

SOLIHULL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

The Metropolitan Borough of Solihull (Lode Lane, Solihull) (Sprint Corridor) (Various Provisions Phase 2) Order 2022

Statement of Reasons

Sprint will deliver an uninterrupted cross-city bus route connecting Walsall to Solihull and the Airport via Birmingham along the A34 and A45. The route splits at the Wheatsheaf Junction with one heading to Solihull Rail Station and one to Birmingham International Airport.

The delivery of Sprint has the potential to greatly enhance the experience of millions of bus users each year, offering a more cost effective, environmentally-friendly and reliable transport option.

To support the delivery of the Sprint scheme it is necessary to amend a number of existing bus stops on the Lode Lane to facilitate the larger Sprint buses, in addition a small number of new stops are proposed to enhance the efficiency of the service.

Overall, it is considered that the proposals will help to facilitate the free passage of traffic and improve the amenities of the roads concerned.

It is recommended that the restrictions are advertised as shown on the included plan and subject to feedback received in the statutory process, that the Order be made as advertised.

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