

Warwickshire County Council

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

THE WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(STATION ROAD, KENILWORTH) (PROHIBITION OF VEHICLES)
(EXPERIMENTAL) ORDER 2021

1. Background

Warwickshire County Council intends to make an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order, the effect of which will be to close a section of Station Road, Kenilworth to vehicular traffic at all times from its junction with Warwick Road, Kenilworth for a distance of 98 metres. Following on from COVID-19 social distancing measurements, a further trial of the closure of this road is needed during normal traffic and pedestrian volumes to measure its successes and downfalls.

This scheme is being carried out by way of an experimental order to allow for a full assessment to be carried out as to whether the prohibition of traffic is successful in providing a more secure environment for pedestrians and other road users and improves the amenity of the pedestrian area.

Warwickshire County Council wishes to determine whether the closure will assist in the avoidance of danger to persons or traffic, will prevent the likelihood of any such danger arising.

The experimental order will last for up to 18 months.

During the experimental order a consultation will be carried out with relevant stakeholders, businesses, the public and statutory consultees to ascertain the effectiveness or otherwise of the experimental order. Consideration will then be given to making a Traffic Regulation Order to continue the prohibition indefinitely.

Consultation Plan	Location
TR11418	Station Rd, Kenilworth

2. Statement of Reasons

Station Rd, Kenilworth

It is proposed to close Station Road, Kenilworth following the “Welcome Back” directive from central Government. This promotes public to come back to local areas in order to promote local businesses. The additional space gained from the closure of the road allows for extra outdoor dining and extra space to allow for safe interaction and visiting, therefore facilitating the passage on the road for pedestrians.

Additionally, by closing the road it also tackles the issue of the no right turn onto the B4103 Warwick Road. Despite the signage, drivers often disregard the law and turn right into this road anyway, which has been known to cause collisions in the past. It is hoped that by closing this road, and therefore altogether preventing drivers turning right, will also reduce the number of collisions taking place relating to drivers disobeying the no right turn and therefore avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road or any other road or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising.

No Vehicles will be permitted into the length of road referred to in schedule 3(i) below.

Vehicular access to the private pay and display car park and the private parking place for permit holders only, which entrances are located on the length of road referred to in schedule 3(ii) below will be permitted. Goods Vehicles making deliveries (including refuse collections), will also still be permitted in the length of road referred to in the schedule 3 (ii) below, as will Pedal Cycles.

Those vehicles which are permitted will be allowed into the closure, referred to in schedule 3(ii) below, via the chicanes at the beginning of the closure. Where access is permitted, double yellow lines will remain enforceable.

The One-Way restriction on Station Road, referred to in schedule 3(iii) below, will also be revoked as part of the Experimental Order, which will allow those vehicles which are permitted in then the length of road referred to in schedule 3(ii) below, to travel in north easterly direction in order to exit Station Road.

3. Schedule

i.Closure of Station Road, Kenilworth (No exemptions to apply)

From its junction with B4103 Warwick Road, north eastwards for a distance of 16 metres.

ii. Closure of Station Road, Kenilworth (Exemptions will apply)

From a point 16 metres north eastwards of its junction with Warwick Road, Kenilworth, to a point 98 metres from its junction with Warwick Road, Kenilworth, a distance of 82 metres.

iii. Revocation of One-Way Station Road, Kenilworth

From a distance 54 metres north east of its junction with B4103 Warwick Road, to its junction with B4103 Warwick Road, in south Westerly direction

4. Existing orders to be varied

The Warwickshire County Council (Various Roads) (Traffic Regulation) (Part 1) Order 2008

5. Priority

High