

Statement of Reasons

NORTH SOMERSET COUNCIL

(MOVING TRAFFIC PROHIBITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS, NORTH SOMERSET) **CONSOLIDATION ORDER 2024 (VARIATION NO. 5) ORDER 2025**

Part 3: Moving Restrictions (Bus Lane and Left Turn Only) order – B3440 **Bristol Road, Queensway and New Bristol Road, Weston-Super-Mare**

As part of its approved Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP), North Somerset Council proposes to introduce several sections of bus lane, remove one section currently in place and also introduce a new Left Turn Only regulation. The bus lanes are intended to reduce bus journey times and increase the reliability of the local bus services.

As part of its approved Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP), North Somerset Council intends to introduce several sections of bus lane: three sections on B3440 Bristol Road, Weston Super Mare from its west bound slip road from Somerset Avenue and around its junction with West Wick, one further section on B3440 Bristol Road just before its east bound slip road onto Somerset Avenue and another section of bus lane on Queensway's approach to its junction with Walford Avenue. The bus lanes on the B3440 Bristol Road will be in operation between 12.00 hours and 00.00 hours daily. The bus lane on Queensway will be in operation 24 hours a day. The bus lanes are intended to allow buses to proceed unimpeded along Bristol Road contributing to improved bus service times. The current eastbound section of bus lane on Bristol Road between Victory Roundabout and Bristol Road's junction with Queensway will be removed as it is no longer needed, and its removal will facilitate traffic movement.

The bus lanes will be restricted to use by buses, hackney carriages, motor cycles and pedal cycles.

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

There will also be the introduction of a Left Turn Only regulation onto New Bristol Road when approaching from Paddock Park. This is necessary due to the realignment of the roundabout at this location.

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