

Kirkham Public Realm – Restricted Parking Zone

Statement of Reasons

The purpose of this proposed order is to support the improved amenities of Kirkham Town Centre, including widened footways and narrowed carriageway incorporating on street parking and specific goods vehicle loading facilities.

The scheme will introduce a signed Restricted Parking Zone, with No Waiting and No Loading at Any Time except in signed bays along a section of Poulton Street, Preston Street, Freckleton Street, Church Street and Birley Street such that carriageway road markings can be reduced to an extent which improves the streetscape.

The Restricted Parking Zone will incorporate the following amendments to the on-street parking facilities in the area:

Poulton Street

The proposal will switch the current time limited parking bay on the north side of Poulton Street, to the southern side within a dedicated layby. The bay will also allow for a period of time for goods vehicles only to load and unload to ensure goods vehicle service access to support local businesses.

Birley Street

The proposal will introduce a dedicated loading bay to ensure goods vehicle service access to support local businesses.

Church Street

The proposal will amend the existing parking restrictions to reposition and reorder the disabled parking, doctors parking place and loading bay to suit a more practical interpretation of the needs of the doctor's surgery, its visitors and adjacent businesses.

In addition the order will simplify and tidy up the existing Traffic Regulation Orders in the close vicinity to the proposed Restricted Parking Zone to ensure that the legal order matches the markings that are currently on site. No additional restrictions are to be added and there will be no material change to what is currently on site. This order is to ensure the existing restrictions surrounding the Restricted Parking Zone can be maintained and enforced effectively.

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

The Order is advanced as an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order to allow the scheme to be initiated and any rapid changes made in response to feedback from businesses based on the usage of the goods vehicle loading facilities on Poulton Street, Birley Street and Church Street. It is the intention to consider making the Experimental Traffic Regulation permanent at conclusion of the consultation process.