

Levelling Up East Lancashire Project Colne Road

STATEMENT OF REASONS

These proposals form part of the Levelling Up East Lancashire project. They aim to deliver improvements in local neighbourhoods through:

- Improving local streets with better connections through new or improved crossing facilities and pathways.
- Enhancing streets and public spaces with new planting and seating.
- Creating safer street environments that makes it easier for people to walk, cycle or wheel to local places.
- Improving facilities at local parks and providing new public green spaces.
- Improving road safety by discouraging pavement parking at junctions,
- Improving sight lines for people trying to cross the road and reducing traffic speeds.

The proposals will work together to create a safer environment for pedestrians, cyclists, and vulnerable users, whilst also improving public realm in the area. The intention of the scheme is twofold, to:

- Foster a sense of pride in local communities by creating safer, greener neighbourhoods and revitalised public realm.
- Increase active travel uptake to improve health and wellbeing and reduce health inequalities.

These proposals include the following:

- One Way system and small section of prohibition of driving to be introduced to avoid an existing conflict of vehicles and direct local traffic via a safer means of reaching main arterial roads
- Adjustment of length and positioning of existing Bus Stop Clearways to facilitate the proposed changes to the road layout
- Crossing points for pedestrians to facilitate their safe crossing of the road and minimise conflict with motor vehicles.
- Road humps and raised pedestrian crossing points to reduce vehicle speeds and improve road safety particularly for pedestrians and vulnerable road users.
- Minor alterations to existing No Waiting At Any Time restrictions to facilitate the proposed changes to the road layout

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)