

Devon County Council (West Street, Exeter) (One-Way with Contraflow Cycling) Order

Devon County Council propose to make this under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to introduce:

One-Way with Contraflow Cycling on West Street, Exeter from its junction with Fore Street in a south-easterly direction for 65 metres

Draft order, plan and statement of reasons may be seen at <https://devon.cc/tro> from 12th May. Free bookable computer use is available during the opening hours of Devon Libraries. Documents are also available to view, by appointment, during normal office hours at the address below. To book an appointment call 0345 155 1004 or use the form at <https://devon.cc/tro>

Objections and other comments specifying the proposal and the grounds on which they are made must be in writing to the address below or via <https://devon.cc/tro> to arrive by **6th June 2022**. If you make a submission be aware that contact details and points contributed may be made publicly available in accordance with our legal obligations. Receipt of submissions may not be acknowledged but those received will be considered and may be shared within Devon County Council and our partners. Further information on personal data at <https://devon.cc/troprivacy>

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reference IMR/B19026 | website reference 5974

County Solicitor, County Hall, Topsham Road, Exeter EX2 4QD

Statement of Reasons

West Street is currently a one-way low frequency traffic route for southbound traffic. There is currently no permitted contraflow cycle route along West Street, however cyclists utilise this route on a regular basis.

The proposal is to formalise contra flow cycling by providing a 1.5 metre wide *advisory* cycle lane over a distance of 65 metres, leaving in place a 2 metre wide traffic lane.

The objective of the scheme is to provide improved options for cyclists wishing to access the city centre from the Quay. Exeter's riverside cycle routes are heavily used (more than 2,000 users per day last summer). Making it easier for cyclists to travel between the Quay and the City Centre is one of the County Council's key aims in the Exeter Transport Plan, as it will help improve connectivity, increase passing trade and promote physical activity. Government design guidance (LTN1/20) recommends that 'there should be a general presumption in favour of cycling in both directions in one-way streets unless there are safety, operational or cost reasons why it is not feasible'.

The restrictions are proposed to avoid danger to persons or other traffic using the road or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising and for facilitating the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians).