

STATEMENT OF REASONS

LEICESTER CITY COUNCIL (CONSOLIDATION ORDER 2006) (AMENDMENTS) (PUTNEY ROAD AND WELFORD ROAD) (NO RIGHT TURN) TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER 2020

As part of the redevelopment by the University of Leicester of land fronting Putney Road, the Council would like to hear your views on proposed changes to the 2006 Consolidation Order under an amendment Traffic Regulation Order (TRO). This Order is linked to a highway improvement scheme. The improvements can simplify the traffic movements at the junction of Welford Road and Putney Road.

The Authority is looking to amend the Consolidation Order to ensure the safe and expeditious movement of traffic including pedestrians. Being satisfied that the Order is necessary for the avoidance of danger to persons or other traffic and for preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the road(s) run. Please refer to plan LCC-Enige-03-090-PR002.

The signalised junction of Welford Road and Putney Road is to be modified with the removal of the right turn from Welford Road into Putney Road. The old dedicated right lane will be used to create a new splitter island with pedestrian refuge as part of an upgraded pedestrian crossing point at this signalised junction. This reduces the distance for a person to walk in the carriageway when crossing from the refuge to the footway on Welford Road. The dedicated left turn lane onto Victoria Park Road will remain. The remaining two driving lanes will be an ahead movement only. Therefore, the signal heads will have mandatory green aspect arrows, for both the left turn and the ahead movements.

As traffic signals are governed and implemented under Regulations. The Authority may erect a traffic sign to support the message that drivers cannot turn right at this location. A supporting sign does not need to be introduced by a TRO. It is intended that a 'No Right Turn' signs will be used and incorporated either in signal heads or prior to the junction. It is proposed that the No Right Turn will be introduced by a TRO and this would amend the exiting 2006 Consolidation Order.

With the junction modification, this would prevent the right-turn movement into Putney Road. For vehicular traffic traveling south bound on Welford Road. There is an existing alternative route, that maintains access to properties and business on Putney Road and within the industrial area. This alternative route is via Counting House Road – Freemans Common Road onto Putney Road and Commercial Square. This route would not increase journey time or be deemed as an unreasonable distance to travel.

There will be other addition remedial improvements on Putney Road. This should bring benefits to both pedestrian and cycle safety. Sections of the footways on both the north and south side are to be widened. This will allow the advisory cycle lane currently located on the carriageway to be removed. Then a new two-way segregated cycle lane can be introduced on these widened footways. The two footway cycles lanes are then connected by a new Toucan Crossing. This will be installed at about 160 metres north west of its junction of Welford Road. The new crossing point will

allow cyclists to switch from one cycle lane to the other, heading either in an easterly or westerly direction.

It should also be noted that there will be an additional Toucan Crossing installed on Welford Road approximately 40 metres south east of University Road. The existing parking restrictions in this area will not be changed. However, the existing signing will be updated to reflect the current standards shown with the new Regulations. Listed below is the main changes for this area: -

- To introduce 'No Right Turn' from Welford Road into Putney Road. (TRO)
- To improve the pedestrian crossing facilities at the junction of Welford Rd and Putney Rd.
- To provide new Toucan crossings on both Putney Road and Welford Road.
- Move the cycle lane off the carriageway on Putney Rd and install on footway.