



GCP TRANSPORT RESPONSE TO COVID-19 TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT MEASURES IN CAMBRIDGE

NEWTOWN AREA

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Cambridgeshire County Council is making various changes to its highway network which will reallocate road-space to walking and cycling to help the recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic and support social distancing.

As people start to travel again, and with limited space available on our roads, we need more people to walk and cycle to create space for social distancing and avoid congestion and a return to high levels of air pollution. If more people are able to complete their journeys by walking and cycling, then our transport network will be able to support recovery by keeping congestion low and making sure space on public transport is available for those who need to travel this way.

The Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) is working with the County Council to introduce a series of experimental measures to make it easier and safer for people to cycle and walk around Cambridge, by closing various streets to through traffic movements on an experimental basis. These measures could offer longer-term benefits by providing lower traffic routes for walking and cycling

which could be made permanent at the end of the experiment.

Several streets in the Newtown area are included in the experimental scheme programme.

HOW AND WHERE WILL ROADS BE CLOSED?

Three short sections of road will be closed to all motor vehicles as follows:

- **Bateman Street, immediately west of Panton Street**
- **Coronation Street, immediately west of Panton Street**
- **Pemberton Terrace immediately west of Panton Street**

The section of Coronation Street between St. Eligius Street and Panton Street will become two-way during the trial period.

Barriers will be installed to prevent the passage of motor vehicles but openings will be provided to cater for cycle movements. Signing will also be provided to give effect to and advise of the road closures.

WHEN IS THIS HAPPENING?

An experimental traffic regulation order has been made to close the various sections of street which will come into operation on

12th August, 2020 and barriers and associated signing to implement the closure points will be installed soon after. Further details of the exact date when the physical measures will be installed will be available on the GCP website once confirmed with contractors.

WHY IS THE CLOSURE EXPERIMENTAL?

Introducing the closure points using an experimental traffic regulation order allows installation more quickly in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. We will be consulting widely on the effects of the closure points once installed and during the first 6 months of the trial the public will have the opportunity to comment on its impact and to lodge any objections to making the measures permanent. The trial period can last for up to a maximum of 18 months before which decisions need to be made on whether to make permanent, amend or discontinue the experimental closure points.

WHAT EFFECTS WILL THE MEASURE HAVE?

Removing through traffic movements will reduce traffic levels in the area, creating more space for walking and cycling, supporting social distancing.

Access to all properties by motor vehicle, including for blue badge holders, will be maintained either side of the closure points but the

routes used may be longer and in some cases less convenient. Where planned access is required for large vehicles that may have difficulty in entering/leaving the area, such as for moving house, arrangements can be made with the County Council in advance to temporarily remove a locked bollard at the closure point to allow for this.

Contact details as follows:

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The measures described in this leaflet are the first phase of experimental measures. Additional experimental measures to further prevent through traffic movements in the Newtown area are to be installed during the half term week of the autumn school term. Details of this second phase of experimental measures will be posted on the GCP website.

WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

More information on the experimental closure and other experimental measures being implemented by the GCP on behalf of the County Council is available on the GCP website: **<https://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/experimental-traffic-orders>**

If you want to keep in touch with any updates on the experimental traffic regulation orders, please visit **www.greatercambridge.org.uk/subscribe** to be added to our mailing list.



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