

Accessible Nelson **Area 7**

STATEMENT OF REASONS

The purpose of this scheme is to support the improved amenity in Nelson Town Centre, with improved pedestrian and cycle access and linkage across Nelson. All the proposals will work together to create a safer environment for pedestrians, cyclists, and vulnerable users. It is hoped this will give confidence to encourage more users to consider commuting via non-motorised means and this will improve health and air quality for the residents of Nelson.

These proposals include the following:

- Shared and segregated cycleway / footway to provide a safe, accessible, and inclusive route for both cyclist and pedestrians, encouraging active travel while minimising conflict between users.
- One Way Order to be introduced to connect cycle routes and reduce vehicular cycle conflicts to create a safer environment for users. In which will support sustainable travel.
- Bus Stop Clearways to prioritise bus services and encourage the use of public transport.
- Limited waiting restrictions to provide loading and parking opportunities for local businesses and will help prevent vehicles from being parked for extended periods in a high demand area.
- Pedestrian crossings to improve safety, support active travel and provide a convenient and accessible crossing points for pedestrians and cyclists.
- Road humps to reduce vehicle speeds and improve road safety particularly for pedestrians and vulnerable road users.
- No Waiting at Any Time to prevent obstructive parking, maintain clear visibility at junctions and ensure safe and efficient movement of vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians.
- No Loading at Any Time to prevent obstruction caused by loading activity, maintain clear sightlines and access, and enhance safety and traffic flow.
- The proposals will also amend the Traffic Regulation Order to match the existing road markings and the new road layout, allowing 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

