



MILL RD EMERGENCY MEASURES - LATEST UPDATE

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UPDATE August 21st 2020

Mill Road Bridge

Drivers are warned to avoid Mill Road bridge or face a fine, as enforcement cameras which came into effect on Wednesday (12 August) on new bus gate restrictions. The bridge is now closed to cars, vans and lorries in both directions but remains open for people travelling by bus, bike and on foot. Vehicles (including those making deliveries) can still get to all shops and homes along the Mill Road although drivers may need to take a different route to avoid the bridge. Notices to remind motorists are being displayed on traffic screens on routes into the city. Drivers who ignore warnings and continue through the bus gate will be fined £60 (reducing to £30, if paid within two weeks).

UPDATE July 16th 2020

The emergency changes on Mill Rd got off to a shaky start but on Thursday 9th July the cameras on Mill Rd bridge were installed. They capture traffic movements and will record registration plate numbers so motorists crossing the bridge are liable to be fined.

Dedicated road marking and signage is now being installed so traders should see much clearer notices and through traffic should be more effectively deterred from entering Mill Rd.

UPDATE July 6th 2020

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Dedicated signage is being installed from Monday 13th July so traders should see much clearer notices and through traffic should be more effectively deterred from entering Mill Rd.

County officers will monitor the Mill rd scheme to assess its impact and safety. Do send any comment you have about this completed scheme to policyandregulation@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

In the Petersfield stretch of Mill Rd the left hand pavements (looking down from the East Rd junction) are so narrow that having some build outs to support safe distancing is vital for infection control. Buses will be timetabled to accommodate these short stretches of narrower carriageway but there will need some give-and-take by car drivers.

Public safety and government directives have driven the Mill Rd proposals. They include stopping pavement parking and managing down traffic by closing the bridge to car traffic. A bus gate at the bridge will ensure our buses provide a 15



minute service up and down the whole road, and that cyclists and pedestrians can cross the bridge safely. This is a real opportunity to find ways of keeping residents safe and also promoting more sustainable transport options such as walking, cycling and public transport. Funding is at last coming from government to support experimental changes. unless we try things out now we will be back to a heavily polluted, congested road.

Feedback on the emergency scheme

This is an emergency, experimental measure so feedback will be important. Provide your feedback via email to policyandregulation@cambridgeshire.gov.uk or write to the Policy and Regulation Team, Highways Depot, Stanton Way, Huntingdon, Cambs, PE29 6PY.

Here is the full document with further details: