

**THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF GATESHEAD TOWN CENTRE,
AMENDMENT NO 1, COVID-19 RESPONSE EXPERIMENTAL TRAFFIC
REGULATION ORDER 2020**

Notice is hereby given that on 23rd December 2020 the Borough Council of Gateshead ("the Council") made an amendment to an existing Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (made on 12th August 2020) under Sections 1(1), 2(1) to (3), 4(2), 9, 10 and 32 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 ("the Act") and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Act by virtue of the Traffic Management Act 2004 and all other enabling powers.

The effect of the Amended Order will be to:

1. Amend the Borough Council of Gateshead (Gateshead Town Centre) (Covid 19 Response) Experimental Traffic Regulation Order 2020 by:
 - a. Changing the time to the Prohibition of Driving along Jackson Street, both sides, for its entire length with an exemption for Security Vehicles; and
2. To remove the bus and pedal cycle only lane along Charles Street, East side, nearside Lane (i) From a point 8 metres east of Bensham Roundabout in an easterly direction for a distance of 116 metres that was introduced.

The Order includes a provision to enable the Council's Service Director for Development, Transport and Public Protection (or their duly authorised officer) to modify or suspend any of the provisions within the Order, whilst it remains in force in accordance with Section 10(2) of the Act.

The Order comes into operation on 4th January 2021 on an experimental basis and it will be in force until 19 February 2022.

The reason for proceeding by way of an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order is to enable the Council to create a safe environment for pedestrians and cyclists which is in line with the government guidance on maintaining social distancing due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

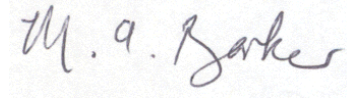
Full details are contained in the Experimental Traffic Regulation Order which, together with a map showing the length of road affected and a statement of the Council's reasons for making the Experimental Traffic Regulation Order, may be examined online at <http://www.gateshead.gov.uk/trafficschemes> or a copy can be requested by contacting telephone number (0191) 4332169 (Ref: TS/0003825).

The Council will be considering in due course whether the provisions of the Experimental Traffic Regulation Order should be continued in force indefinitely. Within a period of 6 months from 23rd December 2020, any person may object to the making of such a permanent order. Any such objection must be in writing, stating the grounds on which it is made, and be sent to the Strategic Director of Corporate Services and Governance at the address above. Any comments in support of the Experimental Traffic Regulation Order are also invited during this period.

Any person who wishes to question the validity of the Experimental Traffic Regulation Order or of any of its provisions on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Act or that any of the requirements of the Act or

of any relevant regulations made thereunder have not been complied with may, within 6 weeks from 23rd December 2020 when the Experimental Traffic Regulation Order was made, make an application for that purpose to the High Court.

Dated 24th December 2020

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "M. A. Barker", is written over a light blue rectangular background.

Mike Barker Strategic Director of Corporate Services and Governance