

**Consultation – Review of Traffic Sensitive Streets**

In response to the Department for Transport’s consultation on “Street and Road Works Further Reforms” the criteria for traffic sensitive streets will be amended to ensure the traffic sensitivity designation is only used for the roads that carry the most traffic or where works could adversely affect traffic, including buses and freight deliveries, cyclists and pedestrians.

The regulations will be amended to remove the criteria: ‘is designated by the Highway Authority as part of its winter maintenance programme’; ‘is on a tourist route or within an area where major events take place’; and ‘is covered by a congestion charge’. This change will mean that a road cannot be designated as traffic sensitive if the only reason it was classed as such was for one of those reasons.

In response to the above decision a review of traffic sensitive streets maintained by Nottingham City Council has been carried out and the categories for traffic sensitive streets will change to meet the new criteria.

**Criteria to designate a street as Traffic Sensitive**

 A highway authority may designate certain streets (or parts of streets) as "traffic sensitive" in one of the following ways:

1. Agreement with statutory undertakers known to have apparatus in the street concerned.
2. One or more of the following criteria is met:

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| a. the street is one on which at any time the highway authority estimates traffic flow to be greater than 500 vehicles per hour per lane of carriageway, excluding bus or cycle lanes. |
| b. the street is a single carriageway two-way road, the carriageway of which is less than 6.5 metres wide, having a total traffic flow of not less than 600 vehicles per hour.  |
| d. traffic flow contains more than 25% heavy commercial vehicles. |
| e. the street carries in both directions more than eight buses per hour. |
| g. the street is within 100 metres of a critical signalised junction, gyratory or roundabout system.  |
| h. the street, or that part of a street, that has a pedestrian flow rate at any time of at least 1300 persons per hour per metre width of footway.  |

**Nb. Previous criteria: c. the street falls within a congestion charges area; f. Winter gritting route and i. Tourist / event traffic have now been removed.**

**Traffic sensitive street list**

As a result of changing the criteria, the number of traffic sensitive streets within Nottingham City will be reduced.

A list of streets proposed to be affected by TSS designations has been attached.

You can also view an online interactive map by opening the link below:

<https://nottmcitycouncil.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=0d9f78849bd64b33a738476b83c833e3>

This consultation gives you the chance to have your say on the review of the streets in Nottingham City that are designated as traffic sensitive.

If you have any comments please respond by sending an e-mail to:

highway.management@nottinghamcity.gov.uk

The closing date for responses is **5th March 2024.**