

**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**  
**NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**(JOSEPHINE BUTLER SCHOOL, ASHINGTON)**  
**(PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLE ZONE) EXPERIMENTAL ORDER 2020**  
**(TROM\_194)**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Northumberland County Council (herein referred to as “the Council”) have made the above-named Order under the provisions of Section 1(1), Section 9 and Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”).

The effect of the Experimental Order, which will come into force on the 14<sup>th</sup> September 2020 until the 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022 will be to introduce a Pedestrian and Cycle Zone to the following length of highway.

**Addition – Pedestrian and Cycle Zone - Proscribed Hours - 8:30am to 9:40am and 2:45pm to 3:45pm Monday to Friday.**

Item No	USRN	Street Name	Town	Side of road	Description
1	42003185	Thorn tree Gardens	Ashington	Both	For its entire length
2	42004075	Ridgeway	Ashington	Both	For its entire length

Exemptions are included in the Order for the following:

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

1.1 any vehicle to be used for Police, Fire, Ambulance, Healthcare Workers (including doctors on-call, district nurses, personal carers, support workers and essential healthcare visitors), Special Forces or Military purposes;

1.2 any vehicle displaying a disabled badge, being driven by or carrying a disabled person to uplift or set down passengers or to wait at property or premises located on a prohibited road, during the prohibited hours;

1.3 any vehicle in the service of a local authority or a water undertaker or sewerage undertaker if it cannot conveniently be used for such purposes in any other road to be used in pursuance of statutory powers or duties;

1.4 any vehicle if it is in the service or employed by the Post Office to be used for the purpose of delivery or collection of postal packets as defined in the Postal Services Act 2000;

1.5 any vehicle if it cannot conveniently be used for such purpose in any other road to be used in connection with any public building operations or demolition, the removal of any obstruction to traffic, the maintenance, improvement or reconstruction of the lengths of road referred to or the laying, erection, alteration or repair in, or near, the said lengths of road of any sewer or of any main, pipe or apparatus

for the supply of gas, water or electricity or of any communications line or equipment as defined in the Telecommunications Act 1984;

1.6 any vehicle if it is employed by a local bus service operator and the vehicle is in use during a scheduled service as a Bus as defined in Regulation 22 of the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016;

1.7 any vehicle if it is in use as a School Bus and being contacted to carry persons to or from a school located within the School Streets area in which the vehicle is being driven;

1.8 any vehicle if it cannot conveniently be used for such purpose in any other road to be used in connection with any maintenance of railway lines or apparatus, where applicable;

1.9 any vehicle if it is in the service or employed by any gas, water or electricity supplier to be used in connection with the reasonable collection of meter readings;

1.10 any vehicle to be used to gain any reasonable access to a destination being a private property or any land or premises situated along the lengths of highway described in Schedule 1, for the purpose of the collection or delivery of goods;

1.11 any vehicle to be used to gain any reasonable access to a destination being a private property or any land or premises situated along the lengths of highway described in Schedule 1, for the purpose of attending the private property or land or premises;

1.12 any taxi or private hire vehicle operating to collect a passenger from or deliver a passenger to a private property or any land or premises situated along the lengths of prohibited road; and

1.13 any funeral undertaking from any property or premises located on the prohibited road.

A copy of the Experimental Order together with a map showing the lengths of road involved and Statement of the Council's Reasons for Making this Order is available to view or download on the NCC Website

<https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Highways/Roads/Traffic.aspx#4trafficregulationorders> or by email to [HighwaysProgramme@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:HighwaysProgramme@northumberland.gov.uk). Alternatively if copy documents are required please contact Northumberland County Council Information Centre on Telephone Number: 0345 600 6400 during normal office hours quoting reference: TROM\_194

If you wish to question the validity of the Order or any of the provisions contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the relevant powers of the Act or that any of the relevant requirements thereof or of any relevant regulations made thereunder have not been complied with in relation to the Order you may within six weeks from the date on which the Order was made apply to the High Court for that purpose.

During the period that the Order remains in force the Council will consider if it should remain in force permanently. Within the period of six months from the coming into force of the Order, or if the Order is subsequently varied by another Order or modified pursuant to Section 10(2) of the Act, from the coming into force of that variation or modification (whichever is the latest), any person may object to the making of the Order to continue indefinitely by sending a statement in writing of their objection or representation and the grounds thereof to the undersigned, at the address shown below.

Dated this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September 2020.

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