

**Devon County Council (Wonford Road, Exeter) (Prohibition of All Vehicles)
Experimental Amendment Order 2023**

Devon County Council made this on 8th November under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to come into force 16th November to amend Devon County Council (Wonford Road, Exeter) (Prohibition of All Vehicles) Order 2022. The amendment adds an exemption to the **Prohibition of all vehicles except buses & cycles restriction** to allow taxis and private hire vehicles displaying bus lane user signs to proceed in **Wonford Road** at a point 11 metres southeast of its junction with Deepdene Park.

Orders, plan and statement of reasons may be seen at <https://devon.cc/tro> from 9th November. Free bookable computer use is available during the opening hours of Devon Libraries. Documents are also available to view during normal office hours at the address below.

The Council will consider whether the provisions should continue indefinitely and anyone may object to the making of a permanent order within 6 months from 16th November or if the order is subsequently varied by another order or modified pursuant to section 10(2) of the 1984 Act within 6 months of that variation or modification coming into force. Objections stating the grounds on which they are made and other comments must be in writing to the address below or via <https://devon.cc/tro>. Receipt of submissions may not be acknowledged but those received will be considered. If you make a submission, please be aware that comments will be anonymised prior to being sent to Highway & Traffic Orders Committee (HATOC) members for consideration or being published on the Council's website. Data may be shared within the Council and our partner agencies. Personal details will be kept confidential in line with the notice at <https://devon.cc/troprivacy> and will only be shared in accordance with the terms of this Privacy Notice or to comply with the Council's legal obligations.

If you wish to question the validity of the order or of any of its provisions because it or they are not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 or that any requirement of that Act or any instrument made under it has not been complied with, you may within 6 weeks from the date on which the order was made apply to the High Court for this purpose.

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Director of Legal & Democratic Services, County Hall, Topsham Road, Exeter EX2 4QD

Statement of Reasons

The changes to the bus gate restriction would enable more direct access by taxi and private hire vehicles to certain premises than under the current arrangements. This is considered necessary to address concerns regarding impacts of the bus gate restrictions on disabled people, some of whom are particularly reliant on taxis and/or private hire vehicles, considering the Council's Public Sector Equality Duty under the Equality Act 2010. This amendment is being implemented as an experiment in line with a variation made to allow taxis and private hire vehicles through the traffic filters for the Heavitree and Whipton residential area as part of the experimental order 6090. It is yet to be determined whether the experimental order in the Heavitree and Whipton Area (6090) will be made permanent including an exemption for taxis and private hire vehicles which is why this exemption is being implemented as an experimental order.

Specifically, this variation would facilitate the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic and to preserve or improve the amenities of the area through which the road runs.