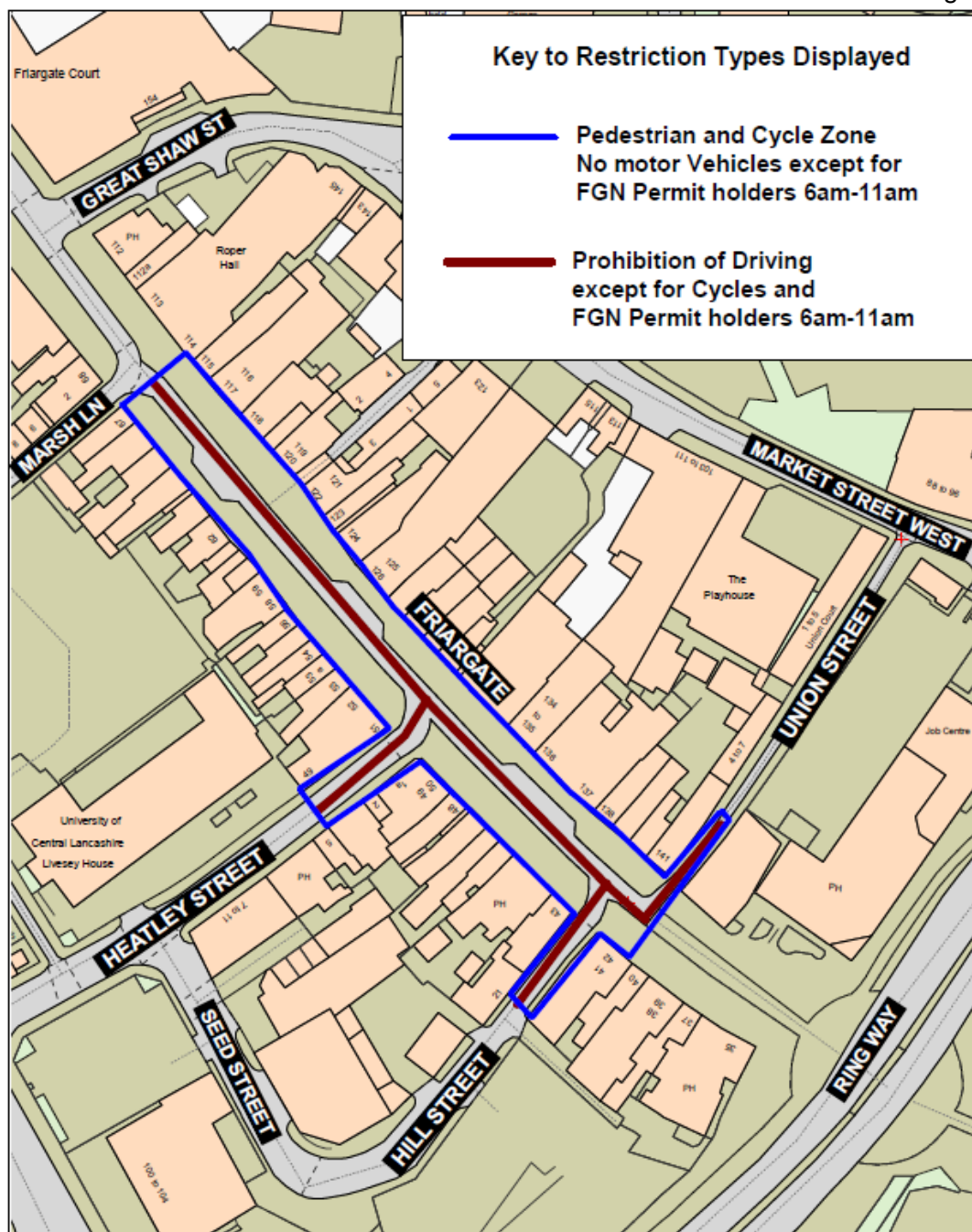


**NOTICE OF MAKING**  
**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**  
**LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**(FRIARGATE, HEATLEY STREET, HILL STREET AND UNION**  
**STREET, PRESTON, PRESTON CITY) (PROHIBITION OF**  
**DRIVING) EXPERIMENTAL ORDER 2025**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on the 11 April 2025 Lancashire County Council made the above Experimental Traffic Regulation Order under Sections 9 and 10 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which will be to:

