

EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

**The Eastbourne (Prescribed Routes) (Consolidation No 2) Order
2008 Amendment 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 Seaside and St Anthony's Avenue 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 Seaside and St Anthony's Avenue bus priority scheme will provide bus lanes between the junctions of A259 Seaside/Windermere Crescent and Langney Roundabout. As part of the scheme, we are proposing to:

- 1) Introduce new north-eastbound bus lane between Windermere Crescent and Seaside Roundabout.
- 2) Introduce a new south-westbound bus lane between Langley Roundabout and Seaside Roundabout.

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.
- 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, Eastbourne Borough Council, the local County Council members, and statutory bodies including Sussex Police.