

## **Statement of reasons for prohibition of Entry Except Cyclists from Hinckley Road into Westcotes Drive**

In order to address concerns from residents & Ward Councillors over speeding through traffic on Westcotes Drive, the City Council introduced a prohibition of entry (except for cycles) southbound into Westcotes Drive from Hinckley Road under an experimental Traffic Order in January 2021, (please see Westcotes Drive Prohibition of Entry (Plan 1) attached). The prohibition of entry was also introduced in order to reduce traffic around the Garden of Remembrance to the victims of the 2018 Hinckley Road explosion.

The closure was to encourage traffic travelling southbound, from Hinckley Road to Braunstone Avenue, to stay on the main road network (Hinckley Road & Wyngate Drive). These roads are more suited to through traffic (See green arrow route on Plan 1, attached). We received significant feedback regarding the closure, mainly from residents of Dulverton Road & Dunster Street, concerned that some southbound traffic continued to access Braunstone Avenue via Westcotes Drive, by following Dulverton Road or Dunster Street.

The Experimental Order was replaced by a Temporary Traffic Order in July 2022 to last for a maximum period of 18 months. Residents of the part of Westcotes Drive affected have reported an improvement to the general environment, with removal of speeding through traffic. In October 2023, the City Council advertised a proposed permanent order to keep the prohibition of entry in place permanently.

To address the concerns of residents of Dunster Street & Dulverton Road about through traffic, we are proposing junction improvements at the junctions of Hinckley Road with Dunster Street & Dulverton Road (please see Dunster St & Dulverton Rd entry treatments (Plan 2 attached), together with a 20 mph zonal restriction to apply to all roads in the area, including Dulverton Road, Dunster Street & Westcotes Drive (not shown). Signs will also be erected at the entries into Dulverton Road & Dunster Street from Hinckley Road to encourage 'local traffic only' to use these roads (see Local Traffic Only sign attached).

After consideration of objections to the proposed permanent Order the City Council has now taken the decision to make the prohibition of entry permanent.

The formal reason for the permanent Order is for preserving or improving the amenity of the area through which the road runs.