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1. (WITNEY, HIGH STREET/MARKET SQUARE) (PROHIBITION OF MOTOR VEHICLES) ORDER 20**
2. (WEST OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT) (DISABLED PERSONS PARKING PLACES) (AMENDMENT No.15*) ORDER 20**
3. (VARIOUS ROADS - WEST OXFORDSHIRE) (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING AND PERMITTED PARKING) (VARIATION No.***) ORDER 20**

STATEMENT OF REASONS

Oxfordshire County Council – following the successful implementation of a temporary traffic restriction - is proposing to introduce a permanent prohibition of motor vehicles covering High Street & Market Place in Witney.

Exemptions will include buses, taxis, vehicles loading/unloading & those displaying a valid blue badge. Additionally, the existing 30-minute short-stay parking bays along the western side of Market Square will be converted to 3-hour 'Disabled Persons Parking Places'.

The proposals are being put forward to 1) help reduce the level of through traffic in Witney High Street and Market Square, 2) aid pedestrian accessibility and increase safety, 3) aid cycling accessibility and safety by reducing likelihood of conflict with other vehicles, 4) improve bus access and bus journey time reliability, and 5) increase amount of blue badge parking at key town centre location.

The County Council continues its responsibility to consider the provision of convenient and safe movement of motor vehicles and other traffic, and the proposed measures are aimed at ensuring that ¹ danger is minimised whilst ²& ³facilitating the effective and safe passage of traffic.

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¹ Section S. 1 (1) (a) Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

² Section S. 1 (1) (c) Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

³ Section S. 1 (1) (d) Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984