

# **STATEMENT OF REASONS**

## **NORTH SOMERSET COUNCIL (A370 LONG ASHTON BY-PASS, LONG ASHTON) (RESERVED BUS LANE) ORDER 2023**

As part of its approved Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP), North Somerset Council intends to provide a new bus lane at A370 Long Ashton By-Pass. The bus lane is intended to reduce bus journey times and increase the reliability of the local bus services.

The bus lane will operate in a generally north-eastbound direction, between the Flax Bourton junction with B3130 Clevedon Road and the B3128 Ashton Road junction near the boundary with Bristol, with a gap for the slip-road west of the B3128 Ashton Road underpass. The bus lane will be on the nearside of the carriageway throughout

The bus lane shall be restricted to buses and hackney carriages only. Motorcycles and pedal cycles will be prohibited from this bus lane due to road safety considerations.

To facilitate the proposed bus lane, the existing High-Occupancy Vehicle (HOV or 2+) lane will be removed in its entirety. The Order for the existing bus lane will be revoked and its restrictions will be amended to match the new bus lane and consolidated into the new order.

The changes will facilitate the passage on the road of buses and hackney carriages.

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