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## News Release

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### **Sidmouth Town Council moves to make Sidmouth safer and welcoming to shoppers**

Sidmouth Town Council has moved to clarify recent press interest in what were draft proposals regarding pedestrian safety in the town. The Council was invited by Devon County Council Highways to take advantage of recent legislation which supports and encourages Towns to take measures to help shoppers with safe access to their high streets whilst maintaining social distancing requirements. The Council, Chamber of Commerce and Hoteliers have been discussing possible ways to make pedestrians feel safer in the often-narrow streets which would otherwise be incompatible with social distancing. A scheme due to be implemented week commencing 22 June has now been finalised with Devon County Council.

Councillor Ian Barlow, Chair of Sidmouth Town Council supporting the measures remarked: "The Town Council wanted to show visitors and residents that Sidmouth is a safe town to visit whilst still permitting social distancing and that we are adapting to the current challenging situation. We have such a beautiful town and want people to know that it's a safe to visit and shop in too."

David Cook, Chair of Sidmouth Chamber of Commerce commented: "Our Shops and businesses are working hard to take measures to ensure that they can trade at this time and by allowing more space for people to freely walk and browse whilst socially distancing, the Council have created a more enjoyable atmosphere for everyone whilst still allow traffic access to the town and esplanade. Sidmouth is open for business."

Measures will be in place from 22 June until 30 September, NOT for 18 months as previously reported and includes provision for Taxis and Blue Badge holders. Measures are detailed below:

- No person shall cause or permit any vehicle to wait on the sections of Affected Roads.  
Roads affected – Fore Street from its junction with East Street for a distance of 50m in a southerly direction.
- No person shall cause or permit any vehicle to wait except Taxis on the sections of Affected Roads.  
Roads affected – Fore Street, East side from a point 4M north of its junction with The Esplanade for a distance of 20M.

- No person shall cause or permit any vehicle to wait except Blue Badge Holders on the sections of Affected Roads.

Roads affected – Fore Street, West side from a point 5M north of its junction with The Esplanade for a distance of 20m.

Disabled Blue Badge holders would be exempt for a max of 3 hours on this restriction.

- No person shall cause or permit any vehicle to proceed on the sections of Affected Roads except for Access and Permit Holders Between the hours of 11am and 5pm.

Roads affected – Old Fore Street.

Between 5pm and 11am the existing prohibition allowing permit holders and Loading for Goods Vehicles will still apply.

- No person shall cause or permit any vehicle to proceed or wait on the sections of Affected Roads except for Access between the hours of 11am to 5pm.

Roads affected – New Street, Market Place and Church Street.

This temporary restriction is considered necessary to enable -

**COVID-19 SOCIAL DISTANCING MEASURES**

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