

**KIRKLEES COUNCIL  
(TRAFFIC REGULATION) (No. 22) ORDER 2023  
TURNSTEADS AVENUE, WEST END & ALBION STREET, CLECKHEATON**

**Statement of reasons**

The order which makes it an offence to stop on the “school keep clear” markings on West End and Turnsteads Avenue was processed some years ago. At that time the Department for Transport changed the rules relating to the signs required by the order. For example, councils were no longer allowed to use the words “during term-times” on the signs as this was deemed to be too vague.

As Council’s cannot use “during term times” on the relevant School Keep Clear marking signs, it is proposed to make a new order reflecting the necessary changes needed to allow the enforcement of the relevant markings and signs on West End and Turnsteads Avenue. Despite the changes to signs, there will be no change to the school Keep Clear markings which are on the ground at the moment.

It is also proposed to remove the bus stops on West End which are no longer used and replace these with ‘No Waiting Mon – Fri 8am -9.30am and 2.30-4.00pm’ parking restrictions to help maintain access for the school buses leaving the school premises along with a short section of ‘No waiting at any time’ parking restrictions at the junction on Turnsteads Avenue from the junction of West End to the start of the existing School Keep Clears to maintain visibility for drivers exiting from the junction.

It is intended these proposals will help facilitate the free flow of traffic on the roads concerned and improve road safety for all road users especially at school opening and closing times.

An inspection of CLECKHEATON TRAFFIC REGULATION CONSOLIDATION ORDER 2017 for the current limited waiting bays on Albion Street, Cleckheaton has shown an error in the location details covering this site. This Traffic Regulation Order is being processed to ensure that the existing restrictions on site are mirrored in the Council’s Order and are therefore legally enforceable.

It is stressed that there will be no amendments to the existing signing or lining on Albion Street – it is only the Order that is being corrected.