

STATEMENT OF REASONS

The purpose of these proposals are to: -

Reduce the existing parking bay on Railway Road to aid manoeuvres to larger goods vehicles negotiating the new wider improved footways over Derby Street Bridge.

Formalise the current one-way restriction on Railway Road south to north from Moor Street to Derby Street to allow for effective enforcement by the police.

Following the reopening of Ormskirk Bus Station revise road markings necessary to match new kerb lines for the much-improved public realm area with segregated cycle lanes and controlled crossing along St Helens Road to prompt cycle and walking within Ormskirk and to the nearby Edge Hill University from bus and railway stations.

Introduce a Restricted Parking Zone except in signed bays along Moor Street and from Moorgate into the Pedestrian Zone to reaffirm existing parking restrictions within the newly much improved public realm area constructed in high quality materials. The purpose of the zone will aid in the reduction of signing and lining along the extent of the route creating a clean look throughout the area.

Create formalised cycle lanes and shared space should help cyclists feel more comfortable utilising the routes to improve travel connectivity to the nearby Edge Hill University and town centre or bus and railway stations. The benefit of the proposals to define space for cyclists is to give confidence for users to commute or travel via non-motorised vehicles in whole or in part of their journey, which will benefit health and air quality in the town. The formalisation of these spaces should help prevent the risk of conflicts between all road users including the visually impaired as recognised demarcation transitions in and out of shared spaces are included within the design.

REASONS UNDER Section 1 of the RTRA

(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