

LONDON BOROUGH OF LAMBETH

CONSOLIDATION AND REVIEW OF MOVING TRAFFIC ORDERS AND MIGRATION TO A 'MAP-BASED' SCHEDULE FORMAT

The Lambeth (Moving Traffic) (Map-Based) (No. 1) Order 2024

STATEMENT OF REASONS

Background

The London Borough of Lambeth (the Council) have approved the migration of all traffic orders from a purely written Schedule format to a digital map-based representation of restrictions which will provide greater clarity and the ability for the public to view all restrictions via links on the Council's website.

Map-based traffic orders and access to them provide greater understanding of the traffic restrictions on the borough road network and allow public accessibility without the need to make a formal request for data.

All static waiting, loading, stopping, and parking place Orders were migrated to map-based representation in 2023. The migration of moving traffic orders is the final part of the migration and will see all Lambeth traffic orders on a map-based, publicly available format via the Council's website.

Process

A borough-wide survey of all existing restrictions has been carried out and the data has been entered into an online mapping system to provide a consistent format for recording the restriction types and locations across the Borough.

New Articles have been drafted setting out the prohibitions and restrictions and referencing the map-based schedules which indicate the locations where the restrictions apply.

Publication of a new 'parent' order

The publication of a new 'parent' Order is necessary to bring all existing traffic order restrictions into a single new Order. The process is largely administrative whereby all existing moving traffic Orders and amendment orders are revoked, and the provisions re-enacted without any change of substance into the new order. Nothing changes on the ground.

While the publication of the Notice of Proposals gives an opportunity for the public to comment or make objections to the proposals it is worth noting that as there has already been a formal objection process undertaken for the introduction of the original measures, any objection to existing restrictions would generally be overruled.

Measures of success

1. The move to map-based representation of traffic orders provides greater clarity of restrictions as they appear on the ground;
2. The map-based orders are accessible for all to see via the Council's website;
3. There is the ability to access and make comment on all traffic order proposal via the website;
4. Visual versus written representation provides greater accessibility and ease of understanding for those who may find legal English off-putting.