



THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(PARK LANE, SOUTHWELL) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
EXPERIMENTAL TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER 2026 (3408)

STATEMENT OF REASONS

Via East Midlands Ltd is working on behalf of Nottinghamshire County Council to deliver highway services and has been instructed by the county council to trial an experimental Prohibition of Driving Order on Park Lane.

Nottingham Trent University owns and operates the Brackenhurst Campus to the south of Southwell. Concerns have been raised for many years by the university's student body about safety when walking between the campus and the town along Brackenhurst Lane and Park Lane. The road has no pavement, so pedestrians are required to walk in the lane itself. However, this is also narrow and pedestrians have raised concerns about safety, especially after dark.

The verge is too narrow to build a pavement alongside the road so, initially, NCC worked with the university to determine the feasibility of building a path that would run along the adjacent field boundary. The university considered this to be too expensive to construct so NCC has considered alternative options and has carried out surveys to determine the speed and volume of traffic using the road.

Therefore, an Experimental Prohibition of Driving Order has been introduced which will stop motorised vehicles from using the road to get from Brackenhurst to Southwell and vice versa. Access to properties will be retained. Pedestrians and cyclists will continue to be able to use the road as they do now. The experimental prohibition of driving will be enforced by the installation of planters and access for pedestrians and cyclists will be retained through the provision of spaces left between the planters.

The closure is intended to reduce the volume of traffic using Park Lane so that pedestrians and cyclists can feel safer while using it.

The placement of the closure has been selected because traffic travelling northbound can be re-directed using the fork in the road and southbound traffic should only be accessing or servicing the rugby club and Old Golf House.

The restriction is shown on drawing H/SLW/5072/02