

Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council

**(Axletree Way, Wednesbury) (Red Route)
(Experimental Traffic Regulation Order) 2016**

Action Taken Under Delegated Powers

10th August 2016

1. Summary Statement

- 1.1** Approval is sought to introduce an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order for proposed red line parking restrictions as shown on plan No 39,267 S/3 at Axletree Way, Wednesbury which will have the effect of suspending the existing restrictions for the duration of this order.
- 1.2** Section 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 enables a Traffic Authority to carry out an experimental scheme of traffic control. Where there is a demonstrable reason why it should be carried out on an experimental basis. In this area there is a history of problems arising from parking during sales when parking along this route causes tailbacks onto the motorway. The effect of the proposed red line parking restrictions need to be assessed through use, by considering local representations, before the existing arrangements are revoked and the experimental order is made permanent.
- 1.3** Regulation 22 does not require the authority to publish the proposals or consider objections prior to the Experimental Order being made. However a 14 day consultation would be appropriate with the following organisations;

Chief Officer of Police
The Freight Transport Association
The Road Haulage Association
West Midlands Ambulance Service
West Midlands Fire Service
National Express
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- 1.4 The Council will need to consider in due course whether the provisions of the Experimental Order should be continued in force indefinitely. This is required within a period of six months from the date the Experimental Order came into force (or any variation or modification of the Experimental Order came into force). Any person may object to the making of the order in writing, stating the grounds on which it is made. Any unresolved objections would need to be reported back to the Cabinet Member.
- 1.5 The cost to amend the Traffic Regulation Orders including advertising, new signs and lining would be in the region of £1,500 and would be funded from the Parking Account.
- 1.6 This Experimental Order will suspend existing parking restrictions and prevent any parking or loading for its entire length and associated junctions, also a length of Park Lane on the East side at the junction with Axletree Way and Wood Green Road approximately 40 metres south of its junction with Axletree Way to the Borough Boundary providing a safer environment for the pupils of the adjacent School, and prevent congestion at a particularly busy location running parallel to the retail park.

Further details are attached for your information

2. **Recommendation**

- 2.1 That the proposed amendments to the Borough Council of Sandwell (Sandwell Borough, Consolidation of Waiting and Loading Restrictions) (Traffic Regulation Order No.8) 2015 under an Experimental Order are advertised for the statutory consultation.
- 2.2 That the Director - Governance be authorised to Affix the Common Seal of the Borough Council of Sandwell to the Experimental Order to enable it to be operative for a period of 18 months
- 2.3 That the Director, of Regeneration and Economy submit a further report to the Cabinet Member for Highways and Environment on unresolved matters at the end of the experimental period.
- 2.4 That in the event of no objections being received in respect of the Experimental Order the Director of Governance be authorised to make a permanent order and affix the Common Seal of The Borough Council of Sandwell giving permanent effect to it.

In accordance with the authority delegated to Directors to act on matters within the authority delegated to them under Part 3 of the Council's Constitution, I intend to take the action(s) recommended above.

I ~~do~~/do not have an interest to declare in this matter


Director, Regeneration & Economy

Date 11/08/16

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3. Background Details

Complaints arising from congestion caused by vehicles parking along Axletree Way causing tailbacks onto the Motorway.