

## Fore Street Area, Heavitree, Exeter - Bus Lane & Waiting Restriction Proposals

Devon County Council propose to make these under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 for Exeter:

**Devon County Council (Fore Street, Heavitree, Exeter) (Bus Lane) Amendment Order 6191** to amend

- **Bus Lane times of operation to Mon-Sat 7am-7pm** on a specified length of Fore Street, Heavitree

**Devon County Council (Fore Street Area, Heavitree, Exeter) (Waiting Restrictions) Amendment Order 6192** to introduce

- **No Waiting At Any Time** on a specified length of North Street, Heavitree
- **No Waiting Mon-Sat 7am-7pm** on a specified length of Fore Street, Heavitree
- **No Loading Mon-Sat 7am-7pm** on specified lengths of Fore Street, Heavitree
- **Loading Only Mon-Sat Midnight-7am and 7pm-Midnight and Sun At Any Time** on a specified length of Fore Street, Heavitree
- **Car Club Vehicles At Any Time** on a specified length of North Street, Heavitree

Where appropriate there will be the usual exemptions including those in relation to picking up/setting down passengers, loading/unloading goods and disabled persons vehicles.

Draft orders, orders being amended, plans and statement of reasons may be seen at <https://devon.cc/exeterbsip> from 19<sup>th</sup> September. 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.

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/exeterbsip> to arrive by **10<sup>th</sup> October 2024**. Receipt of submissions may not be acknowledged but those received will be considered. If you make a submission, be aware that comments will be anonymised prior to being sent to appropriate committee members for consideration or being published on our website. Your data may be shared within the Council and with our partner agencies. Personal details will be kept confidential in line with the Privacy Notice at <https://devon.cc/troprivity> and will only be shared in accordance with the terms of that Notice or to comply with our legal obligations.

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reference imr/DEV001/982 | website references 6191 and 6192

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### Statement of Reasons

Devon County Council have been allocated central government funding to improve bus services in the county. The Exeter schemes include enhancements to the Central Bus Corridor (through Heavitree), accommodating up to 30 buses an hour in each direction from Monday to Saturday.

The Central Bus Corridor accommodates up to 30 buses an hour in each direction, Monday to Saturday, and the package of proposals for this corridor are anticipated to achieve up to 4 minutes of journey time savings (depending on the bus route, congestion levels and direction of travel).

The proposal for Fore Street, Heavitree is to amend the times of operation of the bus lane to provide greater priority for buses to pass queuing traffic during the daytime (7am to 7pm Monday to Saturday) when they are currently experiencing delays. Modifications to the waiting and loading restrictions within the bus lane are also proposed to match the new timings. The parking in North Street is also being shortened to allow the traffic lanes to be widened on the exit onto Fore Street which will improve capacity and bus movements out of the junction.

It is considered that the proposals will facilitate the passage on the road for buses and other authorised vehicles. Overall, they will enable faster and more reliable bus journey times, ensuring bus travel becomes a more attractive alternative to private car use and providing greater benefits to the elderly, disabled and young people who may rely more on public transport.