



Growth & Regeneration
Economy of Place – City Transport

Statement of Reasons

Road/Area: Cavendish Street and Elmtree Road, Southville ward.

Proposal: Prohibition of Driving from Cavendish Street and Elmtree Road onto Raleigh Road During Sunday Market.

The City Council proposes to introduce a Prohibition of Driving on the exit point from Cavendish Street and Elmtree Road onto Raleigh Road on Sundays, when the Tobacco Factory Sunday Market is in operation.

The highway design at the junctions of Cavendish Street and Elmtree Road with Raleigh Road, is intended to direct vehicles to turn right (westbound) onto Raleigh Road toward North Street. This arrangement would operate without issue during normal conditions.

However, on Sundays, when the Tobacco Factory Sunday Market is taking place, motorists exiting Cavendish Street or Elmtree Road onto Raleigh Road may only proceed towards the market area and are subsequently required to undertake turning manoeuvres, including U-turns, in order to exit Raleigh Road. These manoeuvres can give rise to conflicts with pedestrians, cyclists, market visitors and other road users.

The proposed Prohibition of Driving is therefore intended to prevent vehicles from entering Raleigh Road from Cavendish Street and Elmtree Road during periods when the Sunday Market is in operation. The measure will improve road safety, reduce vehicle conflicts, and assist in the safe operation of the market and the immediate highway network.

Alternative access and egress will remain available via Greenway Bush Lane, enabling motorists to exit both Cavendish Street and Elmtree Road without the need to enter Raleigh Road.

The proposed prohibition of driving will operate on Sundays only. The Order will be in force for a maximum period of 13 hours between 7:00am and 8:00pm. In practice, however, the restriction will only apply during the periods when the requisite traffic signs and barriers are in place and indicating that the prohibition is operational. These measures will be installed at the beginning of the market period and removed when no longer required.

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