

Notice of intent

Various Roads, North Somerset

Prohibition of vehicles over 7.5 Tonnes Maximum Gross Weight Order 2020

Ref: WGWL/MM/19

Notice is hereby given that North Somerset District Council proposes to make an order under sections 1(1), 2(1) to (3) and 4(1) of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended. The effect of which is to implement a 7.5 tonne weight limit on the lengths of road described by the schedule attached.

Full details of the proposal are contained in the draft order, together with plans of affected areas, and a Statement of the Council's Reasons for proposing to make the Order and may be inspected at www.n-somerset.gov.uk/notices. Should you wish to make any observations on this proposal (whether you support or object the proposal) you should make them in writing to the Director of Development and Environment, North Somerset Council, Town Hall, Weston-super-Mare BS23 1UJ or email traffic.orders@n-somerset.gov.uk quoting the reference WGWL/MM/19 by 5pm on 25 September 2020.

Any objections must specify the grounds on which they are made. All representations received may be considered in public by the District Council and that the substance of any representation together with the name and address of the person making it could become available for public inspection.

Schedule – 7.5 Tonnes Maximum Gross Weight Restriction – Clapton-in-Gordano – Clevedon Lane entire length, Wood Lane entire length. Clevedon – Clevedon Lane entire length, Harley Lane entire length, Nortons Wood Lane entire length. Portishead – Charlcombe rise entire length. Walton-in-Gordano – Coast Road entire length, Moor Lane entire length, Walton Down entire length, Walton Street entire length. Weston-in-Gordano – Coast Road entire length.

North Somerset Council, Town Hall, Weston-super-Mare BS23 1UJ 01934 888 802

Dated: 3 September 2020

NORTH SOMERSET COUNCIL

**(VARIOUS ROADS, NORTH SOMERSET) (PROHIBITION OF VEHICLES OVER
7.5 TONNES MAXIMUM GROSS WEIGHT) ORDER 2020**

The Council of North Somerset (hereinafter referred to as “the Council”) in exercise of its power under Sections 1(1), 2(1) and (4), 3(2) of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984 as amended (hereinafter referred to as “the Act of 1984”) and all other enabling powers, after the consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act 1984, hereby makes the following Order:-

1. This Order shall come into place on the XX^{XX} XXXXXX 2020 and may be cited as North Somerset Council (Various Roads, North Somerset) (Prohibition of Vehicles Over 7.5 Tonnes Maximum Gross Weight) Order 2020.

2. In this Order :-

“goods” includes money and postal packages of any description;

“maximum gross weight” has the meaning assigned to it by Schedule 1 of the Traffic Sign Regulation and General Directions 2016;

“money” includes a cheque, banknote, postal order or money order;

“public service vehicles” shall have the same meaning as in Section 1(1)(a) of the Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981;

“school bus” has the meaning assigned to it by Section 1(2) of the School Bus (Safety) Bill 2008-2009.

3. Save as provided in Article 4 and 5 of this Order, no person shall cause or permit any goods vehicle if a maximum gross weight exceeding 7.5 tonnes to enter or proceed in the lengths of roads specified in the Schedule to this Order.
4. Nothing in Article 3 if this order shall render it unlawful to cause or permit any vehicle, the maximum gross weight of which exceeds 7.5 tonnes, inclusive of any load, to enter or proceed in the lengths of roads or on the sides of the roads referred to in Article 3 if the vehicle is being used -
 - (a) for or in connection with the conveyance of goods or merchandise to or from any premise situated on or adjacent to the length of road specified in the Schedule to this Order;
 - (b) for the purpose of agriculture in connection with land adjacent to or with access from the lengths of road specified in the Schedule to this Order or for the conveyance or haulage of timber felled upon that land;

- (c) in connection with carrying out on or in premises situated on or adjacent to the lengths of road specified in the Schedule to this Order any of the following operations;-
- i. building, industrial or demolition operation;
 - ii. the removal of any obstruction to traffic;
 - iii. the maintenance, improvement or reconstruction of the lengths of road or the sides of roads specified in the Schedule to this Order;
 - iv. the laying, erection, alteration or repair in, or in land adjacent to, the said lengths of road or sides of road of any sewer or of any main, pipe or apparatus for the supply of gas, water or electricity or of any telecommunication apparatus as defined in the Telecommunications Act 1984;
- (d) to proceed to or from premises which are situated on or adjacent to any of the lengths of road specified in the Schedule to this Order and at which the vehicle is to be, or has been garaged, serviced or repaired;
- (e) in the service of a Local Authority, the Environment Agency, a water undertaker or sewerage undertaker in pursuance of statutory powers or duties and cannot be conveniently be used for such purpose in any other road;
- (f) for the purpose of collecting postal packets as defined in Section 125(1) of the Postal Service Act 2000;
- (g) any security company armoured vehicle to be used for the purpose of delivering or collecting money;
- (h) for fire brigade, ambulance or police in the execution of their duties.
5. Nothing in Article 3 of this Order shall apply to –
- (a) a school bus;
 - (b) a public service vehicle.
6. All existing North Somerset Council traffic regulation orders imposing a maximum gross weight restriction relating to any of the roads or lengths of road described by the schedule to this order are hereby revoked.

Given under the Common Seal of the District Council of North Somerset Council on the XXxx
day of XXXXX 2020

The COMMON SEAL of)
the DISTRICT COUNCIL)
of NORTH SOMERSET)
was hereunto affixed in)
the presence of :-)

Head of Legal and Democratic Services

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STATEMENT OF REASONS

NORTH SOMERSET DISTRICT COUNCIL

(VARIOUS ROADS, NORTH SOMERSET) (PROHIBITION OF VEHICLES OVER 7.5 TONNES MAXIMUM GROSS WEIGHT) ORDER 2020

Restrictions are designed to prevent the unnecessary use of HGV's on minor roads in the Gordano valley area of North Somerset.

During investigations it was identified that the existing 3 tonne maximum gross weight limit on Nortons Wood Lane does not have a current TRO.

This order is proposed to resolve both these issues.

The council expects that the changes will prevent the use of the road by vehicular traffic of a kind which is unsuitable having regard to the existing character of the road, reduce the potential risk of HGV's causing damage to the road or buildings on the road, and avoid danger to persons or other traffic using the road.

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3rd September 2020