

## STATEMENT OF REASONS

### Proposed Traffic Regulation Order for bus lanes at Cheltenham Road

Greater use of public transport, as an alternative to the private motor car, is a key objective of City Council transport policy.

Bus lanes are one of the most effective tools available to local traffic authorities for improving the efficiency and reliability of road-based public transport services and hence their attractiveness to the travelling public. The City Council will continue to introduce new bus lanes and improve existing facilities in support of its transport policy objectives.

A bus lane's value can be seriously diminished if used by unauthorised vehicles and effective enforcement is fundamental to discouraging contravention. The City Council is now carrying out civil enforcement against bus lane contraventions, using the powers available to it under the Transport Act 2000. To ensure that any enforcement action taken is valid, the City Council is reviewing the Traffic Regulation Orders for all its bus lanes, to confirm that the order provisions are appropriate and up to date and that the bus lane descriptions in the orders are consistent with the bus lane installations on site. In some cases the orders will be revised, to make them clearer and more robust, without any alteration to the extents of the bus lanes described.

The proposed Traffic Regulation Order for bus lanes at Cheltenham Road (A38) will provide for the introduction of a bus lane in the inbound direction, which will operate Monday-Friday 7-10am and 4-6.30pm. The established outbound facility will be modified in the vicinity of the Cotham Brow junction, to correct shortcomings with the current installation. In addition, the operating times will be harmonised with those proposed for the inbound bus lane.

The Traffic Regulation Order is proposed for facilitating the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians).