

# Public notice

## Westmoreland Road – trial road closure



*The London Borough of Southwark (Prescribed routes) (Westmoreland Road) Experimental Traffic Order 2022*

1. Southwark Council hereby GIVES NOTICE that on 24 November 2022 it has made the above experimental Order under sections 9 and 10 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.
2. The effects of the experimental Order, the intention of which is to trial the provision of new prescribed routes to alleviate traffic congestion in the Westmoreland Road area, will be:-
  - (a) to provide a 'no motor vehicles' point road closure prohibiting the movement of motor vehicles, which will be indicated by traffic signs and enforced by ANPR cameras, in WESTMORELAND ROAD south-east of its junction with Queen's Row;
  - (b) to introduce a compulsory left turn for all motor vehicles in QUEEN'S ROW at its junction with Westmoreland Road; and
  - (c) suspend an existing point road closure in PHELP STREET (north-west of its junction with Westmoreland Road) and the prescribed routes associated with this point closure in Westmoreland Road.

*NOTE: Exemption to the restrictions described in (a) and (b) preceding would be provided for emergency services vehicles and for vehicles used for road maintenance, refuse collection or cleansing purposes; and exceptions are provided for postal service, taxis and (on a discretionary basis) disabled persons vehicles (registered to Southwark resident 'blue badge' holders), rapid response healthcare workers vehicles and SEND vehicles.*

3. For more information on the background and implementation of this experimental Order contact Rachel Gates of the Council's Highways team - [Highways@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Highways@southwark.gov.uk)
4. Copies of the Order, which will come into force on 12 December 2022 (and can remain in force until 26 June 2024), this notice, and a statement of the council's reasons for making the Order may be found online [www.southwark.gov.uk/trafficorders](http://www.southwark.gov.uk/trafficorders); paper or digital copies of plans showing the location and effect of the Order and the supporting documents may be requested by emailing [traffic.orders@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:traffic.orders@southwark.gov.uk), or inspected by appointment only at: Highways, Southwark Council, Environment and Leisure, 3rd floor hub 2, 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH. Email [traffic.orders@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:traffic.orders@southwark.gov.uk) (or call 020 7525 3497) for booking details.
5. The council will in due course be considering whether the provisions of the experimental order should be continued in force indefinitely, by means of a permanent order made under section 6 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. Anyone wishing to object to the making of the permanent order or make any other representation regarding the scheme would have 6 months to do so, from the date the experimental order comes into force (or, if the order is varied by a subsequent order or modified pursuant to section 10(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, from the date that variation order or modification comes into force), and may send a statement to [traffic.orders@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:traffic.orders@southwark.gov.uk) or to: Traffic Order consultations, Highways, Southwark Council, Environment and Leisure, P.O. Box 64529, London SE1P 5LX; or use the form labelled 'Parking - Road traffic and highway schemes - responding to statutory consultation notices' at [www.southwark.gov.uk/statutoryconsultationnotices](http://www.southwark.gov.uk/statutoryconsultationnotices) quoting reference 'TMO2223-EXP05\_Westmoreland Road'. Please note that if you wish to object to the scheme you must state the grounds on which your objection is made.
6. Under requirements of current access to information legislation, any letter or e-mail sent to the Council in response to this Notice may be subject to publication or disclosure, or both, including communication to other persons affected.
7. Anyone wishing to question the validity of the Order or of any provision therein on the grounds that it is not within the relevant powers of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or that any of the relevant requirements thereof or of any relevant regulations made thereunder have not been complied with in relation to the Order may, within 6 weeks of the date on which the Order was made, make application for the purpose to the High Court.

Dated 24 November 2022

**Dale Foden** - Head of Service - Highways, Environment and Leisure

# Statement of reasons

## Westmoreland Road – trial road closure



*The London Borough of Southwark (Prescribed routes) (Westmoreland Road) Experimental Traffic Order 2022*

Southwark Council will trial, by way of an experiment, the provision of new prescribed routes to alleviate traffic congestion in the Westmoreland Road area (within the Faraday ward), in the London Borough of Southwark.

