

**THE CHESHIRE EAST BOROUGH COUNCIL
(VARIOUS ROADS, MIDDLEWICH)
(PROHIBITION OF HEAVY COMMERCIAL VEHICLES)
ORDER 2018**

STATEMENT OF REASONS

Effect

The effect of the Order is to prohibit, heavy commercial vehicles, with an operating weight in excess of 7.5 tonnes, on the following lengths of road and as shown on the map on deposit.

The Order contains exceptions for loading/unloading, access, council vehicles, emergency services, public service vehicles and other vehicles used in connection with demolition or statutory undertakers duties.

<u>Length of Road</u>	<u>Extent</u>
Ashfield Street	<u>Throughout its entire length</u>
Beech Street	Throughout its entire length
Bembridge Court	Throughout its entire length
Bembridge Drive	Throughout its entire length
Darlington Street	Throughout its entire length
Dierdens Terrace	Throughout its entire length
East Road	Throughout its entire length
Hightown	Throughout its entire length
Hubert Drive	Throughout its entire length
King Edward Street	Throughout its entire length
Kings Mews	Throughout its entire length
Lawrence Avenue	Throughout its entire length
Leas's Passage	Throughout its entire length
Long Lane	Throughout its entire length
Manor Lane	Throughout its entire length
Mathers Close	Throughout its entire length
Newton Hall Mews	Throughout its entire length
Newton Heath	Throughout its entire length
Park Road	Throughout its entire length

Queen Street	Throughout its entire length
Roylance Drive	Throughout its entire length
Sandown Close	Throughout its entire length
Shropshire Close	Throughout its entire length
St Ann's Road	Throughout its entire length
St Ann's Walk	Throughout its entire length
Stallard Way	Throughout its entire length
Sutton Lane	Between its junctions with St Anne's Avenue and Lewin Street
The Bull Ring	Throughout its entire length
Ventnor Close	Throughout its entire length
Walcroft Gardens	Throughout its entire length
Wardle Mews	Throughout its entire length
Water's Edge Mews	Throughout its entire length
West Street	Throughout its entire length
Westlands Road	Throughout its entire length
Wheelock Street	Throughout its entire length

Reasons

The introduction of these restrictions has been identified as a ward priority and relates to the residential area adjacent to Nantwich Road and Lewin Street/Booths Lane.

Over-sized lorries and HGVs, including some approaching 40 tonnes in weight are travelling through the area. Due to the position of weight restricted canal bridges and absence of turning areas, these vehicles must exit the area via Hightown.

Not only are the roads and junctions within this residential area not designed to accommodate these large vehicles, it has been observed these vehicles are unable to turn right out onto Hightown from Queen Street without the danger of damaging adjacent buildings/walls.

It is considered the proposed Order will enable Cheshire East Borough Council to carry out their duty under Section 122(1) of the Road Traffic regulation Act 1984, which provides that it shall be the duty of every local authority upon whom functions are conferred by or under the 1984 Act so to exercise those functions as to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians) and the provision of suitable and adequate parking facilities on and off the highway. The proposed Order will also enable Cheshire east East Borough Council to carry out their network management duty under Section 16 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 to secure the expeditious movement of traffic on the authority's road network and both the more efficient use and the avoidance, elimination or reduction of road congestion or other disruption to the movement of traffic on their road network.

The Ward members have been consulted and support these restrictions.