

# STATEMENT OF REASONS

**NORTH SOMERSET COUNCIL**  
**(A38 BRIDGWATER ROAD, BARROW GURNEY)**  
**(RESERVED BUS LANES) ORDER 2023**

As part of its approved Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP), North Somerset Council intends to provide new bus lanes at A38 Bridgwater Road. The bus lanes are intended to reduce bus journey times and increase the reliability of the local bus services.

The bus lanes are proposed to be installed on each A38 approach to the traffic signals at the B3130 Barrow Street junction. The north-eastbound lane will terminate at the traffic signals, where the signals will be configured to allow buses to proceed before general traffic. The south-westbound lane will continue past the traffic signals, bypassing them entirely. Buses and general traffic will then merge to the south-west of the signals.

The bus lanes will be restricted to use by buses, hackney carriages and motor cycles only. Pedal cycles will be prohibited from these bus lanes due to road safety considerations.

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

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