

SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL
(FREDERICK ROAD)(PARISH OF BRIDGWATER)
(PROHIBITION OF MOTOR VEHICLES) ORDER 2017

The County Council of Somerset in exercise of its powers under Sections 1(1), 2(1) to (3) and 4(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended (hereinafter referred to as "the Act of 1984") and of all other enabling powers, after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act of 1984, hereby makes the following Order:-

1. SAVE AS IN Article 2 of this Order, no person shall cause any motor vehicle to enter, proceed or wait in Frederick Road, Bridgwater as shown in the Schedule below.
2. Nothing in Article 1 shall render it unlawful to cause or permit any motor vehicle to enter, proceed or wait in the length of road specified in the schedule below for so long as may be necessary to enable:-
 - a. access to residential property
 - b. the maintenance, improvement or reconstruction of the said length of road.
 - c. the laying, erection, alteration or repair in or on land adjacent to the said length of road of any sewer or of any main pipe or apparatus for the supply of gas, water or electricity or of any telecommunications system as defined in the Telecommunications Act 1984.
 - d. the vehicle, if it cannot conveniently be used for such purposes in any other road, to be used in the service of a local authority or of a water company in pursuance of statutory powers or duties.
 - e. the vehicle to be used for fire brigade, ambulance or police purposes.
 - f. the vehicle to be used for the purpose authorised by and with the permission of the Council.

This Order shall come into operation on the 2nd day of January 2018 and may be cited as "Somerset County Council (Frederick Road) (Parish of Bridgwater) (Prohibition of Motor Vehicles) Order 2017".

Given under the Common Seal of the Council this 21st day of December 2017.

THE COMMON SEAL of the)
COUNTY COUNCIL of SOMERSET)
was hereunto affixed)
in the presence of)




Authorized Officer

No. in Register 30273

SCHEDULE

PROHIBITION OF MOTOR VEHICLES

Frederick Road Bridgwater

From the junction with A39 Bath Road crossing the intersection to the junction with Fairfax Road and Knowle Road for a distance of 85 metres in a south easterly direction

STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR PROPOSING TO MAKE THE ORDER

The purpose of the Order is for avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road or any other road or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising.

The effect of the Order is to prohibit any motor vehicle entering, proceeding or waiting in the length of road shown coloured red on the plan forming part of this Order. Cyclists and pedestrians will still have access.

Appendix 2

SUMMARY OF FREDERICK ROAD OBJECTIONS

Name	Address	Reason for objection
B & S Carlin	Bath Road, Bridgwater	<p>Do not agree with the permanent closure of one of the main roads which feed traffic from the main Sydenham Estate. "Do they know the amount of traffic that drives in and out of the Sydenham Estate?"</p> <p>If go with road closure the only exit onto Bath Road will be Parkway and Trevor Road.</p> <p>Many people use Frederick Road to access both schools and the college using this road.</p>
Bridget Freeman	7 Knowle Road Bridgwater	<p>During last temporary road closure of Frederick Road Knowle Road became a race ground with cars and motorbikes speeding and large vehicles using it as a thoroughfare.</p> <p>Currently there are no speed humps or speed signs in place to enhance and encourage the reduction of speed by drivers using this as an access route.</p> <p>Many residents have more than one vehicle, some do not have drop kerbs to situ their vehicles on; with increase in traffic there is potential for damage to property by speeding vehicles, buses etc.</p>
D Owens	Knowle Road Bridgwater	<p>Last time road was shut road Knowle Road became unbearable, lorries all through the day and night.</p> <p>Would like to put forward to also close Knowle Road at one end as well as it becomes a rat run through the street and speed was a big problem.</p>
Derek Snook	184 Bath Road	<p>Closure will have a major impact on the area and the traffic flow in and around area.</p> <p>Original entrance to cellophane site would be</p>

