

Statement of Reasons

High Street, Staines Upon Thames - Prohibition of Traffic

Up until 2015 vehicular access to the High Street was controlled by a rising bollard system. This prohibited any vehicle from entering the High Street between the hours of 9:30am - 5:00pm and Monday to Saturday's and all-day Sundays. Deliveries were permitted between 5:00pm and 9:30am and access was permitted at any time to permit holders and those making cash deliveries.

Since the rising bollard system has been beyond economical repair there have been no physical measures to control vehicular access to the High Street. This can pose a safety risk to pedestrians on the High Street due to the increased chance of conflicts between pedestrians and vehicles.

It is therefore proposed to install manually operate barriers to prohibit any vehicular access onto the High Street between the hours of 9:30am and 5:00pm Monday to Saturday and all-day Sundays. Deliveries will still be permitted between 5:00pm and 9:30am. The former exceptions for access at any time for cash delivery and permit holders is proposed to be revoked. This is due to there no longer being a permit holder system and ample time for cash deliveries within the hours of delivery.

By physically restricting vehicular access to the High Street between 9:30am and 5:00pm without exceptions, pedestrian safety will be enhanced, and this will support the function of the area as a pedestrian priority space.