



OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (BURFORD - 7.5 TONNE GOODS VEHICLE WEIGHT RESTRICTION) (EXPERIMENTAL) ORDER 20**

Statement of Reasons

The County Council is satisfied that, for the reasons set out below, and under Sections 1 (1), 2 & 3 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (see footer) that a weight restriction is necessary to reduce the volume of heavy goods vehicles using The Hill, High Street and Lower High Street, Burford.

The proposed Order is considered necessary on the grounds of promoting road safety, reducing danger (including damage to roads and buildings) and congestion, and improving the environment of the area.

The order is primarily intended to protect the historic centre of the town, its infrastructure and residential streets, and its community from heavy lorry traffic. The restriction would force heavy goods vehicles to make full use of the alternative major road network around the area.

It is the intention of the County Council to continuously monitor the effects of the experiment and report findings and make recommendations to committee. Burford Town Council will administer and enforce the provisions and to that end have created procedures for permit allocation, and the issue of relevant documents. Contravention of the restrictions will be considered for warnings or prosecution.

The County Council will decide in due course if the provisions of the Experimental order shall become permanent.

Full documentation can be found with this statement.

Dated 23 July 2020

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Regulatory considerations:

- ¹ Section 1 (1) (a) Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (*avoid danger*)
- ² Section 1 (1) (b) Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (*avoid damage*)
- ³ Section 1 (1) (c) Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (*facilitate passage of traffic*)
- ⁴ Section 1 (1) (d) Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (*unsuitable traffic use*)
- ⁵ Section 1 (1) (e) Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (*preserve character of road*)
- ⁶ Section 1 (1) (f) Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (*improve amenities*)
- ⁷ Section 1 (1) (g) Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (*improve air quality/reduce pollution*)