		<p>much better way of accessing the new accommodation site, entrance was used by the factory for many years and never caused traffic issues to the rest of the area.</p> <p>New plans mean that an already busy estate will lose an entrance/exit causing traffic to build up and to cause higher volumes of traffic using the service roads eg Knowle Road, Manor Road, Trevor Road and Parkway.</p>
Jessica Crook	2 Knowle Road	<p>Concerned about future traffic problems that will be caused by closure. Must be several other options including having the entrance to the new accommodation block where the old cellophane entrance once was or creating a crossroads including Frederick Road.</p> <p>Closing Frederick Road junction to Bath Road will mean traffic will be diverted via the service roads eg Knowle Road, Manor Road and Parkway. It is currently quite difficult to access Bath Road from any of the junctions; closing one will worsen this problem.</p> <p>Petition enclosed with email Ms Crook sent to EDF back in April/May this year - 158 signatures</p>
Sue Carlin	Bath Road Bridgwater	<p>If go ahead with the road closure the only exit onto Bath Road will be Parkway and Trevor Road.</p> <p>Many people use Frederick Road to access both schools and college using this road.</p>
Mrs J C James	Trevor Road	<p>Lived in Trevor Road for years and have noticed parking there has been increasingly difficult.</p>
Jo Hall	3 Trevor Road Bridgwater	<p>When the road was closed temporarily earlier this year car was hit outside of house due to cars racing down the road. Feel Trevor Road will become a rat run. There is already a useable entrance to the cellophane site where the apartments are going and feel to shut a road to make an entrance opposite is pointless and going to cause unnecessary traffic delays through the town.</p>
Katie Horsman		Works in the residential home on this estate

		<p>and often need the emergency services to help residents. Closing Frederick Road will hinder and take them longer to reach the home. Having more access to get to the home means if one road is busy or there's been an accident there is still hope for them to reach the home in a certain time frame.</p> <p>When planning the Hinkley point housing estate why wasn't the area surrounding the building thought of beforehand?</p>
Michael Freeman	7 Knowle Road	Same comments as above from Mrs Bridget Freeman.
Mrs A Gill		<p>Once open will have coaches up to 6 plus every hour. The workers will be on shift patterns; the route these coaches will use will be Bath Road, Bristol Road, NDR then out through Cannington to Hinkley.</p> <p>Bath Road struggles to cope with the traffic now, increasing the population of 1000 plus migrating workers will be residents at the campus, all using these coaches at peak times suggested by EDF, starting at 7am, traffic from Sydenham will be forced to use the side roads all conveying at Parkway /Bath Road or Parkway/Westonzoyland Road putting extra pressure on St John Street and the traffic flow on the junction at Eastover/Monmouth street. These roads are already heavily used and the surface is reflecting the over use of heavy plant, HGVs and cars.</p> <p>The zebra crossing on Bath Road is not suitable for the amount of traffic using or for its future use especially with many young children and students using for the college and surrounding schools.</p> <p>Residents on Bath Road use a concealed entrance/exit to the rear of their properties we are forced to cross into the road. The slip road will not slow the traffic only causing blind spots for all road users.</p> <p>Residents parking will be reduced due to the closure of this road, visitors use this road as parking on Bath Road is dangerous in the parking bay outside Bath Road News, which</p>