The trial will provide a 'no motor vehicles' point road closure prohibiting the movement of motor vehicles, which will be indicated by traffic signs and enforced by ANPR cameras, in Westmoreland Road (south-east of its junction with Queen's Row), and a complementary 'left turn only' in Queen's Row (at its junction with Westmoreland Road). These restrictions include exemptions for emergency services vehicles and for vehicles used for road maintenance, refuse collection or cleansing purposes; and exceptions provided for postal service, taxis and (on a discretionary basis) disabled persons vehicles (registered to Southwark resident 'blue badge' holders), rapid response healthcare workers vehicles and SEND vehicles.

The trial will also remove, for the duration of the trial period, an existing point road closure in Phelp Street (north-west of its junction with Westmoreland Road) and the prescribed routes associated with this point closure in Westmoreland Road.

These measures are subject to an experimental Traffic Management Order (TMO). A TMO is the legal mechanism the council, as traffic authority, uses to control aspects of the way that the highway is used. They provide the legal backing to signs and road markings used on the highway and allow them to be enforceable.

The experimental TMO will be enforceable for a period up to 18 months (until 26 June 2024) to allow the assessment of any impact the measures might have on the area and surrounding roads, and to revise the scheme if necessary within that time. A review will be carried out to assess the initial success of the scheme and whether the measures should be made permanent.

Link to the decision details:

[Issue details - Westmoreland Road traffic reduction - experimental scheme - Southwark Council](#)

Dated 24 November 2022

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THE COUNCIL OF THE LONDON BOROUGH OF SOUTHWARK

# TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ORDER

2022 No. 134

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The London Borough of Southwark (Prescribed routes)  
(Westmoreland Road) Experimental Traffic Order 2022

Made: 24 November 2022

Coming into force: 12 December 2022

Expires: 26 June 2024

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The Council of the London Borough of Southwark, after consulting the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 9 and 10 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984<sup>a</sup>, as amended, and of all other powers thereunto enabling, hereby make the following Order:

## Citation and commencement and expiry

- 1.1 This Order may be cited as the London Borough of Southwark (Prescribed routes) (Westmoreland Road) Experimental Traffic Order 2022, shall come into force on 12 December 2022, and will expire on 26 June 2024.

## Interpretation

- 2.1 In this Order:-

causing includes permitting;

“Council” means the Council of the London Borough of Southwark;

“disabled person’s badge” and “disabled person’s badge holder” have the same meaning as in Regulation 2 of the Disabled Persons (Badges for Motor Vehicles) (England) Regulations 2000<sup>b</sup>;

“disabled person’s vehicle” and has the same meaning as in section 142(1) of the Road Traffic “enactment” means any enactment, whether public general or local, and includes any order, byelaw, rule, regulation, scheme or other instrument having effect by virtue of an enactment;

“electronic communications network” has the same meaning as that given in section 32 of the Communications Act 2003<sup>c</sup>;

“motor vehicle” has the same meaning as in section 136 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984;

“prescribed street” for the purposes of Article 4.1(f) of this Order means a street or part thereof referred to in Article 3 of this Order;

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<sup>a</sup> 1984 c.27

<sup>b</sup> SI 2000/682

<sup>c</sup> 2003 c.21

“taxi” has the meaning given in the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016<sup>d</sup>; and  
“traffic sign” means a sign of any size, type and colour prescribed and authorised under, or having effect as though prescribed or authorised under section 64 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

- 2.2 Any reference in this Order to any enactment shall be construed as a reference to that enactment as amended, applied, consolidated, re-enacted by or as having effect by virtue of any subsequent enactment.

#### Prescribed routes

- 3.1 No person causing any motor vehicle to proceed in a south-eastbound direction in that part of Westmoreland Road which lies to the west of a point 28 metres south-east of the common boundary of Nos. 29 and 31 Westmoreland Road shall, upon reaching that point, cause that motor vehicle to enter into that part of Westmoreland Road which lies to the east of a point 28 metres south-east of the common boundary of Nos. 29 and 31 Westmoreland Road.
- 3.2 No person causing any motor vehicle to proceed in a south-westbound direction in that part of Westmoreland Road which lies to the east of a point 33 metres south-east of the common boundary of Nos. 29 and 31 Westmoreland Road shall, upon reaching that point, cause that motor vehicle to enter into that part of Westmoreland Road which lies to the west of a point 33 metres south-east of the common boundary of Nos. 29 and 31 Westmoreland Road.
- 3.3 Every person causing any motor vehicle to proceed in a south-eastbound direction in Queen’s Row shall, upon reaching its junction with Westmoreland Road, cause that motor vehicle to turn left.
- 3.4 Nothing in Articles 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3 above shall apply to a taxi.

