

TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER (TRO) CONSULTATION

CRW1901RC – A23 London Road Bus Lane, Crawley

1/5/19 – 23/5/19

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WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL
(CRAWLEY: A23 LONDON ROAD)
(BUS LANE) ORDER 2019

NOTICE is hereby given that West Sussex County Council propose to make a permanent Order under the provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to allow the bus lane on the A23 London Road from City Place northwards for a distance of 1470 metres to be used by all Public Service Vehicles adapted to carry 8 or more passengers.

The consultation for this proposal will start on 1 May 2019 and, AT THAT TIME, full details of the proposal in this Notice can be viewed on our website www.westsussex.gov.uk/tro. The website includes a response form for comments or objections.

The documents will also be available to inspect at West Sussex County Council, County Hall, Chichester during normal office hours, and at the Crawley Public Library, Southgate Avenue, Crawley during normal library opening hours.

Any objections or comments about the proposal must be received by 23 May 2019. These may be sent via the response form on the website, in writing to: TRO Team, West Sussex County Council, The Grange, Tower Street, Chichester, PO19 1RH; or by e-mail to: tro.team@westsussex.gov.uk. Library staff will NOT be in a position to answer questions on the proposal and all correspondence should be addressed to the undersigned, quoting the reference TRO/CRW1901/RC. Only correspondence including a full name and address will be considered.

Dated this 1st May 2019

Director of Law & Assurance
County Hall
Chichester

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL
(CRAWLEY: A23 LONDON ROAD)
(BUS LANE) ORDER 2019

STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR PROPOSING TO MAKE THE ORDER

The County Council in exercise of their powers under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, propose to introduce a permanent Order the effect of which will be to allow the bus lane on the A23 London Road from City Place northwards for a distance of 1470 metres to be used by all Public Service Vehicles adapted to carry 8 or more passengers.

The designated bus lane on the A23 London Road is currently for use only by buses providing a local service. Representations have been made from Airport Shuttle Bus Service providers requesting that approved airport park and ride vehicles be permitted to use the bus lane for ferrying passengers and staff to and fro the airport. The Crawley County Local Committee selected this proposal for inclusion in the 2019/20 delivery programme.

The number of hourly bus movements in the bus lane means that there is capacity to allow the Shuttle Buses to use it without compromising the traffic flow. The A23 is subject to frequent queues and congestion at this location due in part to the traffic signals at the junction with Perimeter Road South just north of the bus lane. Allowing all buses to use the bus lane should help alleviate that.

Shuttle buses using the bus lane will need to be mindful of buses providing a local service emerging from the Gatwick Airport bus lay-by north of the underpass. The risk of conflict is deemed to be low as the drivers are providing a service on a regular basis and will be familiar with the route.

This Order is proposed to facilitate the passage on the road of any class of traffic.

Plan No CRW1901 Proposed Bus Lanes

shows the length of road, which is the subject of the proposed Order.

Director of Law & Assurance
County Hall
Chichester

May 2019

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL
(CRAWLEY: A23 LONDON ROAD)
(BUS LANE) ORDER 2019

West Sussex County Council in exercise of their powers under Sections 1 (1) 2 (1) and (2) and 4 (1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 ("the Act") 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 hereby make the following Order:-

PART I
GENERAL

Commencement and Citation

1. This Order shall come into operation on the X day of X 2019 and may be cited as "West Sussex County Council (Crawley: A23 London Road) (Bus Lane) Order 2019."
2. The parts of the Orders specified in the First Schedule to this Order are hereby revoked.

Interpretation

3. (1) In this Order:-
 - "Borough Council" means Crawley Borough Council;
 - "Council" means either or both Borough Council and/or the County Council;
 - "County Council" means West Sussex County Council;
 - "Public Service Vehicle" has the same meaning as in Section 1 Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981;
 - "Universal Service Provider" has the same meaning as in Section 4(3) Postal Services Act 2000;
 - "vehicle" has the same meaning as that assigned to "motor vehicle" in section 136(1) of the Act.
- (2) Except where otherwise stated any reference in this Order to a numbered Article or Schedule is a reference to the Article or Schedule bearing that number in this Order.

PART II
BUS LANE PROVISIONS

4. Save as provided in Articles 5, 6, 7 and 8 no person shall cause or permit any vehicle other than a Public Service Vehicle adapted to carry 8 or more passengers to proceed in the bus lane specified in the Second Schedule to this Order.
5. A person who causes or permits a vehicle to enter the bus lane shall not contravene Article 4 of this Order if the vehicle enters the bus lane:-
 - (a) from a road that does not comprise the bus lane and leaves the bus lane through the gap in the single white line situated opposite and adjacent to the junction of that road with the bus lane, or if there is no such gap at the point opposite that road;

