

## OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (WITNEY, DUCKLINGTON LANE SERVICE ROAD) (PROHIBITION OF MOTOR VEHICLES) ORDER 20\*\*

Notice is hereby given that Oxfordshire County Council proposes to make the above Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and all other enabling powers.

The effect of the order, for road safety reasons is to close the southern access to the Ducklington Lane service road (which leads to Beechgate) north of the A40 eastbound on-slip road. This is part of a wider scheme which includes the signalisation of the T junction of the nearby A40 eastbound off-slip road.

A copy of the proposed Order and detailed documents may be inspected at County Hall, New Road, Oxford OX1 1ND and West Oxfordshire District Council Offices, Woodgreen, Witney OX28 1NB from 9am to 4pm Monday to Friday, and at WODC Town Centre Shop, 3 Welch Way, Witney, OX28 6JH, from 9am to 5.30pm Monday to Thursday, and 9am to 5pm Fridays.

Objections to the proposals and other representations specifying the grounds, on which they are made, may be sent in writing quoting Ref: **Traffic/AMG/Ducklington** to the address below by **9 August 2013**. The Council will consider objections and representations received in response to this Notice. They may be disseminated widely for these purposes and made available to the public.

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The Oxfordshire County Council ("the Council") in exercise of its powers under Sections 1(1) and 2(1) & (2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 ("the Act") and all other enabling powers and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of schedule 9 to the Act, make the following Order.

- (1) Any reference in this Order to any enactment (meaning any act and any subordinate legislation as defined in the Interpretation Act 1978) shall be construed as a reference to that enactment as amended or replaced by any subsequent enactment;
  - (2) The restrictions imposed by this Order shall be in addition to and not in derogation from any restriction or requirement imposed by any other enactment.
- 3. Save as provided in article 4 of this order, no person shall other than under the direction or with the permission of a police constable in uniform, cause or permit any motor vehicle proceeding in the section of road specified in column 1 of the Schedule to this order, to proceed in the section of road specified opposite to it in columns 2 and 3.
- 4. Nothing in article 3 shall render it unlawful to cause or permit a motor vehicle to proceed:
  - (a) if it is a vehicle being used by the police, fire or ambulance services;
  - (b) if it is necessary to undertake works in relation to the road, traffic signs or lighting, works in relation to a sewer or water main or the supply of gas, electricity, water or communications services.

**GIVEN UNDER** the Common Seal of the Oxfordshire County Council this day of 20\*\*.

#### SCHEDULE

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3 – Prohibited area
Service road for Ducklington Lane - south of Beechgate	From a point 75 metres south of Beechgate,	southwards for a distance of 20 Metres, and eastwards from the main carriageway for a distance (width) of approximately 2 metres.

THE COMMON SEAL OF THE OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL was hereunto affixed in the presence of:

County Solicitor / Designated Officer



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### Statement of Reasons

Beechgate is located off the A415 Ducklington Lane and is accessed either directly as a T junction or to the south via the service road.

A traffic survey found that the southern access is less frequently used by vehicles. It also showed Beechgate and connecting service road is being used as a 'rat run' for vehicles that experience difficulty turning right from the eastbound off-slip from the A40 onto the A415 Ducklington Lane.

The County Council intend to upgrade the highway infrastructure in this area, as shown on the enclosed drawings, towards reducing peak hour congestion and to allow for future traffic growth.

Further proposals include traffic signals at the A40 slip road T junction and the widening of the A415 Ducklington Lane.

Further to statutory duties under Section 122(1) Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the Council gives consideration to the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicles and other traffic, and gives regard to the desirability of securing / maintaining reasonable access to property.

To facilitate these improvements it is proposed to as it is considered in the wider scheme that this is in the interests of <sup>1</sup> safety for all road users so as to reduce the risk of accidents, and <sup>2</sup> facilitate the safe passage of traffic and pedestrians.

Detailed particulars of the proposals can be found with this statement.

Date: 10 July 2013

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<sup>1</sup> Section 1(1) (a) Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984

<sup>2</sup> Section 1(1) (c) Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984