#### Exemptions

- 4.1 Nothing in Articles 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3 of this Order shall apply in relation to:-
- (a) anything done with the permission or at the direction of a police constable in uniform;
  - (b) any vehicle being used for ambulance, fire brigade or police purposes;
  - (c) any person who causes any vehicle to proceed in accordance with any restriction or requirement indicated by traffic signs placed on the highway pursuant to section 66 or section 67 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984;
  - (d) any vehicle being used for the purpose of maintenance, improvement, re-construction, cleansing or lighting of that part of street;
  - (e) any vehicle being used in connection with the laying, erection, alteration, or repair in or adjacent to that part of street of any sewer, main, pipe or apparatus for the supply of gas, water, electricity, or of any electronic communications network; or the placing, maintenance or removal of any traffic sign, if the vehicle cannot be used for that purpose in any other street or part of street;
  - (f) a refuse collection vehicle being operated by the Council or its appointed contractor, whilst being used for the purpose of refuse collection at premises located within a prescribed street;
  - (g) any vehicle being used for the purposes of the provision of a universal postal service (as defined in the Postal Services Act 2000<sup>e</sup>) provided the vehicle bears the livery of a universal postal service provider;
  - (h) a taxi;
  - (i) a disabled person’s vehicle, the vehicle registration number thereof being registered with and authorised by the Council for this purpose by or on the behalf of a disabled person’s

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<sup>d</sup> SI 2016/362

<sup>e</sup> 2000 c.26

badge holder resident in the London Borough of Southwark, such authorisation being granted by the Council on a discretionary basis and subject to such criteria as may be set from time to time by the Council;

- (j) a vehicle recognised by the Council as being a “rapid response healthcare workers vehicle”, the vehicle registration number thereof being registered with and authorised by the Council for this purpose by or on the behalf of a healthcare worker or healthcare organisation providing healthcare services to residents of the London Borough of Southwark, such authorisation being granted by the Council on a discretionary basis and subject to such criteria as may be set from time to time by the Council; or
- (k) a vehicle recognised by the Council as being a “SEND vehicle”, the vehicle registration number thereof being registered with and authorised by the Council for this purpose by or on the behalf of a person or organisation providing “SEND” services in the London Borough of Southwark, such authorisation being granted by the Council on a discretionary basis and subject to such criteria as may be set from time to time by the Council.

#### Suspension of existing provisions

- 5.1 Whilst this Order remains in force and without prejudice to the validity of anything done or to any liability incurred in respect of any act or omission before the coming into force of this Order, the London Borough of Southwark (Prescribed routes) (Phelp Street) Traffic Order 2022<sup>f</sup> shall have effect as though the provisions of Articles 3.4, 3.5 and 3.6 therein were suspended.

#### Power to modify or suspend this Order

- 6.1 In pursuance of section 10(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the Council’s Head of Service, Highways, Environment and Leisure (or such other officer of the Council as holds the post of Traffic Manager as defined in section 17 of the Traffic Management Act 2004<sup>g</sup>) may, if it appears to them or to that officer essential in the interests of the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of traffic, or of the provision of suitable and adequate parking facilities on the highway, or for preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which any road affected by this Order runs, modify or suspend any provision of this Order, save that no modification shall make an addition.

Dated this twenty-fourth day of November 2022



DALE FODEN  
Head of Service, Highways  
Environment and Leisure

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<sup>f</sup> LBS 2022/063

<sup>g</sup> 2004 c.18

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order, by way of an experiment:-

- (a) suspends an existing point road closure in Phelp Street (north-west of its junction with Westmoreland Road), and the prescribed routes associated with this point closure in Westmoreland Road;
- (b) introduces a point road closure, enforced by ANPR camera, prohibiting the movement of motor vehicles in Westmoreland Road (south-east of its junction with Queen's Row), which includes exemptions provided for emergency services vehicles and for vehicles used for road maintenance, refuse collection or cleansing purposes; exceptions provided for postal service, taxis and (on a discretionary basis) disabled persons vehicles (registered to Southwark resident 'blue badge' holders), rapid response healthcare workers vehicles and SEND vehicles; and
- (c) introduces 'left turn only' for motor vehicles in Queen's Row on approach to its junction with Westmoreland Road,

in the London Borough of Southwark.