- (b) from an adjacent road through any gap in the single white line and then enters a road that lies through that gap;
 - (c) from any vehicular access or crossing over the footway adjoining the bus lane and leaves the bus lane at a point opposite that vehicular access or crossing;
 - (d) from an adjacent part of the road at a point opposite a vehicular access or crossover adjoining the bus lane and then enters that vehicular access or crossover;
 - (e) to gain access to or egress from an off-street loading bay, lay-by or garaging premises adjacent to or accessible only from the bus lane;
 - (f) to facilitate household or other removals from premises adjacent to a bus lane provided that in all cases it is necessary for the vehicle to enter the bus lane and provided that prior permission has been obtained from the Council.
6. A person who causes or permits any vehicle to enter or proceed in a bus lane shall not contravene Article 4 if they do so to prevent an accident and the vehicle then leaves the bus lane as soon as practicable.
7. A Universal Service Provider shall not contravene Article 4 if causing a marked vehicle to enter, proceed or wait in a bus lane to collect or deliver postal packets from premises or post office letter boxes adjacent to the bus lane.
8. Nothing in Articles 4 of this Order shall apply in respect of a vehicle being used:-
- (a) for ambulance, fire brigade or police purposes in the event of an emergency; or
 - (b) with the permission or upon the direction of a police constable in uniform; or
 - (c) (with the prior permission of the Council) in connection with the laying, erection, inspection, maintenance, alteration, repair, renewal on or near the said roads of any sewer pipe conduit wire cable or other apparatus for the supply of gas water electricity or of any telecommunications apparatus as defined in Schedule 2 of the Telecommunications Act 1984 resulting from works or an emergency; or
 - (d) in the service of a local authority in pursuance of its statutory powers or duties.
9. If it appears to the County Council essential in the interests of the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of traffic, or the provision of suitable adequate parking facilities on the highway, or for preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which any road affected by the Order runs, they may after –
- (a) consulting with the Chief Officer of Police, and
 - (b) giving such public notice as the Secretary of State may direct,
- make modifications or suspend the Order or any provision contained therein.

FIRST SCHEDULE
Parts of Orders to be revoked

Order

Extent of revocation

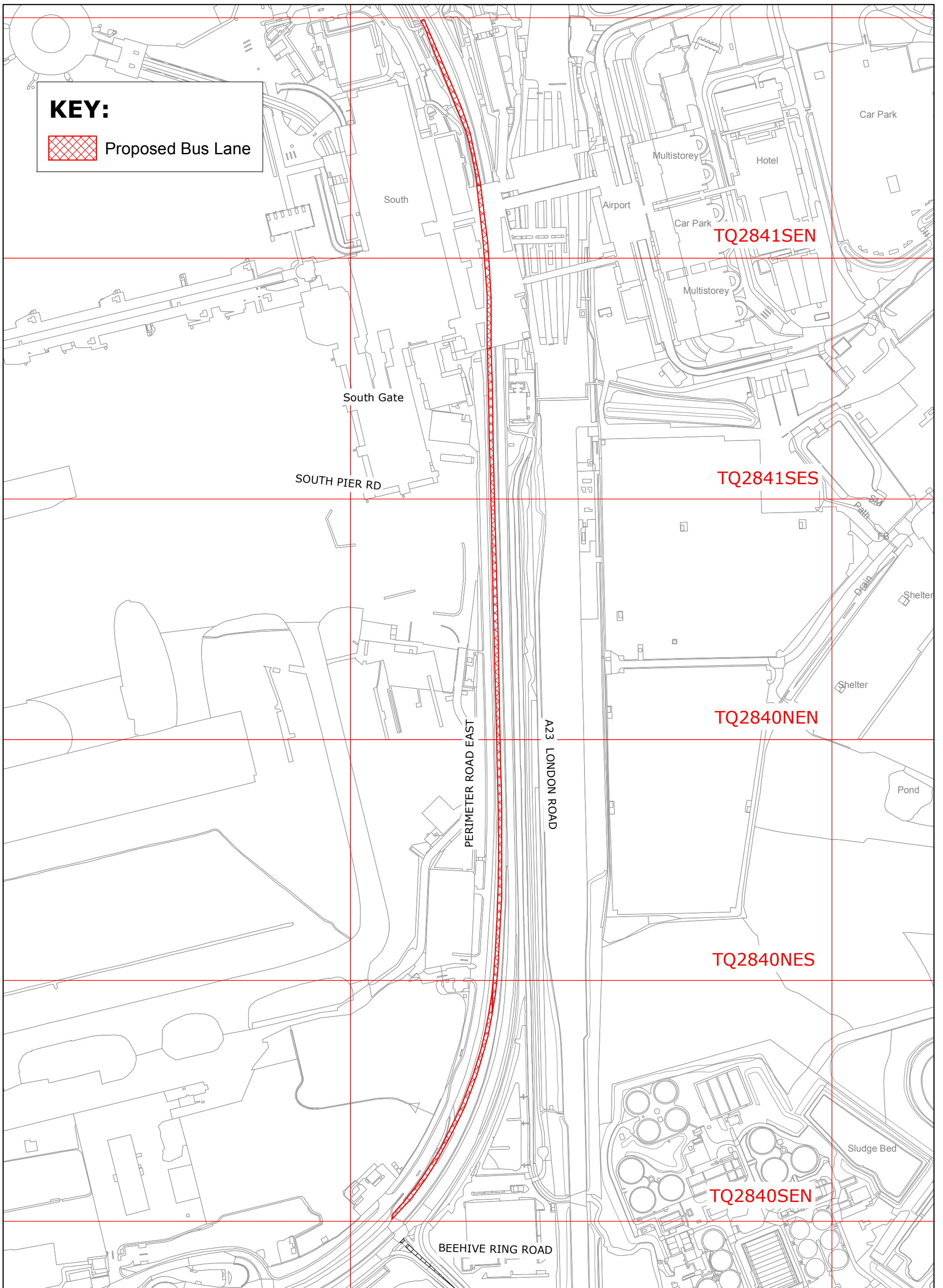
West Sussex County Council (Crawley) (London Thirteenth Schedule Item 8
Road (A23)) (Bus lane and 50mph Speed Limit)
And (Various Roads Traffic Regulation)
(Consolidation) Order 2008

SECOND SCHEDULE
Bus Lane – (at any time)

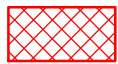
Length of road in Crawley

A23 London Road from a point opposite the junction with
City Place northwards for a distance of
1470 metres and indicated as a bus
lane on the carriageway

The COMMON SEAL of WEST)
SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL was)
affixed hereto the)
day of)
in the presence of:)(L.S.)
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Authorised Signatory)



KEY:

 Proposed Bus Lane