		<p>is directly located on the slip road entrance for the campus, we have been offered no other parking . Residents along the effected roads having to put up with congestion , cars blocking access into their homes , increased noise and the possibility of vehicle damage .</p>
Patricia Scott		<p>Closure of the Frederick Road/Bath Road junction will cause all manner of chaos with all traffic coming from Fairfax Road, Longstone Avenue and adjoining roads who currently use Frederick Road as an exit to Bath Road will have to use the Parkway or Trevor Road (which is a small residential road) creating much more traffic congestion at peak times.</p> <p>The residents of Trevor Road and Knowle Road will also have to endure their roads being used as race tracks because drivers will become impatient and also Fairfax Road is the exiting road from the college so there will be young inexperienced drivers using these narrow roads. I do not understand why there cannot be a crossroad situation at this particular junction as traffic lights are going to be installed anyway. If the sequence of lights were programmed to go two way Bath Road, then Frederick Road and the exit from the new edf project homes on separate occasions.</p> <p>Lastly, it will also disrupt the famous Bridgwater carnival as the carts leave Frederick Road to join the procession on Bath Road. It is totally unnecessary, and all that needs to be done is a 4 way crossroad junction which should be easy enough to do, should you have to move the existing junction from the old Cellophane site. It will keep the traffic flowing fairly without causing unnecessary congestion .</p>
Sam Pavey		<p>Objection to the closure of Frederick Road - the new junction they are planning on putting in will not make a big enough difference to the traffic when compared to the chaos it will create once the road works start, it will also cause unnecessary traffic down the small side roads that would normally exit out Frederick Road.</p>
Tracy Critchley		<p>The permanent closure of Frederick Road will</p>

		<p>restrict access to the Sydenham estate and will cause more traffic issues on Parkway. If you were to monitor the use of the road you will find that the residents in the area use the road to access Bath Road.</p>
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TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER
DETERMINATION REPORT

SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL
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Executive Portfolio Holder: John Woodman, Cabinet Member-Highways

Division and Local Members: Bridgwater North and Central, County
Councillor, Dave Loveridge

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1 Summary

- 1.1 The proposal is to introduce a Prohibition of Motor Vehicles Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) which will result in the closure of Frederick Road at its junction with A39, Bath Road. This forms part of the works associated with the provision of a new access for the EDF campus development and was based on the consented outline planning application.
- 1.2 The proposal to introduce a Prohibition of Motor Vehicles TRO was advertised in the Bridgwater Mercury on 11th July 2017. The proposed TRO/public notice and plan are shown in **Appendix 1** and **Appendix 1a**.
- 1.3 Following advertisement of the TRO a total of 14 objections were received. In addition to the objections received a petition was also presented to Somerset County Council by one of the objectors; this petition was sent to EDF prior to the TRO being advertised and therefore is for information purposes only. A list of objectors and reasons for objecting to the proposal are shown in **Appendix 2**.
- 1.4 The police, emergency services, local members and other statutory consultees did not object to the proposal.
- 1.5 Based on junction capacity and the need to avoid unacceptable delays on the A39 approaches during network peak traffic periods, the shortened distance between the realigned A39 and existing service roads would have made the provision of a fourth arm keeping Frederick Road open to vehicular traffic impractical in both layout and junction capacity terms.

- 1.6 The closure of Frederick Road will require vehicular traffic seeking access to the A39 Bath Road to use an alternative route. The alternative routes available are Knowle Road/Trevor Road, Manor Road/Trevor Road and Parkway. The shortest measured route between Frederick Road and the A39 Bath Road (Knowle Road/Trevor Road) is 250 metres in length. A plan identifying these routes is shown in **Appendix 3**.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the **SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL (FREDERICK ROAD)(PARISH OF BRIDGWATER) (PROHIBITION OF MOTOR VEHICLES) ORDER 2017** be approved.

3 Objections

- 3.1 14 objections to the advertised TRO were received (two objectors provided the same response) as summarised in a table shown in **Appendix 2**. Individual letters/emails of objection and response are available for inspection at the authors Department.

- 3.2 Summary of objection reasons:

“Do not agree with the permanent closure of one of the main roads which feed traffic from the main Sydenham Estate”.

“If the road closure is implemented the only exit onto Bath Road will be Parkway and Trevor Road”.

“Many people use Frederick Road to access both schools and the college”

“During last temporary road closure of Frederick Road, Knowle Road became a race ground with cars and motorbikes speeding and large vehicles using it as a thoroughfare”.

“Currently there are no speed humps or speed signs in place to enhance and encourage the reduction of speed by drivers using this as an access route”.

