



Statement of Reasons

The City of London (Prescribed Routes) (Road Closure) (Amendment No. 29) Order 2025

Proposal

To formalise a prohibition on all vehicles on Middlesex Street from its junction with Bishopsgate to a point 23.4 metres east of that junction. The restriction will operate between the hours of 9.00am and 3.00pm on Sundays.

Reasons

The prohibition of all vehicles is being proposed to minimise pedestrian / vehicular conflict during the operational hours of Petticoat Lane Market (Market) in Middlesex and adjoining streets. It replaces a long-standing practice which predates the requirement for a Traffic Order.

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

These traffic orders are 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 assist to secure the safer movement of vehicular and pedestrian traffic and reduce and prevent road 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 change. The proposal formalises a long-standing practice which prohibits vehicular access during Market operational hours on Sundays. Reasonable access to premises is being maintained and any potential impact is deemed acceptable.

(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: No change. The proposal formalises a long-standing practice which prohibits vehicular access during Market operational hours on Sundays. This is likely to improve the amenity of the street for the market and its visitors.

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

COMMENT: No change. The proposal formalises a long-standing practice which prohibits vehicular access during Market operational hours on Sundays. The restriction is expected to improve the air quality during market hours.

(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 change. The proposal formalises a long-standing practice which prohibits vehicular access during Market operational hours on Sundays. The restriction is expected to have a minimal impact on public service vehicles.

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

COMMENT:

Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016

All associated signing and lining 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 City Corporation under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010.

It is recognised that the restriction may negatively impact some people who are reliant on the use of a vehicle as a primary mobility aid. However, this proposal formalises a long-standing practice which prohibits vehicular access on Sundays for six hours with no known issues. Furthermore, all locations in Middlesex Street are within 100m of vehicular access points.