

# **NORTH SOMERSET COUNCIL**

## **WORLE COMMERCIAL CENTRE, WESTON-SUPER-MARE** **(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) ORDER 2022**

Prohibition of driving (except buses) at Commercial Way and  
Queensway Bus terminus, Worle, WsM

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Advertised: 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022

Objection period ends: 5pm 25<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Reference: TRO/POD/Worle Commercial Centre

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**NOTICE OF INTENT**  
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**(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) ORDER 2022**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that North Somerset Council proposes to make an Order under Sections 1, 2 and 4 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act of 1984 as amended, the effect of which will be to impose a revised prohibition of driving restriction at the Queensway Bus Terminus (located between Queensway and Commercial Way).

**Full details** of the proposals are contained in the draft order which, together with a plan and a statement of the Councils reasons for proposing to make the Order may be inspected at the, Town Hall, Walliscote Grove Road, Weston-super-Mare, BS21 1UJ, or online using the QR code below or at the following website address:

<https://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/notices>

Should you wish to make any observations on these proposals (whether you support or object to the proposals) you should make them in writing to the Director of Place at the below address quoting reference **TRO/POD/Worle Commercial Centre** by **5pm on 25/03/2022**. Any objections must specify the grounds on which they are made. Please note that all representations received may be considered in public by the 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.

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## NORTH SOMERSET COUNCIL

### WORLE COMMERCIAL CENTRE, WESTON-SUPER-MARE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) ORDER 2022

The District Council of North Somerset (hereinafter referred to as "the Council") in exercise of its powers under sections 1(1), 2(1) to (3) and 4(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended (hereinafter referred to as "the Act of 1984"), the Traffic Management Act 2004 as amended (hereinafter referred to as "the Act of 2004"), and of all other enabling powers, after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act of 1984, hereby makes the following order:-

#### **PART 1: COMMENCEMENT AND CITATION**

1. This order shall come into operation on the \*\*th \*\*\*\*\* 2022 and may be cited as the North Somerset Council (Worle Commercial Centre, Weston-super-Mare) (Prohibition of Driving) Order 2022.

#### **PART 2: PRELIMINARY**

2. IN THIS ORDER, except where the context requires otherwise, the following expressions shall have the meanings hereby attributed to them:-
  - a) "**Civil Enforcement Officer**" shall have the same meaning as that defined in Section 76 of the Act of 2004;
  - b) "**the Council**" shall mean North Somerset Council, and shall include any parking services contractors or agents appointed by or acting on behalf of the Council for the purposes of any function required under the provisions of this Order;
  - c) "**emergency services**" shall mean the Police, Ambulance Service, Fire Brigade and Coastguard;
  - d) "**enactment**" shall mean any enactment whether public, general or local, and shall include any Order, Byelaw, Rule, Regulation, Scheme or Instrument having effect by virtue of an enactment;
  - e) "**TSRGD**" shall mean the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016, as amended;
  - f) "**vehicle**", unless the context otherwise requires, shall mean a vehicle of any description, and shall include a machine or implement of any kind, either drawn or propelled along roads whether or not by mechanical power;
3. EXCEPT WHERE OTHERWISE STATED, any reference in this Order to a numbered Article or Schedule is a reference to the Article or Schedule bearing that number in this Order.

4. ANY REFERENCE in this Order to any enactment shall be construed as a reference to that enactment as amended, applied, consolidated, re-enacted by or as having effect by virtue of any subsequent enactment.
5. THE INTERPRETATION ACT 1978 shall apply for the interpretation of this Order as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament unless otherwise stated.
6. IN THE EVENT OF any conflict between the wording of this Order and lines and signs displayed on site then the lines and signs shall prevail.

### **PART 3: PROHIBITION OF DRIVING.**

#### **Access for local buses only**

7. Save as provided in Articles 8 and 9 of this Order, no person shall, except upon the direction of a police constable in uniform or of a Civil Enforcement Officer, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in that length of road specified in Schedule 1 to this Order.

### **PART 4: EXEMPTIONS**

#### **General exemptions**

8. Nothing in Article 7 of this Order shall render it unlawful to cause or permit any vehicle, to enter or proceed in the length of road referred to in those Articles to be used in connection with any of the following operations, namely-
  - (a) the vehicle, if it cannot conveniently be used for such purpose in any other road, to be used in the service of a local authority, the Environment Agency, a water undertaker or sewerage undertaker in pursuance of statutory powers or duties;
  - (b) the vehicle, if it cannot conveniently be used for such purpose in any other road, to be used in connection with any of the following operations, namely-
    - (i) building, industrial or demolition operations;
    - (ii) the removal of any obstruction to traffic;
    - (iii) the maintenance, cleaning, improvement or reconstruction of the said lengths of road or sides of road;
    - (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;
  - (c) the vehicle to be used for emergency services purposes in an emergency;

### **Exemption for local buses**

9. Nothing in Article 7 of this Order shall render it unlawful to cause or permit any vehicle used in connection with any scheduled local bus service to enter or proceed in the length of road referred to in that Article.

### **PART 5: VARIATIONS AND REVOCATIONS**

10. The North Somerset District Council (Weston-super-Mare) (Various Roads) (Prohibition of Driving) Order 2013 is hereby revoked insofar as it relates to the lengths of road described in the schedule to this order.

Given under the Common Seal of the District Council of North Somerset the \*\*th day of \*\*\*\*\* 2022.

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

Assistant Director Governance & Monitoring Officer

**SCHEDULE 1**  
**(Prohibition of Driving except buses)**

- Commercial Way -** From a point 150 metres north of its junction with Bristol Road to its junction with Queensway bus terminus, a distance of approximately 35 metres.
- Queensway bus terminus -** The lengths of road contained between its junction with Commercial Way and its junctions with Queensway.

**STATEMENT OF REASONS**  
**NORTH SOMERSET COUNCIL**  
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As part of proposals to implement Industry standard ANPR bus lane enforcement technology, now mandated by the secretary of state as part of the Bus Service Improvement Plans (BSIP) and in support of the new 'Bus back better' national bus strategy', it is necessary to update the existing Prohibition of Driving traffic regulation order to ensure its compliance with the Traffic Management Act.

The revised the traffic regulation order will facilitate the passage of Bus traffic on those roads, improving passenger journey times and the accessibility of the area for bus passengers, while avoiding danger to persons arising from inappropriate use of the terminus area.

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3 March 2022

