

Heavitree Road, 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 (Heavitree Road, Exeter) (Bus Lane) Amendment Order 6193 to extend

- **Bus Lane At Any Time** on a specified length of Heavitree Road

Devon County Council (Heavitree Road, Exeter) (Waiting Restrictions) Amendment Order 6194 to introduce

- **No Waiting At Any Time** on a specified length of Heavitree Road
- **No Loading 7am-9.30am and 4pm-7pm** on a specified length of Heavitree Road
- **Residents Parking At Any Time Zone P** on a specified length of Heavitree Road. Residents, charity business occupier, supported living, school business, motorcycle, scooter & other vehicles band A permits (less than 100g/km) £35 annually, other vehicles bands B–K (101-225g/km) 1st permit £35, 2nd permit £55, 3rd permit £65; bands L-M (226+ g/km) 1st permit £35, 2nd permit £65, extra permits £65; virtual visitor permits £30 per issue (350 hours - allocated in 1 hour sessions), physical 24 hour visitor permits £30 per issue of 30 permits, essential visitor permits £10 annually, business permits annual cost: 1st permit £35, 2nd permit £75, 3rd permit £150; guest house/hotel visitors permit £30 per batch of 20 permits; annual trade permit £45, short stay trade permits £60 per book of 20, daily trade permit £5, weekly trade permit £25; care worker permits are free

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 19th 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 **10th 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/troprivacy> and will only be shared in accordance with the terms of that Notice or to comply with our legal obligations.

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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 Heavitree Road is to extend the outbound bus lane and introduce a new set of bus only traffic lights which would allow buses to be prioritised when making the right-hand turn into Barrack Road. To enable these works, modifications to waiting and loading restrictions on this section of the highway are also required as proposed.

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.