

**NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
(JOSEPHINE BUTLER SCHOOL, ASHINGTON)
(PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLE ZONE) EXPERIMENTAL ORDER 2020
(TROM_194)**

Northumberland County Council in exercise of their powers under Sections 1(1), Section 9 and Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act"), hereby make the following Order:-

1. Commencement and Citation

(1) This Order shall come into operation on 14th September 2020 until the 14th March 2022 and may be cited as "Northumberland County Council (Josephine Butler School, Ashington), (Pedestrian and Cycle Zone) Experimental Order 2020."

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 "Proscribed Hours" means the hours of 8:30am to 9:40am and 2:45pm to 3:45pm Monday to Friday.

2.1.5 "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3.2 Where an Act of Parliament referred to in this Order or any Regulation, Direction or Order made under it is repealed and new provisions enacted (with or without modifications) new provisions shall be substituted in this Order where relevant.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 is a reference to the article bearing that number in this Order.

3.4 The Interpretation Act 1978 shall apply for the interpretation of this Order as it applies for the interpretation of 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 motor vehicle to enter, those lengths of highway described in Schedule 1 to this Order during the Proscribed Hours.

5. Exemptions

5.1 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:

5.1.1. 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;

5.1.2 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;

5.1.3 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;

5.1.4 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;

5.1.5 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;

5.1.6 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;

5.1.7 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;

5.1.8 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;

5.1.9 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;

5.1.10 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;

5.1.11 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;

5.1.12 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

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

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

The Common Seal of Northumberland County Council was hereunto affixed this 25th day of August 2020 in the presence of:-

M. Willcock,

Duly Authorised Officer



Seal no. -

22207.

SCHEDULE 1
Northumberland County Council (Josephine Butler School, Ashington)
(Pedestrian and Cycle Zone) Order 2020 (TROM_194)

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

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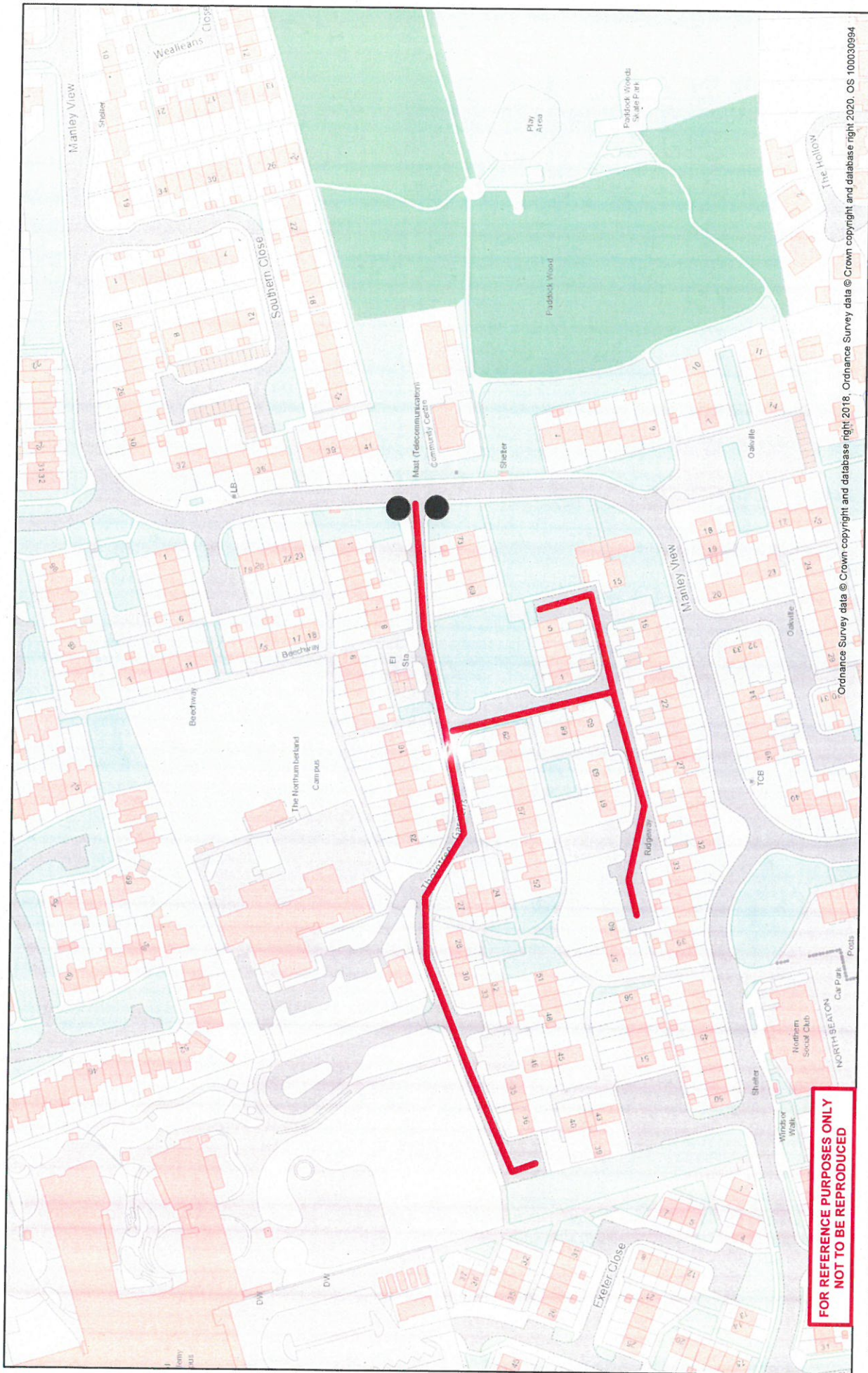
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**STATEMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S REASONS FOR
MAKING THE ORDER**

The effect of this Experimental Order is to reduce congestion and improve road safety within specified streets surrounding Josephine Butler School in Ashington.

The reasons for introducing this by way of an Experimental Order is to assess the impact on parking and traffic flows with the introduction of an Experimental 'Prohibition of driving Order on Thorntree Gardens and Ridgeway in Ashington.

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 6 months.



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— Proposed Pedestrian and Cycle Zone (School Streets) Scheme

● Proposed Signing Locations indicating entry to the 'Pedestrian and Cycle Zone' Prohibition of Driving during specific times