

## **ST ALBANS CITY AND DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**REPORT TO:** Christine Trill, Director for Community and Place Delivery and Councillor Helen Campbell, Chair for Public Realm and Lead Councillor for Parking.

**DATE:** 17/10/2025

**REPORT TITLE:** Experimental Traffic Regulation Order for restricted waiting time in Lyon Way, St Albans.

**WARD/S:** Hill End

**DEPARTMENT:** Parking Development

**TRAFFIC ORDER TITLE:** THE ST ALBANS CITY AND DISTRICT COUNCIL (CONTROL OF PARKING) ORDER 2023 (AMENDMENT NO.8 ) (EXPERIMENTAL) LYON WAY ORDER 2025

### **1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to provide the Council's Strategic Director for Community and Place Delivery and the Chair of the Public Realm Committee with the background, consultation process and information relating to above titled Experimental Traffic Regulation Order.

### **2. Background**

- 2.1. This report summarises the comments that were received in response to the consultation, which was carried out between 23/01/2025 and 24/07/2025 to seek stakeholder views on proposed amendments to waiting restrictions in Lyon Way, St Albans.
- 2.2. The proposals outlined in this report have been developed in response to a request from a ward councillor who has been actively engaging with local stakeholders, including businesses and places of worship, regarding parking concerns in the area. Through these discussions, a recurring issue was identified: the existing double yellow line restriction was having an unintended impact on Sunday visitors to the two churches, limiting access and reducing available parking during peak service times.
- 2.3. The proposals which this consultation was based on, were aimed at:
  - Increasing the available provision of parking places for users of local businesses.
  - Reducing instances of inappropriate or inconsiderate parking.
  - Maintaining access to adjacent businesses by retaining certain sections of 'no waiting at any time', and
  - Improving road safety.

2.4. The proposed alterations to the existing parking arrangements in Lyon Way are shown in Appendix B (map 1 of 1) and outlined below:

2.5. The general effect of the proposals was to:

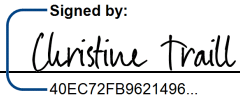
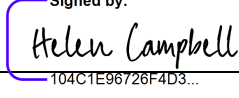
Remove sections of double yellow lines (approximately 130m) and replace with single yellow lines Monday-Saturday 8:00-22:00, in parts of Lyon Way, St Albans.

The general purpose of the trial was to enable us to ascertain and evaluate the effectiveness of new restrictions in improving the environment for users.

**3. Recommendation**

3.1. It is recommended that the Council’s Director for Community and Place Delivery, in consultation with the Council’s Lead Councillor for Public Realm, agree in proceeding to make the above Experimental Traffic Regulation Order permanent, in line with Section (14) of The Local Authorities’ Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1966, following its advertisement on **16/01/2025**.

**4. Report Sign Off**

<b>Strategic Direct for Community and Place Delivery</b>	<b>Lead for Public Realm</b>
Name: Christine Trail	Name: Helen Campbell
Date: 17 December 2025	Date: 16 December 2025
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**5. Consultation Details**

5.1. 1 representation was received in total, this was submitted online. The redacted response is listed in Appendix A to the Decision Report.

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## Section 1- Support Levels

1.1. Out of the 1 representation received during the consultation:

Support Level	Count	Percentage
Supported the proposal, but would like the council to consider additional or alternative measures	1	100%

## Section 2- Top themes expressed by representations

This section of the report concentrates on the analysis of the top themes identified and provides the Council's response to these.

2.1. Top theme identified:

Top theme identified	Council Response
<p><b>Consideration could be given to changing the hours of limitation to "Monday to Friday 08:00 - 18:00 or 19:00."</b></p>	<p>This would allow legal parking during weekday evenings and during the day on Saturdays. These are not generally busy times for the local businesses, and it would allow us at City Church to organise more events at these times and facilitate more community engagement.</p> <p>Your observations regarding the minimal impact on neighbouring businesses are noted, and we value your suggestion to revise the restriction hours to allow greater flexibility for weekday evening and Saturday events.</p> <p>The proposed operating hours had been determined to best balance the needs of local organisations, visitors and businesses. We can confirm that the current restriction times—Monday to Saturday, 08:00 to 22:00—will remain in place.</p>

## Appendix A- Response

Support	
1	<p>I am responding in my role as a one of the leaders and a staff member at REDACTED located at REDACTED.</p> <p>The experimental change has been of great benefit to attenders at our Sunday morning meetings as it has significantly improved people's ability to park. As well as allowing people to access our services as we are reaching out not only to the community in St Albans but across the wider district it has eased pressure on our on-site parking by way of reducing overcrowding, thereby making it safer for those coming to move in and out of the building. As a community facing charitable organisation, our ability to engage with and support our users and members, who range from people with limited mobility in their 90's right through to children and infants as young as 1 year old, is of crucial</p>

importance to our ability to meet their needs. Our plans and desires are that we can increase our impact not only with existing "customers" but also to extend our reach and impact to a larger number of people. The change to the parking restrictions, if they continue, has improved that opportunity. (And, whilst the change has only been recently made, early indications are that we are seeing signs of increasing attendances on Sunday mornings, which I believe likely to be supported, at least in part, by the improved ease of parking.) As far as I can see, the change has little negative impact on neighbouring businesses as the hours during which they are in force is not during times when the other businesses are usually busy. The experimental restrictions are in force Monday - Saturday 08:00 - 22:00 - we welcome these and are grateful for the trial and the impact it is having and would like these to be extended to become permanent. I think that, for our organisation, further changes might be of benefit whilst having a minor impact on surrounding businesses or access. Consideration could be given to changing the hours of limitation to "Monday to Friday 08:00 - 18:00 or 19:00." This would allow legal parking during weekday evenings and during the day on Saturdays. These are not generally busy times for the local businesses, and it would allow us at City Church to organise more events at these times and facilitate more community engagement. I reiterate that we are very pleased with the current trial that has already made a difference and are grateful for this. It has and will continue to improve our ability to engage with and serve our communities and, we trust, increase this in the future.

## Appendix B- Map Schedule



THE CITY AND DISTRICT OF ST ALBANS (CONTROL OF PARKING) ORDER 2023 (RESTRICTION OF WAITING) (AMENDMENT NO 8) (EXPERIMENTAL) LYON WAY ORDER 2024

Map 1 of 1

### ADDED

- No waiting
- Mon-Sat 08:00-22:00

### MODIFIED

- No waiting at any time
- At all times



