

Lytham St Annes Event Space Project

STATEMENT OF REASONS

The proposals are being pursued as part of a Section 278 agreement under the Highways Act 1980. These proposals are being funded fully by Fylde Borough Council as part of the Lytham St Annes Event Space project.

The scheme will introduce a signed Restricted Parking Zone, with a No Waiting and No Loading at Any Time restriction along a section of St Annes Road West.

The proposals will ensure the safe movement of pedestrians and vehicles to support the Lytham St Annes Event Space project and remove the need for lining to further enhance the area and make the area less vehicle dominant.

The scheme will also introduce:

Raised Tables:

The proposed raised tables form part of the town centre enhancement scheme and aim to reduce vehicle speeds in the interest of highway safety for all users.

The carriageway is also being reduced in width to further enhance the area, providing better facilities for pedestrians and making the area less vehicle dominant.

Zebra Crossings:

It is proposed to improve connectivity between the pier, beach, Promenade and St Annes town centre by widening the footway on the north side of St Annes Road West. To further enhance the pedestrian linkage, the zebra crossing on South Promenade is to be relocated slightly closer to the junction of St Annes Road West and within the raised table.

An additional zebra crossing is to be created on North Promenade to mirror the new southern position, allowing pedestrians to cross from the direction of the pier and North promenade car parks, directly onto the widened footway on the north side of St Annes Road West.

This existing pedestrian crossing on St Annes Road West, situated south west of Orchard Road, is to remain in the same position, however, will be remarked within the new raised table.

Bus Stop Clearway:

The proposals include the relocation of the existing bus stop on St Annes Road West, to a more appropriate location to support the Lytham St Annes Event Space project and to upgrade the bus stops to quality bus stops. This will also allow buses to pull in and out safely and allow effective enforcement.

A raised boarding platform will also be installed to ensure safe boarding and alighting of mobility impaired passengers and ensure the bus stops are fully mobility compliant. Bus shelters are also being provided to give shelter for waiting pedestrians.

Parking Restrictions:

The purpose of the introduction of the No Loading at Any Time restriction at the junction of Wood Street and Orchard Road is to prevent obstructive parking for vehicles navigating the junction.

One Way:

It is proposed to improve connectivity between the pier, beach and promenade and St Annes town centre by widening the footway on the north side of St Annes Road West. The proposed one-way provision will reduce carriageway usage, creating an inviting and pedestrian-friendly environment with integrated planting and a seating area between the Promenade and Clifton Drive North.

The direction of traffic flows is derived from a study based on the availability of adjacent roads and vehicle volumes.

The proposals also tidy up the existing Traffic Regulation Order, matching the existing restrictions on site to allow for effective enforcement.

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

Signature:

Date:

Print Name:

