

**WESTMORLAND AND FURNESS COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, SOUTH LAKELAND AREA) (CONSOLIDATION OF TRAFFIC REGULATIONS) (ORDER 2023) VARIATION ORDER NO. 5 20><**

**Statement of Reasons**

Westmorland and Furness Council considers that it is expedient to make the above order for the following reason (s) in Section 1(1) Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984:

- (a) 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.
- (f) for preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the road run

Following an Engineering Safety Study (ESS) carried out in May 2025, it was identified that Springfield Road lacks sufficient safe crossing points for pedestrians. In response to this, Westmorland and Furness Council has proposed the installation of two new zebra crossings.

To ensure these crossings provide clear visibility for all users, sections of the existing on-street parking—where visibility is currently restricted—have been highlighted for removal. This adjustment will help create a safer environment for pedestrians by improving sightlines at the proposed crossing locations.

For the following, as shown on the accompanying plan:

Site 1+2: Location 1, North end, near St Mary's Catholic Primary School. Location 2, South end, just north of the junction to Springfield Park Road.

To enhance safety for schoolchildren, their families and the wider the public on Springfield Road, where four educational facilities meet, Westmorland and Furness Council intends to make an Order the effect of which is to adjust existing parking place and 'No waiting' restrictions to support the installation of a new controlled crossing (Zebra Crossing) at the identified location. The anticipated safety improvements aim to encourage walking and wheeling to school, aligning with our Council Plan priorities; to improve footpaths and cycle routes and support active, healthy happy lives for young and old.