



COUNCIL MEETING – 2 November 2005

Question under Council Procedure Rule 14(2)b

QUESTION 3

From: Councillor Tait

To: The Portfolio Holder for Economy and Transport

“Does the Portfolio Holder share my concern that cyclists who ride through the pedestrian precinct are a danger and can he advise me as to what the legal position is and whether any measures could be taken to ensure cyclists dismount when they enter the pedestrian area.”

Reply

“There are sections of the ‘pedestrianised’ area of the High Street and Middle Brook Street that have a Traffic Regulation Order to prohibit vehicles in accordance to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. There are appropriate signs as prescribed in The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions (TSRGD) 2002 to indicate this to all road users. This prohibition of vehicles also includes cyclists.

The lower section of the High Street, between Colebrook Street and Middle Brook Street does have a Traffic Regulation Order to prohibit motor vehicles except buses between 11am and 3pm Monday through to Saturday inclusive. This order allows cyclists and buses to use this section of the High Street at any time in accordance to the one way working west-bound i.e. there is not two way working for cyclists or any other vehicle.

The section of Middle Brook Street between the High Street and Silver Hill/ St Georges Street (outside Sainsbury’s and Marks and Spencer’s) also has a Traffic Regulation Order to prohibit motor vehicles except buses and cyclists with one way working north-bound. Again, this section is appropriately signed in accordance to the guidance within TSRGD 2002.

All of these Traffic Regulation Orders are currently enforced by the Police.

There are no prescribed signs to ask cyclists to dismount when entering a pedestrianised or restricted area. TSRGD 2002 does have the ‘Cyclist Dismount’ sign (white letters on a blue background), but this can only really be used where there is an end or break within, a cycle track, lane or route.”