

**NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL  
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING, NARROWGATE, ALNWICK) EXPERIMENTAL ORDER  
2019 – TROM\_161**

Northumberland County Council, in exercise of their powers under Sections 1(1), Section 9 and Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, hereby make the following order:

**1. Commencement and Citation**

1.1 This Order shall come into operation on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2019 until the 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021 and may be cited as the "Northumberland County Council (Prohibition of Driving, Narrowgate, Alnwick) Experimental Order 2019."

**2. Interpretation**

2.1 In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them:

2.1.1 "Council" means Northumberland County Council;

2.1.2 "the Act" means the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984;

2.1.3 "the Regulations" means the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996;

2.1.4 "Proper Officer" means any officer of the Council for the time being appointed for the purposes of approving modifications or suspensions of Experimental Orders under section 10(2) of the Act.

2.2 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 re-enactment.

**3. General**

3.1 The restrictions imposed by this Order shall be in addition to and not in derogation of any restrictions or requirements imposed by any Regulations made or having effect as if made under the Act or by or under any other enactment.

3.2 Where an Act of Parliament referred to in this Order or any Regulation, Direction or Order made under it is repealed and new provisions enacted (with or without modifications) new provisions shall be substituted in this Order where relevant.

3.3 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.

3.4 The Interpretation Act 1978 shall apply to this Order as it applies to an Act of Parliament.

**4. Introduction of a Prohibition of Driving Restriction in Narrowgate, Alnwick**

4.1 Save as provided in Article 5, no person shall cause any motor vehicle to enter those lengths of highway described in Schedule 1 to this Order.

4.2 Suspensions – None

**5. Exemptions**

5.1 Nothing in Article 4 shall render it unlawful to cause or permit any motor vehicle to enter those lengths of highway described in Schedule 1 of this Order, unless it is necessary as no other alternative road can be used to enable:

5.1.1 any motor vehicle, to be used in connection with any of the following operations:

- (a) buildings, industrial or demolition operations;
- (b) the removal of any obstruction to traffic;
- (c) the maintenance, improvement or reconstruction of the length of highway described in Schedule 1 of this Order;
- (d) for fire and rescue, police or ambulance purposes;
- (e) the laying, erection, alteration or repair in or on land adjacent to the length of highway described in Schedule 1 of this Order; and
- (f) the maintenance, improvement, reconstruction or repair of any sewer or of any main, pipe or apparatus for the supply of gas, water, electricity or of any telecommunications apparatus as defined in the Communications Act 2003.

5.1.2 any motor vehicle being used in the service of a local authority in the pursuance of statutory powers or duties.

## **6. Supplementary Provisions**

6.1 The operation of this Experimental Order or any provision of it may be modified or suspended by the Proper Officer if it appears to him or her essential –

- (a) in the interests of the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of traffic;
- (b) in the interests of providing suitable and adequate on-street parking facilities, or
- (c) for preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which any road affected by the order runs.

but this power shall be exercised only after consulting the appropriate chief officer of police and giving such public notice as the Secretary of State may direct.

## **7. Revocations**

None

**GIVEN** under the Common Seal of Northumberland County Council this day of 12<sup>th</sup> July 2019.

The **COMMON SEAL** of **NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL** was hereunto affixed in the presence of:

*J. Muller*

Duly Authorised Officer.



**FIRST SCHEDULE**  
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**ADDITIONS - Schedule 1**

Ref No	Town	Street	Description
1	Alnwick	Narrowgate	From a point 9 metres north west of its junction with Paikes Street to a point 63 metres north west of its junction with Paikes Street.

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**STATEMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S REASONS FOR MAKING THE ORDER**

The general effect of this Experimental Order will be to introduce a Prohibition of Driving Order within Narrowgate on an experimental basis.

The reasons for introducing this restriction by way of an Experimental Order is to seek to promote reduced congestion, road safety and pedestrian and cycle use to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians). The restriction will also improve the street scene and improve the local and town centre environment. The restriction will also encourage stronger pedestrian use in this part of Narrowgate and support local traders

The Experimental Order will allow the Council to monitor changes in motoring behaviour during the Experimental Order period and give flexibility whilst the future plans for Narrowgate are considered.

Consideration will be given after a trial period as to whether or not the provisions of this Experimental Order should be made permanent. Currently, at the end of the trial period, the Council intends to consider making an order which will continue in force indefinitely having the same effect as the Experimental Traffic Regulation Order.

The effects of this Order will be reviewed after 12 months.

