

Statement of Reasons

The purpose of this order is to allow for effective enforcement, to ensure the safe use of Market Place and Church Street by pedestrians during the signed times by deterring all vehicle movements along these roads during the day whilst still maintaining access via permits allocated to the church for use specifically for church functions.

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

Background

The proposed restrictions are considered appropriate since the current restrictions are only enforceable by the police and enforcement is currently not being suitably carried out. In order to assist in this matter it is proposed to introduce a Prohibition of Driving Order with Goods Vehicle loading permitted 4pm-10am the next day alongside a Pedestrian Zone except for loading/unloading by Goods Vehicles between 4pm and 10am the next day in-line with the current Prohibition of Driving Signs located on site which will allow for effective enforcement. In addition to maintain access for wedding and funeral cars a permit area is being allocated next to the church with 2 permits being allocated to the church for the use of official wedding/funeral cars.