



Statement of Reasons

The City of London (Waiting and Loading Restriction) (Amendment No. *) Order 2024

Proposals

New and amendments to loading restrictions on various sections of Gresham Street and on Liverpool Street, as follows:

Gresham Street to:-

- i. to replace the existing Monday – Friday 1pm – 7pm loading restriction with a Monday – Friday 7am – 10am, 12pm – 2pm and 4pm – 7pm loading restriction on the north side - from a point 18 metres east of a point opposite the eastern kerb-line of King Street to the western kerb-line of Basinghall Street;
- ii. to replace the existing Monday – Friday 7am – 1pm loading restriction with a Monday – Friday 7am – 10am, 12pm – 2pm and 4pm – 7pm loading restriction on the south side - from a point 16.7 metres west of the north-western kerb-line of Ironmonger Lane to a point 17.3 metres east of the south-eastern kerb-line of Ironmonger Lane;
- iii. to revoke the existing Monday – Friday 7am – 7pm loading restriction on the south side between its junctions with Milk Street and Wood Street.

Liverpool Street to introduce an at any time loading restriction on the south west side, from the south eastern kerbline of White Hart Court for a distance of 31.3m in a south easterly direction.

Reasons

The proposed introduction of at any time and Monday – Friday 7am – 10am, 12pm – 2pm and 4pm – 7pm loading restrictions is intended to prevent obstructive loading at the proposed locations and times and therefore improve traffic flow; and to enable loading/unloading to take place outside of the restricted times. The revocation of the section of loading restriction on Gresham Street is proposed because this restriction is no longer required.

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

This traffic order is to be implemented in accordance with Section 6 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended) as it appears to the City Corporation that it is expedient to make the Order for the purpose of facilitating the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians) and for avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road or any other road or preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising.

When considering whether to make a traffic order the City Corporation is under a duty pursuant to section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended), to secure so far as practicable the expeditious, convenient, and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians) and the provision of suitable and adequate parking facilities on and off the highway having regard to the matters specified in section 122(2).

It is considered that the proposals will generally assist to secure the safer movement of vehicular and pedestrian traffic and reduce and prevent danger. Furthermore, it is considered that the proposals will affect the matters specified in section 122(2) as follows:

(a) the desirability of securing and maintaining reasonable access to premises;

COMMENT: No Impact.

(b) the effect on the amenities of any locality affected and (without prejudice to the generality of this paragraph) the importance of regulating and restricting the use of roads by heavy commercial vehicles, to preserve or improve the amenities of the areas through which the roads run;

COMMENT: Access for heavy goods vehicles maintained as existing. Although the proposed loading restrictions reduces the availability for people to load, they aim to protect narrow locations and near junctions from obstructive and unsafe loading. The revocation of the existing loading restriction on Gresham Street increases the amenity for people to load and unload.

(bb) the strategy prepared under section 80 of the Environment Act 1995 (national air quality strategy);

COMMENT: The City Corporation has a strategy to improve air quality. The proposed measures are intended to reduction obstruction and congestion which in turn should reduce the impact on air quality from stationary traffic.

(c) the importance of facilitating the passage of public service vehicles and of securing the safety and convenience of persons using or desiring to use such vehicles;

COMMENT: No impact.

(d) any other matters appearing to the strategic highways company or the local authority to be relevant.

COMMENT: N/A

Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016

All associated signing and road markings will be in accordance with Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.

Equality Act 2010

Thorough consideration has been given to the Equalities duty of the Council under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010.