



## Royston High Street Recovery Trial

20 December 2021

Dear Sir/Madam

Changes were made to Royston High Street and King Street in 2020 to support social distancing in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic, by reallocating some of the parking space. This created more space for pedestrians, opportunities for outdoor dining and a more attractive and healthier environment for people.

Hertfordshire County Council and North Herts Council are working to progress a trial by way of an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO). The Authority consider that an experimental scheme of traffic control is required, to evaluate the effectiveness of the introduction of a new Restricted Parking Zone in Royston Town Centre. Details of the proposals are provided below and on the enclosed plan.

The proposed experimental measures will be to trial a new Restricted Parking Zone. The **Experimental Restricted Parking Zone Order**, will trial No Waiting or loading at any time, except as signed in marked bays, effecting High Street, King Street, Upper Kings Street (part), Fish Street (part) Jepps Lane, Market Hill (part) and John Street.

The general purpose of the trial, is to enable the Authorities and stakeholders to ascertain and evaluate the effectiveness of the restrictions in reducing the number of vehicle movements in the Royston Town Centre, providing support and improved environment for users (noise, air quality, amenity) and making the street safer and more conducive to walking and cycling. -

1. Manage parking in the town centre area including measures to prevent vehicle parking extending onto pedestrian footways that are particularly narrow and which impedes use of the footway by pedestrians and causes a danger to pedestrians using the road.
2. Prioritise provision of parking space to Disabled Persons and for the purposes of Loading.
3. Through the addition of no waiting/no loading restrictions, preventing vehicles waiting or loading from the road outside of specified bays, which would encumber the passage of other road users.

The purpose of this letter is to raise awareness of the Authorities intention to introduce experimental restrictions and provide you with an opportunity to comment on the proposed experiment.

Following this period of consultation, a decision will be taken by the Authority, as to whether or not, to proceed with the experimental Orders. Should the experimental Orders proceed, they are likely to come into effect during February 2022 and may remain in effect for up to 18 months. During this 18- month period, the Authority will evaluate the experimental measures and will be considering whether or not to subsequently make the restrictions permanent. For the first 6 months of the experiment, there will be an opportunity to object to the Orders becoming permanent and details will be set out in the Public Notice of Making.

If you would like to comment on the proposal to introduce an Experimental Traffic Order, please contact us at [highstreetrecovery@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:highstreetrecovery@hertfordshire.gov.uk) by 12 January 2022.

Information about the trial and engagement and consultation will be available from the start of the trial at [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/highstreetrecovery](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/highstreetrecovery)

Yours Sincerely

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