

KIRKLEES COUNCIL (EXPERIMENTAL TRAFFIC REGULATION) (NO.17) (ORDER 2020)
Cloth Hall Street, Byram Street, John William Street, St Peter's Street,
Queen Street, Wood Street, Huddersfield

Statement of reasons for proposing to make the Order

As part of changes made to deal with the impact of Covid-19 and the requirements to socially distance temporary changes were made to various streets in the centre of Huddersfield.

These changes have been reviewed and a number of them are to be made semi-permanent by introducing an experimental traffic regulation order. The proposals include:

- New disabled parking bay and no waiting at any time restrictions on John William Street at the expense of pay & display parking, to provide more pedestrian space.
- A reduced length of combined disabled parking bay and loading bay on Cloth Hall Street and new no waiting/loading at any time restrictions at the expense of pay & display parking, to provide more pedestrian space.
- Wood Street has a new loading bay and disabled bay on its east side between St Peter's Street and Northumberland Street and no waiting/loading at any time restrictions on the western side. Also on Wood Street between Church Street and Kirkgate there is a minor extension to the no waiting/loading at any time restrictions and a consequent reduction in length of the adjacent loading bay to provide room for vehicles to get past additional pay & display parking that is proposed (subject to a separate traffic regulation order).
- New disabled bays and loading bay on Byram Street replacing pay & display bays.
- Removal of sections of no waiting at any time from St Peter's Street to allow room for new pay & display parking bays (subject to a separate traffic regulation order).
- Market Street has the revocation of an existing disabled bay from the west side of the road and subsequent new disabled bay created on the east side of the road and the loss of a short section of pay & display to accommodate it.
- Queen Street has a change from a disabled bay to loading bay due to loss of adjacent loading bay required for repositioning of a taxi rank to enable social distancing at entrance to the Kingsgate shopping centre a short distance away on Cross Church Street.

It is anticipated these improvements will improve accessibility within the town centre and allow social distancing to take place on the streets and outside businesses when necessary. It will also allow businesses to expand on to the street to combat lack of social distancing space within existing businesses.