

Project News

Driving forward the Woking Integrated Transport Project

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Proposed changes to Woking Town Centre

Since our previous newsletter, we have been working closely with our specialist highways advisors and can now announce details of the proposed access arrangements for High Street and associated changes to the town centre highway network.

These necessary changes will be introduced through a combination of Permanent Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) and Experimental Traffic Regulation Orders (ETROs) - the legal documents required to introduce traffic restrictions under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Access to High Street

Following careful consideration of the feedback from businesses, property owners and residents, and our aspiration to reduce vehicle movement and improve cycle and pedestrian safety, we propose the following traffic restrictions to High Street.

- Introduce a one-way westbound route for buses, cycles and authorised vehicles between 7am and 9pm only. This will be enforced through an Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) system managed by Woking Borough Council.
- The system will work by scanning each vehicle number plate as it enters High Street.
- Local residents and businesses (including suppliers) requiring access to High Street between 7am and 9pm will be asked to make an application to Woking Borough Council and any applications meeting the criteria will be added to an 'authorised vehicle list'.
- Any unauthorised vehicles entering High Street between 7am and 9pm, will be issued with a fixed penalty notice.
- Between 9pm and 7am all vehicles will be able to access High Street westbound only.
- Restrictions will also apply to Chapel Street.

These vehicle restrictions will be implemented under an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order once the new High Street spur road is opened in early May 2017. From this date, the ETRO will be monitored and assessed for six months. This allows the Order making authority to amend, if necessary, the ETRO after consulting the Chief Officer of Surrey Police.

Formal objections to the ETRO becoming permanent can be made within six months to the day of the Order coming in to force. If the ETRO is amended, objections may be made within six months to the day that the amended Order came in to force.

We will contact local residents and businesses directly affected by these restrictions separately to explain more about the criteria and the process of authorising vehicles.

Taxi rank move to The Broadway

As part of the project, the existing taxi rank located on High Street will move to The Broadway under a Permanent Traffic Regulation Order.

The new rank will begin outside 5 The Broadway and extend onto Duke Street. Once complete it will provide increased capacity for up to 25 vehicles and operate 24 hours a day.

Additional highway changes

In addition to the vehicle restrictions and changes highlighted above, we are also introducing key changes to the town centre highway network under a series of Permanent Traffic Regulation Orders.

A summary of these changes are below.

- Introduce a 20mph zone covering The Broadway, High Street, Chapel Street, Chertsey Road, Commercial Way, Locke Way and Duke Street.
- Introduce loading bays, disabled badge parking bays and remove the existing parking bays, disabled badge parking bays and bus stop along High Street.
- Introduce loading bays, disabled badge parking bays and remove the existing parking bays along The Broadway.
- Introduce a restricted parking zone along The Broadway from its junction with Duke Street extending along High Street, including Chapel Street, to its junction with Victoria Way.
- Reverse the one-way route on Chertsey Road between its junctions with Duke Street and Stanley Road; and Duke Street between its junction with Locke Way and Chertsey Road.
- Alter the number and location of parking bays on Duke Street.
- Introduce a bus lane on Victoria Way between the junction with Lockfield Drive and the pedestrian crossing adjacent to Bedser Bridge, whilst removing the existing bus lane on Victoria Way by the former Woking Market site.
- Introduce two new bus stops on Victoria Way between Goldsworth Road and Church Street West; and the pedestrian crossing adjacent to Bedser Bridge.
- Reposition the pedestrian crossing adjacent to Bedser Bridge on Victoria Way.
- Introduce a 'no left turn' for all vehicles except buses and cycles from Victoria Way onto Church Street West.

Tell us your views

Specific details of each permanent TRO can be viewed online at www.woking.gov.uk/wokingitp or in the local press.

If you wish to object or make representation (including any supporting information) relating to the proposed TROs, please put them in writing to Woking Integrated Transport Project, Woking Borough Council, Civic Offices, Gloucester Square, Woking, Surrey GU21 6YL or by email to wokingitp@woking.gov.uk by **Thursday 27 April 2017**.