

EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

The East Sussex (Lewes) (A259, The Drove and Seaford Road, Newhaven) (40mph Speed Limit) Order 202*
The East Sussex (Lewes) (Newhaven Bus Priority) Order 202*
Order 202* No.*

STATEMENT OF REASONS - PRESCRIBED ROUTES

The East Sussex Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) actively addresses the National Bus Strategy and sets out our plans to improve bus services, working in close cooperation with neighbouring Local Transport Authorities, bus operators, community and business voices, bus passengers, and the voluntary and health transport sector. Through the BSIP we will deliver bus service improvements, bus stop improvements and bus priority measures.

Introducing the A259 Newhaven Denton Roundabout and Seaford Road bus priority scheme is integral to delivering the East Sussex Local Transport Plan 4, so that residents can enjoy higher quality bus services, improved journey times with reduced delays, that provide a frequent, integrated and comprehensive choice and alternative to the car.

In doing so, the bus priority measures will help to support connectivity to key destinations, reduce congestion and strengthen the resilience of the transport network; make a positive contribution towards improving air quality as well as decarbonising transport and travel to support the achievement of the County Council's target of net zero carbon emissions by 2050 at the latest and the Borough Council's same ambition by 2030.

The A259 Newhaven Denton Roundabout and Seaford Road bus priority scheme will make improvements to a section of a bus service route running along the A259 Seaford Road. The proposed works will include:

- 1) introducing a dedicated full-time bus lane from the northern section of Denton Roundabout and a westbound bus on A259 Seaford Road; coaches will also be able to use the bus lanes;
- 2) improving the bus interchange area at Denton Corner on Mount Road Service Road with oneway entry (off Mount Road and the A259) and exit routes (onto the A259) for buses with the retention of existing or new real time passenger information; and
- 3) extending the current 40 miles per hour speed limit on A259 Seaford Road from opposite Nos 1 and 1a Mount Close to a point 192.5 metres in a south-easterly direction.

The Traffic Regulation Order is proposed for the following reasons:

- 1) for facilitating the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians);
- 2) for avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising; and
- 3) to preserve or improve the amenities of the area through which the road runs.

The proposals have been subject to consultation with local residents, stakeholder groups, be Newhaven Town Council and Lewes District Council, the local County Council members, and statutory bodies including Sussex Police.