

**SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**ST JAMES STREET, TAUNTON**  
**(PROHIBITION OF MOTOR VEHICLES)**  
**EXPERIMENTAL ORDER 2019**

NOTICE is hereby given that on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2019 Somerset County Council made an Experimental Order in exercise of its powers under Sections 1, 2, 4, 9 and 10, and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, and of all other enabling powers and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act.

The effect of this Order is to prohibit the driving of motor vehicles on St James Street, Taunton between North Street and Lower Middle Street as specified in Schedule 1 to this Notice. The Order shall come into force on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019 and will remain in force for a maximum period of 18 months.

**Where may I see more information?**

Full details of the scheme are contained in the experimental order. If you would like to see a copy of the experimental order, a map and a copy of the Council's Statement of Reasons for making the order, you may do so at during normal office hours at Somerset Highways, B Block reception, County Hall, Taunton, TA1 4DY and the Somerset County Council website: [www.somerset.gov.uk/TRO](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/TRO). If you are unable to access either please contact 0300 123 2224.

**What if I want to send a letter about the scheme?**

Any person may object to the indefinite continuation of the experimental order within six months of the experimental order coming into operation.

If you would like to send us a letter about the scheme, please check that you:

1. Include reasons for any comments you make regarding any decision to make an Order for the indefinite continuation of this scheme. Comments in support of the scheme are also invited;
2. Send all comments in writing to Somerset County Council, Traffic Management, County Hall, Taunton, TA1 4DY;
3. Quote reference JRB09042019;
4. Send your letter by 7<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

Please note that all representations received may be made available for public inspection and could be included in a report that may be published on the Somerset County Council website, unless the individuals concerned state, in writing, their objection to their names and address being made so available or being included in the publication.

Patrick Flaherty, Chief Executive

Dated: 9th May 2019

**SCHEDULE 1**

**Prohibition of Motor Vehicles**

St James Street, Taunton – from the junction with The Bridge and North Street to the junction with Lower Middle Street.

**STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR PROPOSING TO MAKE THE ORDER**

The Council's reasons for proposing to make the above Order are as follows:-

Due to road safety concerns and congestion issues it is proposed to implement changes, the effect of which is to prohibit the driving of motor vehicles on St James Street, Taunton between North Street and Lower Middle Street, by introducing an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order. This will enable the Council to monitor the situation to determine whether the measures are effective and also to see what impact the scheme has on traffic in the area.

The Experimental Order has been made to allow for an assessment of the changes before a decision is taken to make it permanent.