



Growth & Regeneration **Economy of Place, City Transport**

Statement of Reasons

Road/Area:	Various Roads East Bristol Liveable Neighbourhood, Easton, Lawrence Hill, St George West, St George Central and St George Troopers Hill Wards
Proposal:	Removal and Relocation of Bus Gates and Modal Filters, with Camera-Controlled Exemptions at Two Filters

The Council proposes to make changes to modal filters within the East Bristol Liveable Neighbourhood in direct response to feedback received from the community during the trial period.

Community engagement has highlighted that while the existing arrangements are delivering clear benefits overall, some access restrictions have created difficulties for people with mobility impairments, and in a small number of locations have significantly affected access for customers to local businesses.

The proposed changes are therefore intended to improve access for Blue Badge holders and to support businesses where access constraints have had a notable impact on trade. They are a direct response to resident and stakeholder feedback and are intended to balance the scheme's positive outcomes with the specific access needs identified through community feedback.

The proposed changes are limited in scope so they can be made without compromising the effectiveness of the original proposals. They are designed to retain the positive outcomes already being realised, while ensuring the scheme remains responsive to local needs and concerns.

In addition to proposals to support Blue Badge holders and local businesses, camera enforcement is being proposed at two modal filters to improve emergency services response times and also access for people reliant on door-to-door vehicular transport.

For these reasons, the Council considers the proposed changes to be appropriate, proportionate, and consistent with the aims of the East Bristol Liveable Neighbourhood and with its wider statutory duties 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;
- for preventing damage to the road or to any building on or near the road;
- for facilitating the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians);
- for preventing the use of the road by vehicular traffic of a kind which, or its use by vehicular traffic in a manner which, is unsuitable having regard to the existing character of the road or adjoining property;
- for preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the road runs;
- for any of the purposes specified in paragraphs (a) to (c) of subsection (1) of section 87 of the Environment Act 1995 (air quality).