

STATEMENT OF REASONS

Proposed Traffic Regulation Order for Loading Place, Prohibition of Loading and Unloading and Prohibition of Waiting on Footway - Nelson Street (Central Ward)

Bristol City Council has received funding from the Government's Cycle Ambition Fund to develop a network of high quality cycle routes through the city. One of these routes, the North-South City Centre Quietway, runs from the Broadmead shopping area, through The Centre to Prince Street. Measures to enhance cycling have already been introduced at The Centre and Prince Street and attention is now being given to the north eastern section of the route, at Broadmead (west of Union Street) and Nelson Street.

A segregated cycleway is proposed along the south eastern side of Broadmead and Nelson Street, for use by cyclists heading towards The Centre. It would replace the existing on-carriageway contraflow cycle lane, except for a short length between Fairfax Street and Silver Street, which would be retained.

To enable the segregated cycleway to be introduced, it would be necessary for the width of the carriageway to be reduced at Nelson Street. To prevent the passage of north eastbound motor traffic, particularly buses, being obstructed, the Council proposes to make a Traffic Regulation Order to prohibit vehicles waiting for the purpose of loading or unloading on the north western side of the affected length. Loading is already prohibited on the south eastern side. To enable the servicing of the adjoining premises to continue to take place, a dedicated loading place would be created outside Drake House.

Vehicles would also be prohibited from waiting on the footway behind the loading place, to prevent the footway being obstructed.

The Council considers it 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).