“With increase in traffic there is potential for damage to property by speeding vehicles, buses etc” (Same comments provided by two objectors)”.

“Last time road was shut road Knowle Road became unbearable, lorries all through the day and night”.

“Closure will have a major impact on the traffic flow in and around the area. Original entrance to cellophane site would be a much better way of accessing the new accommodation site. This entrance was used by the factory for many years and never caused traffic issues to the rest of the area. New plans mean that an already busy estate will lose an

entrance/exit causing traffic to build up and increase traffic using the service roads e.g. Knowle Road, Manor Road, Trevor Road and Parkway.”

“Concern expressed about future traffic problems caused by the closure. Closing Frederick Road junction to Bath Road will mean traffic will be diverted via the service roads eg Knowle Road, Manor Road and Parkway. It is currently quite difficult to access Bath Road from any of the junctions; closing one will worsen this problem”

“If the proposal goes ahead the only exit onto Bath Road will be Parkway and Trevor Road. Many people use Frederick Road to access both schools and college using this road”

“Lived in Trevor Road for years and have noticed parking there has been increasingly difficult”

“Feel Trevor Road will become a rat run. There is already a useable entrance to the cellophane site where the apartments are going and feel to shut a road to make an entrance opposite is pointless and is going to cause unnecessary traffic delays through the town”

“The residential home on this estate often needs the emergency services to attend to residents. Closing Frederick Road will hinder this and take them longer to reach the home. Having more accesses to get to the home means if one road is busy or there’s been an accident there is still hope for them to reach the home in a certain time frame”

“Residents on Bath Road use a concealed entrance/exit to the rear of their properties we are forced to cross into the road. The slip road will not slow the traffic only causing blind spots for all road users”.

“Residents parking will be reduced due to the closure of this road. Visitors use this road as parking on Bath Road is dangerous in the parking bay outside Bath Road News, which is directly located on the slip road entrance for the campus, we have been offered no other parking. Residents along the effected roads will have to put up with congestion, cars blocking access into their homes, increased noise and the possibility of vehicle damage”

“Closure of the Frederick Road/Bath Road junction will cause all manner of chaos, all traffic coming from Fairfax Road, Longstone Avenue and adjoining roads, who currently use Frederick Road as an exit to Bath Road, will have to use the Parkway or Trevor Road (which is a small residential road) creating much more traffic congestion at peak times. The residents of Trevor Road and Knowle Road will also have to endure their roads being used as race tracks because drivers will become impatient. Also, Fairfax Road is the exiting road from the college so there will be young inexperienced drivers using these narrow roads”.

“It will also disrupt the famous Bridgwater carnival as the carts leave Frederick Road to join the procession on Bath Road. It is totally unnecessary and all that needs to be done is a four way crossroad junction which should be easy enough to do and would keep the traffic flowing without causing unnecessary congestion”

“the new junction arrangement will not make a big enough difference to the traffic when compared to the chaos it will create once the road works start, it will also cause unnecessary traffic down the small side roads that would normally exit out of Frederick Road”

“The permanent closure of Frederick Road will restrict access to the Sydenham estate and will cause more traffic issues on Parkway”

- 3.3 After considering all the objections, SCC do understand and appreciate the local concerns and objections however in order to address predicted junction capacity issues and to avoid unacceptable delays on the A39 approaches during network peak traffic periods, it is recommended that the proposal to close Frederick Road at its junction with A39, Bath Road, be introduced.
- 3.4 Somerset County Council will continue to review the impact of the TRO on adjacent roads and put forward mitigation measures if found necessary.

Decision record

The objections received during the consultation period have been given due consideration and I hereby confirm that the TRO **SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL (FREDERICK ROAD)(PARISH OF BRIDGWATER) (PROHIBITION OF MOTOR VEHICLES) ORDER 2017** be approved.

I authorise the sealing of this Traffic Regulation Order

Signed...

Bev Norman,

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Development, Somerset County Council**