



Statement of Reasons

The City of London (Prescribed Routes) (Road Closure) (Old Jewry) (No.27) Experimental Order 2024

The City of London (One Way Streets) (Old Jewry) (No.24) Experimental Order 2024

The City of London (Prohibited and Compulsory Movements) (Old Jewry) (No. 19) Experimental Order 2024

Proposals

To implement experimental traffic orders on Old Jewry to:-

- (a) introduce a one way traffic restriction from north to south except pedal cycles;
- (b) suspend the road closure restriction at the junction with Cheapside and Poultry; and
- (c) introduce a banned left turn restriction except pedal cycles and taxis from Old Jewry into Poultry.

Reasons

The proposals are being introduced to help mitigate the impact of longer journeys for people who need to travel by motor vehicle.

The one-way restriction is being introduced with an exemption for pedal cycles. This will maintain the existing two-way access for pedal cycles which support sustainable and active modes of transport in accordance with the City's Transport Strategy.

The banned left turn except pedal cycles and taxis restriction is being introduced to reduce the road safety risks associated with northbound contra-flow cyclists and vehicles U-turning on Poultry, to avoid the Bank junction traffic restrictions during its operational hours. The exemption for pedal cycles will support sustainable and active modes of transport in accordance with the City's Transport Strategy. The taxi exemption would allow taxis to access the taxi rank outside the NED.

The City Corporation is introducing the restrictions by way of Experimental Traffic Orders so that the effects and operation of the changes may be monitored. This also allows the City Corporation to modify or suspend the provisions of the Orders, or remove them, should operational experience show this to be necessary. The City Corporation will consider in due course whether the provisions of the Experimental Orders should be continued in force indefinitely by the making of Permanent Traffic Management Orders.

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

This Experimental Traffic Order is to be implemented in accordance with Sections 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended) as it appears to the City Corporation that it is expedient to make the Experimental Order for the purpose of facilitating the passage on

the road or any other road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians) and for avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road or any other road or preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising (section 1 Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984).

When considering whether to make a traffic order the City Corporation is under a duty pursuant to section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended), to secure so far as practicable the expeditious, convenient, and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians) and the provision of suitable and adequate parking facilities on and off the highway having regard to the matters specified in section 122(2).

It is considered that the proposals will assist to secure the safer movement of vehicular and pedestrian traffic and reduce and prevent road danger. Furthermore, it is considered that the proposals will affect the matters specified in section 122(2) as follows:

(a) the desirability of securing and maintaining reasonable access to premises;

COMMENT: Access to premises has been maintained as currently. However, motor vehicles leaving Old Jewry will be required to proceed southbound where more route options are available.

(b) the effect on the amenities of any locality affected and (without prejudice to the generality of this paragraph) the importance of regulating and restricting the use of roads by heavy commercial vehicles, to preserve or improve the amenities of the areas through which the roads run;

COMMENT: Access for heavy goods vehicles improved due to the removal of the road closure. Loading bays remain in place to accommodate loading / unloading to local businesses. Existing payment parking bays to remain giving access to visitors to the area to park and use local facilities. Existing parking bays in Old Jewry also include a disabled bay allowing access for blue badge holders.

(bb) the strategy prepared under section 80 of the Environment Act 1995 (national air quality strategy);

COMMENT: The City Corporation has a strategy to improve air quality and encouraging the use of sustainable and active modes of transport. It is envisaged that some traffic will be rerouted from adjacent streets but no overall increase in traffic volumes is expected in the immediate area. The inclusion of an exemption for pedal cycles will encourage the use of active modes of transport.

(c) the importance of facilitating the passage of public service vehicles and of securing the safety and convenience of persons using or desiring to use such vehicles;

COMMENT: No Impact.

(d) any other matters appearing to the strategic highways company or the local authority to be relevant.

COMMENT: N/A

Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016

All associated signing and lining will be in accordance with Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.

Equality Act 2010

Thorough consideration has been given to the Equalities duty of the Council under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010.

For further details, please see full report: Pedestrian Priority Streets Programme: Old Jewry – Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) (January 2023).