



Leeds
CITY COUNCIL

Highways & Transportation
Traffic Engineering Section

ACCESS RESTRICTIONS

Requests are often received for restrictions to be placed to limit access or particular movements for all traffic or selected vehicles. The following aims to give a brief description of the restrictions possible.

One Way Streets

These help control traffic movements without completely restricting access and can help prevent inappropriate use of certain roads. One way working may be for the whole length of a street, or for a short length. One way streets can lead to an increase in traffic speed and short lengths can be difficult to enforce if drivers are irresponsible and determined enough to drive illegally against the one-way.



'One Way' and 'No Entry' signs associated with a one-way street.

Not generally suitable for lightly trafficked circumstances where abuse can remain a problem.

Only buses can be exempted from a No Entry restriction.

If a one-way street is considered, an exemption for pedal cyclists may be required as alternative routes can make their journey unacceptable.

Banned Movements (No Left/Right Turn)



Often result in widespread abuse unless supported by physical measures e.g. solid islands, tight radius kerbs etc. Generally only of use in urban areas where drivers can reasonably expect to find such a restriction.

Buses can be exempted from a banned movement.

Except for Access



'Except for Access' sign used in combination with weight restriction to restrict heavy commercial vehicles from using the road, unless requiring access to properties on, or on roads off, that road.

Have been used in the past to prohibit the use of a road by motor vehicles as a through route but are awkward to enforce because of the difficulty in defining what are valid reasons for access. The Police have to physically follow vehicles for the length of the restriction. Because of limited resources it is unlikely that enforcement will achieve a high priority, and as such may be open to abuse.

All Vehicles Prohibited

Normally applied to pedestrian priority area in town centres full time or over particular periods. Signs is often confused with sign for motorised vehicles prohibited.



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All motorised vehicles prohibited

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