

STATEMENT OF REASONS

Proposed Traffic Regulation Order for Prohibition of Driving at Ashton Road and Marsh Road (Bedminster and Southville Wards)

The Council proposes to make a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to provide for the closure to motor vehicles of Marsh Road and a length of Ashton Road (west of its junction with Duckmoor Road), when considered necessary to safeguard the public during periods of increased pedestrian and vehicle activity associated with sports fixtures or other events at Ashton Gate Stadium.

To give effect to the TRO, regulatory signs and barriers would be deployed at the limits of the road closure approximately two hours before the scheduled start of any fixture or event. They would be removed approximately two hours after it had ended. Provision would be made for vehicles (eg residents' cars) requiring access to or egress from premises within the closed lengths of road to enter or leave via the Ashton Road/Duckmoor Road junction. Vehicles moving within the closed lengths of road would be supervised by stewards.

The TRO would also provide for vehicles being used by the police, fire and rescue or ambulance services to enter the closed roads and for entry by vehicles being used for other specified purposes.

It appears to the Council that it is expedient to make the order -

- 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, or
- for facilitating the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians).