



The Borough Council of Calderdale (Traffic Regulation)

(A629 Western Corridor, Halifax) (No. *) Order 20**

Statement of Reasons

The Borough Council of Calderdale proposes making the above Order.

A629 Portland Place, Halifax - Prohibited left turn to Prescott Street

As part of ongoing corridor improvement works along the A629 in Halifax, the traffic signals at the Portland Place/Prescott Street/Skircoat Road junction are being upgraded to improve efficiency and enhanced crossing facilities for pedestrians.

To achieve the above, the southbound left turn movement from Portland Place into Prescott Street will need to be banned as Prescott Street will be showing a green man for pedestrians when the main road traffic is also on green. This banned left turn will also provide for a safer journey for cyclists travelling southbound along the A629 at this junction, as any potential conflict with left turning vehicles will be removed.

The Council considers it expedient to make the above Order:-

- i. for facilitating the passage on the road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians);
- ii. for preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the road runs; and
- iii. for any of the purposes specified in paragraphs (a) to (c) of subsection (1) of section 87 of the Environment Act 1995 (air quality).

Thorough consideration has been given to the factors set out in Section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 in proposing the Order. 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.