

## Statement of Reasons

Cumbria County Council considers that it is expedient to propose to make the above Order for the following reasons: -

- for avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road or any other road or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising, or
- for facilitating the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians), or
- for preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the road runs

Following on from the Market Place Project concerns were raised regarding conflict between pedestrians and vehicles both using the Market Place and concerns for safety of pedestrians. To deal with this safety concern it is proposed to reduce vehicle movements within the primarily pedestrian area. The existing taxi parking space and 4 disabled bays on Market Place and 3 disabled bays on Finke Street are to be removed with the proposal to introduce the following;

- (i) taxi parking spaces within the core hours 11am to 4pm near to the existing bus stops at the north end of Stricklandgate providing capacity for 3 taxis;
- (ii) Disabled Badge Holders Only parking within the core hours 11am to 4pm for 3 hours no return within 1 hour, in the existing bay outside Farrer's on Stricklandgate, and on the bay near Barclays Bank at the south end of the pedestrianised zone providing a total of 9 spaces.

The existing parking spaces on Market Place are not available on Market Days i.e. Wednesday and Saturday. By moving them to Highgate and Stricklandgate, although the spaces would only be available inside the core hours of 11am to 4pm, they would be available 7 days a week and in a central location near to key services. The provision would be 9 bays replacing the existing 7 disabled badge holder space on Finkle Street and

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