KIRKLEES COUNCIL
(TRAFFIC REGULATION) (NO. 02) ORDER 2026
BRADFORD ROAD & WELL LANE, BATLEY

Statement of Reasons for proposing to make the order:

This scheme forms part of highway improvement works in Batley town centre to improve road safety and the operation of the local highway network. There are two elements, a right turn ban from Bradford Road into Hick Lane and a prohibition of entry on Well Lane from the Spa Street junction.

The proposal to introduce a prohibition of right turn from Bradford Road onto Hick Lane has been made in response to safety concerns at the junction of Hick Lane and Bradford Road. Vehicles turning right at this location must cross opposing traffic on Bradford Road, creating hazardous conditions and increasing the risk of collisions, particularly during peak periods when gaps in traffic are limited.

The prohibition of entry restriction on Well Lane will be made in conjunction with a future phase, which proposes pedestrianisation of Commercial Street.

As vehicles will no longer be able to access Commercial Street from Well Lane, the prohibition of entry restriction is required to ensure that traffic on this section of Well Lane flows away from the pedestrianised area, preventing vehicles from reaching a point of no exit and removing conflicting vehicle movements on the narrow carriageway. Opposing vehicle movements alongside parked vehicles would create hazardous conditions for both motorists and pedestrians, increasing the risk of collisions.

The implementation of these changes is expected to increase road safety for road users.