1. Introduce a prohibition of driving except cycles, and permit holders between 6am and 11am in the following lengths of road:
  - a) Friargate, Preston, from its junction with Union Street to its junction with Marsh Lane;
  - b) Heatley Street, Preston, from a point 39 metres north east of its junction with Seed Street to its junction with Friargate;
  - c) Hill Street, Preston, from a point 56 metres north east of its junction with Seed Street to its junction with Friargate;
  - d) Union Street, Preston, from a point 65.5 metres south west of its junction with Market Street West to its junction with Friargate.

This prohibition includes an obstruction in accordance with Section 92 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.



## Statement of Reasons

The purpose of this Order is to provide a traffic-free corridor on Friargate and create improved pedestrian and cycle linkage as part of a wider scheme to improve the local amenity, while maintaining a window of service access to support local businesses and residents.

At present it is not clear what the effect of these restrictions will have on the road network and the businesses along Friargate North, it is considered that an experiment in this instance would allow for the amendment of the Prohibition of Driving timings should 6am - 11am not be considered sufficient for businesses to undertake servicing and the city council to undertake their duties.

The proposed timings for the Prohibition of Driving except Cycles and permit holders 6am – 11am were chosen following engagement with local businesses and Preston City Council to ascertain when they undertake their deliveries and require access to the area. It is noted that many of the businesses to be affected are food establishments and the restrictions proposed will allow those businesses to receive the deliveries required for them to operate but also control potential traffic relating to food delivery services, that would conflict with avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road to which the order relates and preserve and improve the amenities of the area.

Reason for and Experimental Order:

An Experimental Order is proposed to allow for the amendment of these timings should it be found that the proposed timings do not generally satisfy all affected. To assess this, the introduction of the Prohibition of Driving except Cycles and permit holders 6am – 11am restrictions by an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order is considered appropriate.

The implementation of the experimental traffic order will run for 18 months with a consultation period of 6 months and a view to make the experimental order permanent at the end of the 18-month period.

The consultation period will be monitored by officers and comments received will be addressed and the scheme reviewed as necessary.

## 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, 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

This Order will come into force on the 02<sup>nd</sup> day of May 2025 and will be in operation for an experimental period of up to 18 months. The Order contains a provision under Section 10 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 allowing an authorised Officer to modify or suspend the operation of the Order or any provision of it for the purposes set out in that section.

Relevant documents for making this Order may be inspected during normal office hours at the offices of Preston City Council, PO Box 10, Town Hall, Lancaster Road, Preston, PR1 2RL, at the offices of The Director of Law and Governance, Lancashire County Council, County Hall, Fishergate, Preston, PR1 8XJ, and on Lancashire County Councils Website <http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/roads/roadworks-and-traffic-regulation-orders/permanent.aspx>

Lancashire County Council will be considering in due course whether the provisions of this Experimental Order should be continued in force indefinitely. Any person may object or make representation to the making of this order for the purpose of such indefinite continuation. Objections/representations should be made in writing to The Director of Law and Governance, Lancashire County Council, PO Box 100, County Hall, Preston, PR1 0LD, or by e-mail to [tro-consultation@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:tro-consultation@lancashire.gov.uk) stating the ground upon which the objection/representation is made, within six months of the date on which this Order shall have come into force, or the date on which any variation or modification or the latest variation or modification shall have come into force and quoting the reference **LSG4/894.19668/AFR**.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Experimental Order or any of its provisions on the grounds that it or they are not within the powers conferred by the Act or that any requirement of the Act or of any instrument made under the Act has not been complied with, that person may within six weeks from the date on which the Order was made, apply for that purpose to the High Court.

**Heloise MacAndrew, Director of Law and Governance**  
**25 April 2025**