SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL
RUSSET ROAD, SOMERTON
(PROHIBITION OF MOTOR VEHICLES)
EXPERIMENTAL ORDER 2019

Somerset County Council in exercise of the powers under Sections 1, 2, 4, 9 and 10 of, and Part IV of Schedule 9 to, the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (the Act of 1984), as amended, and of all other enabling powers and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act of 1984, hereby make the following Order:-

1. This Order shall come into force on the 4th November 2019 and will remain in force for a maximum period of 18 months and may be cited as Somerset County Council, Russet Road, Somerton (Prohibition of Motor Vehicles) Experimental Order 2019.

2. No person shall, except under the direction or with permission of a police constable in uniform, cause or permit any vehicle to proceed in the road specified in the Schedule to this Order.

3. Nothing in Article 2 of this order shall apply to any vehicle being used:

a) to prevent any person from causing any motor vehicle to proceed in the length of road referred to that Article if the vehicle is being used in connection with any building operation or demolition in or adjacent to that road, the removal of any obstruction to traffic, the maintenance, improvement or reconstruction of any of the lengths of road so referred, or the laying, erection, alteration or repair in or near to any of the said lengths of road of any sewer, or of any main pipe or apparatus for the supply of gas, water or electricity or of any apparatus as defined in Paragraph 1 (1) of the Telecommunication Code contained in Schedule 2 to the Telecommunications Act, 1984;

b) if the vehicle cannot conveniently be used for such purpose in any other road to be used in the service of a local authority, the Environment Agency, a water undertaker or sewerage undertaker in pursuance of certain statutory powers or duties.

c) for Police Service, Fire and Rescue Service or Ambulance Service purposes.

d) Vehicles falling within regulation 3(1), 3(2), 3(3) and 3(4) of the Road Traffic Exemptions (Special Forces) (Variation and Amendment) Regulations 2011(a) when used in accordance with regulation 3(5) of those Regulations.
4. Pursuant to Section 10(2) of the Act of 1984, the Director of Economic and Community Infrastructure or any other person duly authorised may modify or suspend the operation of this Order or any provision if it appears essential:-

(a) in the interest of the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of traffic;

(b) for preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which any road affected by this Order runs or

(c) in the interest of providing suitable and adequate on street parking facilities;

5. The restrictions imposed by this Order shall be in addition to and not in derogation of any restrictions or requirements imposed by any regulations made or having effect as if made under the Act of 1984 or by or under any other enactment.

GIVEN under the Common Seal of the Council this 25th day of October 2019.

THE COMMON SEAL of the COUNTY COUNCIL of SOMERSET was hereunto affixed in the presence of

Authorised Officer

No. in Register 33167

SCHEDULE 1

Prohibition of Motor Vehicles

Russet Road, Somerton at a point approximately 10 metres north of its junction with Bancombe Road
STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR PROPOSING TO MAKE THE ORDER

The Council’s reasons for proposing to make the above Order are as follows:

Due to road safety concerns and traffic management issues expressed by residents, the Town Council and local County Councillor it is proposed to implement changes, the effect of which is to prohibit the driving of motor vehicles on Russet Road, Somerton, on an experimental basis. This will enable the Council to monitor the situation to determine whether the measures are effective and also to see what impact the scheme has on traffic in the area.

Once the monitoring process has been concluded a decision will be then taken by the County Council as to whether the provisions of the Order should continue in force indefinitely.
Russet Road, Somerton - Proposed location for Prohibition of Vehicles Experimental Order