

Statement of Reasons

LEICESTER CITY COUNCIL, (GROBY ROAD, LEICESTER) (24 HOUR BUS LANE) (AMENDMENT NO.8) TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER 2020

Leicester City Council has been actively developing schemes to support our growth agenda. To the north-west of the city centre the Leicester North West Major Transport Project has delivered infrastructure improvements that support our major regeneration areas at Waterside and Abbey Meadows.

As part of our strategic planning we continue to identify opportunities and schemes for improving accessibility, reducing congestion and reducing reliance on car use by promoting cycling, walking and use of public transport. These provide the means to deliver on our objectives to deliver economic and housing growth whilst moving forward on our objective to reduce CO₂, NO_x and other emissions.

With bus patronage falling by 28% in the last decade it is imperative we, Leicester City Council, reverse this. A main reason why patronage is falling due to efficiency of buses and congestion. A bus lane will aim to tackle both issues with buses bypassing vehicular traffic and ultimately reducing congestion.

Bus infrastructure enables better journeys by bus that attract passengers by reducing journey times and enabling buses to be punctual and reliable. Typically bus services suffer increasing congestion from increasing car use. Optimising bus journeys means that operator costs are more stable and fare increases are less frequent. Bus services enable accessibility to jobs and facilities in the city centre. It would reduce congestion to support the wider economy as well as assist in improving air quality.

Leicester City Council is therefore proposing to introduce an enforced nearside bus lane on Groby Road inbound. The bus lane will run from Mary Road and end at Medina Road. It is designed to also help manage road safety by extending the 30 mph to Mary Road junction.

It is therefore proposed that a Traffic Regulation Order should be implemented on the following grounds:

- 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;
- For facilitating the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians) and;
- For preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the road runs.