

**Friargate North and Ringway Redevelopment**  
**Friargate Pedestrian Zone and Prohibition of Driving**

**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