

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

North Somerset Council (hereinafter referred to as "the Council") in exercise of its powers under sections 1(1), 2(1) to (3) and 4(2) of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to 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:

1. This Order shall come into operation on the 10<sup>th</sup> April 2023 and may be cited as the North Somerset Council (A370 Long Ashton By-pass, Long Ashton) (Reserved Bus Lane) Order 2023.

2. IN THIS ORDER, except where the context requires otherwise, the following expressions shall have the meanings hereby attributed to them:-

**“bus lane”** means a traffic lane in the roads listed in the Schedule to this Order reserved during specified bus lane hours for buses and other such classes of vehicles as are specified. The boundary of the bus lane is conveyed by a longitudinal solid single white line defined by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016 (as amended);

**“doctor”** shall mean a fully qualified and registered medical practitioner as defined in Part II and Part III of the Medical Act 1983, as amended;

**“emergency services”** shall mean the Police, Ambulance Service, Fire Brigade and Coastguard;

**“hackney carriage”** is as defined in s80 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, s38 of the Town Police Clauses Act 1847 and s4 of the Metropolitan Public Carriage Act 1869 and shall mean a vehicle which is licensed as a hackney carriage under one or more of those enactments or under any similar enactment

**“public service vehicle”** is as defined in sections 1 and 82 of the Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981;

3. Save as provided in Article 4 and Article 5 of this Order, no person shall, except upon the direction or with the permission of a Police Constable in uniform or a Civil Enforcement Officer, cause or permit any vehicle, to enter, wait, stop or proceed in the lengths of bus lane specified in the Schedule to this Order.
4. Nothing in Article 3 of this Order shall render it unlawful for any public service vehicle, hackney carriage or pedal cycle to enter, wait, stop or proceed in the lengths of bus lane specified in the Schedule to this Order.
5. Nothing in Article 3 of this Order shall render it unlawful to cause or permit any vehicle to enter, wait, stop or proceed in the bus lanes referred to in that

Article when the vehicle is 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) the removal of any obstruction to traffic;
  - (ii) the maintenance, cleaning, improvement or reconstruction of the said lengths of road or sides of road;
  - (iii) 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;
- (c) the vehicle to be used in the service of one of the emergency services in the execution of their duties;
- (d) by a doctor responding to an emergency call, provided that the vehicle is displaying a flashing green light;
- (e) the avoidance of an accident.

6. The following existing Orders are hereby revoked in their entirety:

- (a) North Somerset District Council (A370 Long Ashton Bypass, Long Ashton, North Somerset) (Reserved Bus Lane) Order 2004.
- (b) North Somerset District Council (A370, Long Ashton Bypass, Long Ashton, North Somerset) (High Occupancy Vehicle Lane) Order 2005

Given under the COMMON SEAL of North Somerset District Council on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of March 2023.

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

Assistant Director Governance & Monitoring Officer

## **SCHEDULE**

- A370 Long Ashton By-pass** Between a point 650 metres east of the centre-point of the B3130 Clevedon Road underpass, and a point 485 metres south-west of the centre-point of the underpass between the A370/Ashton Road slip-roads (a total distance of 3565 metres). At Gurney Roundabout this includes a short section of bus lane (approx. 20 metres) which is within the curtilage of the Colliters Way.
- A370 Long Ashton By-pass** Between a point 220 metres south-west of the centre-point of the B3128 Park & Ride underpass, and its junction with B3128 Ashton Road (a total distance of 580 metres).