

EXPERIMENTAL PROHIBITION OF DRIVING (EXCEPT FOR ACCESS)

GOLDWIRE LANE, MONMOUTH

STATEMENT OF REASONS

1. The Councils Active Travel team have identified this section of Goldwire Lane as an area of concern for vulnerable highway users such as, pedestrians, cyclists and disabled people due to the limited footway width. It is recognised that this road is also used by vehicles as a “rat run” to access Drybridge Street.
2. The length of Goldwire Lane, which is proposed to be restricted, is a highway subject to a one way only permitted direction of travel, therefore, there is the possibility of inappropriate vehicle speeds being used, this in turn, may have a potential detrimental effect on highway safety for vulnerable highway users.
3. Residents and visitors to Goldwire Lane and the surrounding residential areas use this part of Goldwire Lane to walk to and cycle to the town centre and vice versa, therefore, it is an important link in terms of encouraging Active Travel and supporting more sustainable modes of travel.
4. The prohibition of driving (except for access) aims to support the national policy for improving road safety by creating a safer, more welcoming highway environment for all highway users and lessening the frequency and severity of road traffic collisions.
5. The prohibition of driving (except for access) will contribute to providing a safer environment which will encourage people to walk, cycle and scoot in line with the objectives of The Active Travel Act.
6. The Council will monitor the effect of the Experimental Order on the nearby highway network and on the section of Goldwire Lane that is subject to the Order in order to assess the effect on highway users including but not limited to highway users who drive, walk cycle and scoot.
7. After the initial 6 month period of this Experimental Traffic Order has elapsed then the Council will review the Experimental Order’s effect on the adjacent highway network. If the effect on the adjacent highway network has not been disproportionate, then the Council will proceed to make this Experimental Traffic Order permanent.

