

Devon County Council (Quay Hill, 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 a specified length of Quay Hill

Draft order, plan and statement of reasons may be seen at <https://devon.cc/tro> from **14th July 2022**. 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 **4th August 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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County Solicitor, County Hall, Topsham Road, Exeter EX2 4QD

Statement of Reasons

Quay Hill is currently a one-way southbound section of carriageway with a low frequency of traffic flow. Contraflow cycling is not formalised however, cyclists utilise the route in both directions on a regular basis.

The proposed advisory contraflow cycle route along Quay Hill will formalise the existing movement of cyclists and reinforce the presence of cyclists to other motorists.

The site location is within a conservation area and the section of the carriageway along Quay Hill is cobble, therefore lining for the cycle route cannot be provided.

The scheme proposals include providing an “except cycles” supplementary sign to the existing southern no entry signs, a cycle warning sign, contraflow cycle signs to the northern end of the route and providing dropped kerb crossing on Lower Coombe Street for improved pedestrian access.

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 have a high frequency of movements (more than 2,000 users per day in summer of 2021). Improving cyclist routes for 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, improve safety 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).