## DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL EXPERIMENTAL ORDER No.1 2024

Darlington Borough Council ('the Council') in exercise of its powers under Sections 9 and 10 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (hereinafter referred to as 'the Act') and of all other enabling powers; and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 of the Act hereby make the following Order:

- 1. No person shall cause any vehicle to enter the road specified in Column 2 of the Schedule to this Order from the road specified in Column 1 of the Schedule.
- 2. Pursuant to Section 10(2) of the Act the Group Director of Services for the time being of the Council, or any other such person authorised to carry out those duties, may, if it appears to that officer or to that person 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 the roads affected by this Order run, modify or suspend this Order or any provision thereof.
- 3. The provisions of this Order shall cease to be in force eighteen months after they come into operation unless a subsequent Order is made to continue them in force indefinitely.
- 4. The restrictions imposed by this Order shall be in addition to and not in derogation of any restrictions or requirements imposed by any regulations made or having effect as if made under the Act or by or under any other enactment.

This Order is entitled the Darlington Borough Council Experimental Order No.1 2024 and shall come into operation on the 29<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

Dated this 15th January 2024

THE COMMON SEAL of DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL was hereunto affixed in the presence of:

**Authorised Signatory** 

This document was classified as: OFFICIAL

## **SCHEDULE**

# **No Entry**

Hillhouse Lane, Sadberge	into the eastern leg of Hillhouse Lane between Hillhouse Lane and South View/Stainton View

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Darlington Borough Council ('the Council') have made the above named Experimental Road Traffic Regulation Order under Sections 9 and 10 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984 ('the Act') on the 15th January 2024. The effect of the order is to prohibit any person from causing a vehicle to enter the eastern leg of Hillhouse Lane between Hillhouse Lane and South View/Stainton View, Sadberge from the north end.

A copy of the Order, a statement of the Council's reasons for making the Order and plan may be viewed at www.darlington.gov.uk/transport-and-streets/traffic-regulation-orders-and-consultations Copies may also be requested by phoning 01325-405492; or by writing to the Assistant Director – Law and Governance, Darlington Borough Council, Town Hall, Darlington DL1 5QT (ref: AE); or by emailing trafficorders@darlington.gov.uk. An appointment to view the documents in person at the Darlington Town Hall may be booked in the same way. These changes will come into force on the 29<sup>th</sup> January 2024 for an experimental period of 18 months, unless suspended earlier and, within this time, the Council will consider if the provisions of the Experimental Order should be continued in force indefinitely. If you wish to object to the making of the Order for the purpose of such indefinite continuation then you may do so within a period of six months:

- a. beginning with the day on which the Experimental Order comes into force, or
- b. if the Order is varied by another Order or modified pursuant to section 10(2) of the Act, beginning with the day on which the variation or modification or the latest variation or modification came into force.

Such objections should be sent in writing to the Assistant Director – Law and Governance (ref AE), Darlington Borough Council, Town Hall, Darlington DL1 5QT or by e-mail to trafficorders@darlington.gov.uk stating the grounds upon which the objection is made. If any person wishes to question the validity of the Experimental Order or any of its provisions on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Act or that any requirement of the Act or of any instrument made under the Act has not been complied with, that person may within six weeks from the date of this Notice apply for that purpose to the High Court.

Dated 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024 Luke Swinhoe Assistant Director – Law and Governance

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#### STATEMENT OF REASONS

Darlington Borough Council has made the decision to implement an experimental traffic order to introduce a no entry into the eastern leg of Hillhouse Lane from the western leg of Hillhouse Lane. This is to prevent through traffic and to prioritise the safety of other road users.

Concerns have been raised regarding vehicles using the eastern leg of Hillhouse Lane as a cut through to jump the queuing traffic at the junction of Hillhouse lane and Church View / Darlington Road. This is occurring mainly at peak times when traffic is backed up on Hillhouse Lane.

Access to both residential and commercial premises will be maintained from the southern end of the road.

The no entry restriction is being introduced by way of an experimental traffic regulation order to enable the restrictions to be trialled, and amended further if necessary, following feedback from residents, stakeholders and Durham Constabulary.

If the restrictions remain in place for a minimum of 6 months, then the Council will determine after that time whether they should be made permanent or removed.

