

## Kirkham Public Realm – Prohibition of Driving

### Statement of Reasons

The purpose of this proposed Order is to support the improved amenities of Kirkham Town Centre, including specifically the creation of an events space on Market Square, Kirkham.

The scheme will entail the following:

- 1) Market Square
  - Prohibition of driving at all times except for access for the market and events, where access for vehicles will be controlled by Fylde Borough Council, Kirkham Town Council or their appointed representatives.

### **Reasons under Section 1 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act**

- (a) 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
- (c) for facilitating the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians), or
- (f) for preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the road runs, or

It is noted in putting this Statement of Reasons together that Market Square was previously used for informal parking. Free parking is provided adjacent in the form of dedicated on street parking areas in Church Street and Poulton Street and there is provision of ample free parking elsewhere within Kirkham at both Eagles Court and Mill Street, both of which are operated by Kirkham Town Council.

We confirm that we are happy that Article 3(1) of the RTRA does not apply and believe that sections (d) and (e) from Article 3(2) applies.

The Order is advanced as an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order to allow monitoring and evaluation of how the prohibition works alongside the level of access required to the area. It is the intention to consider making the Experimental Traffic Regulation permanent at conclusion of the consultation process.