

STATEMENT OF REASONS

City of Newcastle upon Tyne (Bus Lanes) Traffic Regulation Order 2014 (Quayside Variation) Experimental Traffic Regulation Order 2021

The Council's reasons for making the above Order and for proceeding by way of Experimental TRO are as follows:-

In response to the Covid19 situation the Department for Transport has updated Statutory Guidance in relation to reallocating road space to help prepare for economic restart. This is to be done in a way that enables social distancing to be catered for on the highway network and helps to provide additional space for active modes of transport.

Newcastle City Council has considered an approach to the updated guidance and are bringing forward a range of measures across the city as part of its local response.

A new bus lane on Quayside is to be introduced in order to relocate bus services away from the Quayside (river front) bus lane, which will provide more space for walking and cycling along the Quayside.

These changes will be implemented using an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order to enable the Council to monitor and assess the effect of the scheme.

During the experimental period consideration will be given to making a permanent Order in like terms.