

Statement of Reasons

Proposed Traffic Order – Prohibition of Driving (Except Cycles), Moon Street, Ashley Ward

Bristol City Council proposes to prohibit motor vehicles from entering the southern end of Moon Street at its junction with North Street. The purpose of this measure is to improve safety and provide a more attractive environment for walking, cycling, and wheeling.

The proposal also seeks to address concerns about cut-through traffic, with motorists using Moon Street as a shortcut from City Road towards North Street. This traffic increases the risk of collisions and near misses, undermines safety, and discourages active travel. Preventing motor vehicle access would remove these risks and enhance the amenity of the street.

In addition, the proposal supports recent and planned residential developments, including student accommodation which will significantly increase pedestrian movements. The prohibition of driving (except cycles) provides a safe and continuous route that is considered important to encourage sustainable travel choices, particularly in light of the growing residential population nearby.

The Council considers it expedient to make the order:

- to avoid danger to persons or other traffic using the road or any other road or to prevent the likelihood of any such danger arising;
- to facilitate the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians);
- to preserve or improve the amenities of the area through which the road runs; or
- to preserve or improve local air quality