

**NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL  
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
(CHURCH STREET ROTHBURY PEDESTRIAN ZONE)  
EXPERIMENTAL ORDER 2021  
(TROM\_217)**

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 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021 until the 30<sup>th</sup> October 2022 and may be cited as “Northumberland County Council (Church Street Rothbury Pedestrian Zone) Experimental Order 2021.”

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3.2 Where an Act of Parliament referred to in this Order or any Regulation, Direction or Order made under it is repealed and new provisions enacted (with or without modifications) new provisions shall be substituted in this Order where relevant.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

4.1 Save as provided in Article 5, no person shall cause any vehicle to enter and proceed along the length of highway described in The Schedule to this Order at any time.

## 5. Exemptions

5.1 Nothing in Article 4 shall render it unlawful to cause or permit any vehicle to enter and proceed along those lengths of highway as described in The Schedule of this Order, if it is being used for police, fire and rescue, ambulance, Special Forces or military purposes.

## 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 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.

6.2 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

The **COMMON SEAL** of **NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL** was hereunto affixed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April 2021 in the presence of:-



*M. Wilcock*

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Duly Authorised Officer

Seal Number: 22907

## **THE SCHEDULE**

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**Prohibition of Driving on the following length of highway  
(and for reference only, detailed on the attached plan)**

<b>USRN</b>	<b>Street</b>	<b>Town</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Grid Reference</b>
405294	CHURCH STREET	ROTHBURY	At its junction with High Street to a point 30 metres south of its junction with High Street	405712, 601721 to 405721, 601693

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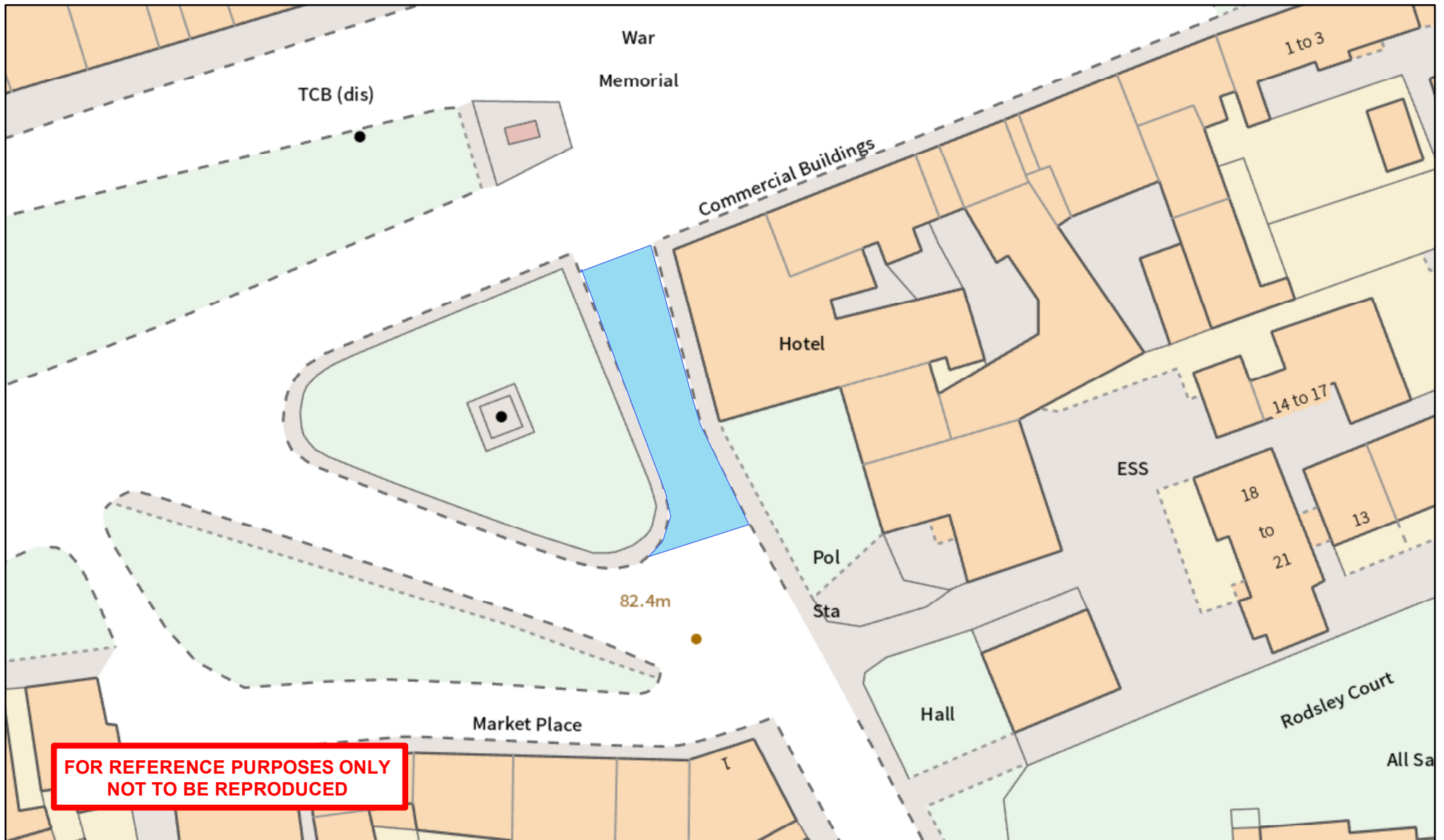
**STATEMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S REASONS FOR MAKING THE ORDER**


The effect of this Experimental Order will be to introduce a Pedestrian Zone on Church Street, Rothbury outside the Newcastle House Hotel on an experimental basis.

The reason for introducing this restriction by way of an Experimental Order is to allow for social distancing measures to be put in place for visitors to the area and to assess the impact this has in improving road safety for pedestrians. Should the impact be positive, this would provide support in the development of a proposed pedestrian crossing within the area at a future date.

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 a 18 month 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 a 12 month period.



 <p><b>Northumberland</b> County Council</p>	<p><b>Network Management Information System</b></p>		<p>Title: <b>Pedestrian Zone Church Street Rothbury</b></p>			<p>Key:</p> <p><span style="color: blue;">—</span> New Experimental Pedestrian Zone Area</p>
<p>Northumberland County Council County Hall Morpeth Northumberland NE61 2EF Tel: 0345 600 6400</p>	<p><small>This map is reproduced from Ordnance Survey material with the permission of Ordnance Survey on behalf of the Controller of Her Majesty's Stationary Office Crown Copyright. Unauthorised reproduction infringes Crown Copyright and may lead to prosecution or civil proceedings. License no. 100049048 (2019).</small></p>		<p>Drn: <b>WB</b></p>	<p>Date: <b>09.04.2021</b></p>	<p>Scale: <b>1:500</b></p>	