No Waiting At Any Time and No Loading At Any Time restrictions to facilitate new north and southbound cycle lanes as a key cycle route.
- Upgrading and networking the signals to become more efficient in managing traffic.
- Improving pedestrian movement in this area with 'straight-across' pedestrian crossings and increased footpath space.
- Prohibiting some turning movements to maximise efficiency of the junction at Wards End/Commercial Street.
- Reversing the one-way direction on Powell Street to improve access to Rawson Street.
- New and relocated loading bays.
- Creating two-way traffic movement at Wards End between Commercial Street and /New Road to improve access and traffic flow.

A629 / BULL GREEN / BARUM TOP / GEORGE STREET / RAWSON STREET

- Removing the existing roundabout and replacing it with a new traffic signalised junction incorporating signal-controlled pedestrian crossing facilities on all arms of the junction, to greatly improve pedestrian movements in this area.
- Introducing a right turn movement out of George Street to facilitate bus and taxi movements destined for northern areas of Halifax.
- A relocated loading bay at the top of Rawson Street to aid businesses.

A629 / COW GREEN / PELLON LANE

- Filling in the subway and replacing this with a signal-controlled pedestrian crossing to make this less of a barrier between the town centre and west Halifax.
- Introducing signalised cycle crossing facilities.
- Closing Central Street at the junction with Cow Green to improve junction efficiency and create space for pedestrian and cycle facilities.

NORTHGATE / BROAD STREET / WINDING ROAD

- Closing the southern end of Northgate to traffic to create space for pedestrians and cyclists.
- Introducing straight-across pedestrian crossings linking the town centre with Broad Street Plaza and Dean Clough area.
- No Waiting At Any Time and No Loading At Any Time restrictions to facilitate dedicated cycle lanes at Winding Road and Northgate to create safe passage for cyclists.

JOHN STREET

- Simplifying the hours of operation of the loading bays.

GAOL LANE

- Introducing limited waiting for more efficient use of the bay.

CAUSEWAY

- Changing the existing P&D from long stay to short stay.

UNION STREET SOUTH

- Changing the existing residents parking to shared residents parking and P&D

The Council considers it expedient to make the Orders-

- i. For avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the roads or any other roads or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising;
- ii. For facilitating the passage on the roads of any class of traffic (including pedestrians);

- iii. For preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the roads run;
- iv. For management of the quality of air pursuant to paragraphs (a) to (c) of sub section (1) of Section 87 of the Environmental Act 1995 (air quality)

Thorough consideration has been given by the Council to the factors set out in Section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 in proposing the Orders. This requires the local authority to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of traffic (including pedestrians). In carrying out this exercise the Council must have regard to the:

- a) Desirability of securing and maintaining reasonable access to premises.
- b) The effect on the amenities of any locality effected and (without prejudice to the generality of this paragraph) the importance of regulating and restricting the use of roads by heavy commercial vehicles, so as to preserve or improve the amenities of the areas through which the road(s) run.
- c) The strategy prepared under Section 80 of the Environment Act 1995 (the national air quality strategy).
- d) The importance of facilitating the passage of public service vehicles and of securing the safety and convenience of persons using or desiring to use such vehicles.
- e) Any other matters appearing to the local authority to be relevant