

Statement of Reasons

BLACKPOOL BOROUGH COUNCIL THE BOROUGH OF BLACKPOOL (CORPORATION STREET TRANSPORT HUB) (VARIOUS RESTRICTIONS) AND (REVOCATIONS) ORDER 2019

The Council proposes to make the above named order under section 1(1) (f) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to preserve or improve the amenities of the area through which the road runs.

The transport hub would provide a focus for the resort's public transport network, with the majority of buses passing through it. It should work in tandem with an upgraded transport interchange at Talbot Road, to include the new tramway extension terminus. Blackpool Transport Services' Market Street shop makes information and ticket products available throughout the day. On completion, the new transport hub area would be included within a review and refurbishment of town centre signage that would be under-taken.

The transport hub would also enable buses to be removed from Clifton Street, which is necessary to facilitate the Tramway Extension scheme. Clifton Street is intended to form the traffic diversionary route when the highway between Talbot Square and Abingdon Street becomes tram only.

Together with improving matters for existing bus users, it is intended that this scheme will help attract more people to give the bus a go. Every person on the bus instead of driving means less congestion. The bus hub will complement the growing fleet of high quality Palladium brand buses carrying people across Blackpool.