

Consultation Dates



This consultation starts on 14th August



and ends on 25th September

Background to the Consultation



Since May 2022, local authorities who look after roads and streets (highways), have been able to take on the powers to enforce along with the Police, certain moving traffic restrictions, which are on our roads and streets.



Many other local authorities have already applied to the Government, and include Liverpool, Wirral, Lancashire County Council and Wigan.



Having the powers to enforce the restrictions will help us to keep our roads and streets safer for everyone, improve air quality and reduce transport related carbon emissions helping us on our path to net zero.



Moving traffic restrictions include no (prohibition of) driving, school streets, yellow box junctions, one-way streets, and no (prohibited) turns.



When somebody doesn't follow the rules of the restriction the person has then committed an offence. For example making banned turns, driving through a no entry sign or driving through a School Street, pedestrian and cycle zone. Currently only the Police can enforce the moving traffic restrictions.



The Council are applying to Government for permission to enforce the restrictions along with the Police. The application needs to be with the Government by the end of October 2023.



This consultation provides you with the opportunity to tell us about what you think about the locations we are suggesting to include in our application to Government. This is not a consultation on whether we apply to the Government. The decision to apply has already been taken.



Please note this does not include enforcement of speed or blocking (obstruction) of our roads and streets (Highways) which will stay with the Police.



We will listen to your views about each location and depending on your views we will decide which locations to include in the application. We will let you know which ones are being included.



If successful in our application to Government we will be able to start using Automatic Number Plate Recognition Cameras from April 2024 to enforce restrictions at the locations included in the application to Government.



The cameras take a picture of the vehicle number plates of the vehicles passing the cameras. This will then be used to check against those vehicles where the rules do not apply. The vehicle owners where the rules do apply will be contacted by letter.



The Government requires that for the first 6 months of new enforcement by camera, any vehicle drivers who do not follow the restrictions at the locations we include in our application, will receive a warning letter for not following the rules for the first time. The warning letter will tell them what they have done and offer information on how to avoid doing it again.



After the first 6 months of new enforcement by camera, any driver not following the restrictions will receive a civil penalty called a Penalty Charge Notice. The Penalty Charge Notice is £70.00 with a 50% reduction if paid within 21 days.



Any income from fines will be used to pay for the enforcement and any left over used to support public transport, road and street improvements, and other environmental improvements.