

THE BOROUGH OF LUTON (AIRPORT WAY) (RED ROUTE) (NO. 1) ORDER 2020

THE BOROUGH OF LUTON (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING AND LOADING) (CONSOLIDATION) (AMENDMENT NO. 114) ORDER 2020

STATEMENT OF REASONS

The purpose of the above-mentioned Orders is to continue indefinitely the provisions of the Borough of Luton (Red Route) (No.1) (Experimental) Traffic Order 2018 and the Borough of Luton (Prohibition And Restriction Of Waiting And Loading) (Consolidation) (Amendment) (Experimental) Order 2018 – which, by way of an experiment, respectively introduced Red Route parking controls in lengths of Airport Way (A505) and removed existing waiting and loading restrictions in the lengths of road in which the Red Route parking controls were being trialled over an 18-month period, these measures having been deemed a success by Luton Borough Council.

Luton Borough Council's intention, in introducing Red Route parking controls on their road network, including Airport Way, is to reduce traffic congestion caused by obstructive parking and loading/unloading of vehicles and to improve journey times for all road users, with particular emphasis on public transport modes.

The introduction of red routes in London has worked well to improve traffic flow and reduce congestion along the 'Transport for London Road Network' which primarily comprises of 500km of major A" roads and carries up to 30% of traffic within the London area. Recently, the Department for Transport has approved the use of these regulations to authorities beyond London, including the Borough of Luton.

Red routes have stricter rules and regulations for stopping and parking than yellow lines. Double red lines indicate no stopping for most vehicles at any time on any day unless in an emergency. They operate 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Single red lines indicate vehicles cannot stop or park at certain times, usually 7am-7pm. Vehicles are allowed to stop on single red lines at certain times of day and a sign located near the lines will provide details of the times.

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